

## Region V Report

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Region V is happy to report that it has been a good summer here in the South. The competition season began with a great Senior's Competition in March followed by a XCcountry Camp. In April Al and Rhonda Tyler had a bumper crowd at Region V North and in June Andreea Alexandrescu and Rich Owens hosted Region V South which was very successful.

Our Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama Racing Association has been very active this summer with sixteen weekend races scattered throughout the region! These events are prime for introducing new race participants, gaining badges and meeting accomplished pilots. This season the races have been well attended. Thanks to Chris Ruf and Tim Larson for championing this organization.

Andreea Alexandrescu and a host of volunteers had a presence and Sun N Fun in Lakeland, FL in April. These airshow events require a tremendous amount of coordination and man power. However, there is a belief that to be relevant and grow we must attend these mega shows and make our presence known. Many of our expenses were reduced by the previous year's investment in airshow props.

On the project front Region V is where the SSA L13 is being refurbished for airshow use in the future. The project was put on hold to allow the competition season and hot weather to pass. This week the L13 was lowered from its ceiling perch and work began fitting the trailer fixtures for transport. Hopefully in the next three weeks the ship will get primed if we can get some 80 degree days. The goal is to have this ship ready for the Greenville Convention.

I am also the liaison between SSA and Glideport.Aero our Sailplane Tracking provider. Pedja and his wife delivered their first child this year so needless to say there have been distractions. Pedja has been putting the finishing touches on the new and improved version for quite some time. We realize there are some technical glitches with the Competition Tracker and hopefully Pedja will roll out the improved version soon. I continue to get favorable feedback from crews regarding the Tracker. We all wait anxiously for each improvement. There is no doubt that this app which is free to the SSA has greatly increased the enjoyment of our sport and traffic on the SSA web.

Happy Soaring,  
Lane Bush  
Region V, Director