

Achievement Awards Report – Fall 2025 Board Meeting
 10-8-2025
 Dave Watson, Achievement Awards Chair

Please note that the 2024 annual report was not filed. **This report contains the awards for two years.**

Achievement Awards activities Oct 1, 2023 to Oct 8. 2025

Applications Received from 88 pilots Certificates issued – 116 Costs for Shipping - \$350

Certificates Issued:

POWER												
Primary		Sportsman		Intermediate		Advanced		Unlimited		Special Achievement		
Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	All 5	all 10	M of F
17	17	14	20	8	7	3	3	2	1	1	1	2

Glider											
Primary		Sportsman		Intermediate		Advanced		Unlimited			
Smooth		Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars	Smooth	Stars
2	6	2	5	0	1	0	2	0	1		

Lifetime Dedication Awards					
Bronze	silver	gold	platinum	2x platinum	3x platinum
0	0	0	1	0	0

Highlights:

Craig Gifford and Brittney Lincoln, judged each other in gliders for enough smooth patches each to qualify both for the MOF designation. They are the 5th and 6th recipients of this award. Congratulations to both.

Luke Penner earned the Unlimited Power Star at the Rocky Mtn Special 2024 and applied for all 10 Achievement Awards at one time! Luke is the 47th pilot to achieve All Ten in IAC history.

Jason Stephens earned the Unlimited Glider Star award. He is only the fourth pilot in IAC history to achieve this award. Way to go Jason.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was rolled out in 2023, but participation has been limited. Dave Watson is the only pilot to apply for one of these awards during the past 2 years, and he is the only pilot at Platinum level (>110 contests).

Considerations:

The prices for the Achievement Award “bling” has not been increased for perhaps over 20 years, yet shipping costs have! I do not know if IAC uses this program as a source of revenue or not. The cost to ship a pin is approximately \$6.00, while the price of the pin to the pilot is only \$7.00 (including shipping). This does not include the cost to manufacture the pin. Since I do not have the costs that IAC paid for these items, I cannot assess if we are making or losing money with the ‘Bling’ items. If desired, I would be happy to work with someone in accounting to make this a profit center.