

**To:** IAC Board & Officers

**From:** Shad Coulson, Director

**Subject:** Annual Report on South-Central Region

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## Region

The South-Central region is comprised of nine states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.



## Chapters

The South-Central region is currently comprised of ten active chapters across six of the nine states in the region. Three of the states (AR, LA, NM) have no active chapters.

Arkansas: 0 Active Chapters

Colorado: 2 Active Chapters | CH 5, CH 12

Kansas: 1 Active Chapter | CH 119

Louisiana: 0 Active Chapters

Missouri: 2 Active Chapters | CH 15, CH 61

Nebraska: 1 Active Chapter | CH 80

New Mexico: 0 Active Chapters

Oklahoma: 1 Active Chapters | CH 142

Texas: 3 Active Chapters | CH 24, CH 25, CH 107

As the director for the South-Central region, I have contacted all the chapter presidents in the region and encouraged them to reach-out to me if there is anything I or the IAC/BOD can do to better support their chapters and events.

## Competitions

Competition aerobatics is active and thriving in the South-Central Region. Our region hosted 11 of the 39 scheduled contest in the 2025 contest season, which accounts for nearly 30%. That said, only 4 of the 9 states hosted a contest in 2025. There is a lot of room for our region to grow interest, passion, and participation in aerobatics.

I've provided a breakdown on our regional contest below:

### COLORADO – 4

Torrington Tailslide Acro Rodeo (Torrington, WY/ CH 12): 34 Competitors, PRI-UNL Power Categories  
Ben Lowell (USAFA, CO/ CH 12): 44 Competitors, PRI-ADV Power (26); SPRT-ADV Glider (18)  
Kyle Scott Aerobatic Dust-Up (Ft. Morgan, CO / CH 12): 31 Competitors, PRI-ADV Power Categories  
Clyde Cable (Lamar, CO / CH 5): 18 Competitors, SPRT-ADV Power (11); PRI, SPRT, & UNL Glider (7)

### KANSAS – 3

Harold Neumann Barnstormer (Ottawa, KS / CH 15): 5 Competitors, PRI, SPRT, & UNL Power Categories  
U.S. National Championships – Power (Salina, KS / CH 119): 87 Competitors, PRI-UNL & 4-Min Free  
U.S. National Championships – Glider (Salina, KS / CH 119): 28 Competitors, PRI-UNL  
Salina Classic (Salina, KS / CH 119): 6 Competitors, ADV & UNL Glider Categories

### NEBRASKA – 1

MAC 80 Aerobatic Championship (Seward, NE / CH 80): 14 Competitors, PRI-ADV Power Categories

### TEXAS – 3

Hammers over Hondo (Hondo, TX / CH 107): 15 Competitors, PRI-ADV Power Categories  
Lone Star Championships (Graham, TX / CH 24): 24 Competitors, PRI-UNL Power Categories & 4-Min Free  
Texas 2-Step (Edna, TX / CH 25): 11 Competitors, PRI-ADV Power Categories

### ARKANSAS – 0

### LOUISIANA – 0

### NEW MEXICO – 0

### MISSOURI – 0

### OKLAHOMA – 0

## Members & Participation

The South-Central Region is comprised of 692 active IAC memberships, which is nearly 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the total IAC membership (3863 total). Of those active memberships, 97 competed in an IAC sanctioned event during the 2025 contest season. That accounts for nearly 30% of the 346 active competitors in 2025.

A breakdown on members/competitors by state is below:

AR: 21 current members, 0 active competitors

CO: 194 current members, 58 active competitors

KS: 53 current members, 4 active competitors

LA: 25 current members, 1 active competitors  
MO: 53 current members, 6 active competitors  
NE: 24 current members, 1 active competitors  
NM: 11 current members, 2 active competitors  
OK: 35 current members, 2 active competitors  
TX: 276 current members, 23 active competitors

TOTALS: 692 current members, 97 active competitors

## **Future Growth**

During the 2025 U.S. Nationals, we hosted the Chief Pilot, Dean of KSU-Salina, and several KSU students at Hangar 509. The Chief Pilot is working to standup a KSU collegiate aerobatic team and used our event to gage the interest from KSU students and support from the university leadership. All parties seem interested and excited for the opportunity.

Additionally, John Wise of Oklahoma has re-established Ch 142. His next major effort is reestablishing an annual contest in OK. He attended and volunteered at Ben Lowell and was also a competitor at the U.S. Nationals. His excitement and purpose in reviving this chapter/contest are infectious. I'm hopeful we'll see some additional activity in Oklahoma soon!

Lastly, I plan on contacting IAC members in those states who do not currently have an active chapter to see what the IAC can do to assist them with creating a chapter for their region/state.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the IAC Board of Directors. I look forward to working with everyone in support of the IAC and its membership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shad Coulson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Shad Coulson  
South-Central Director