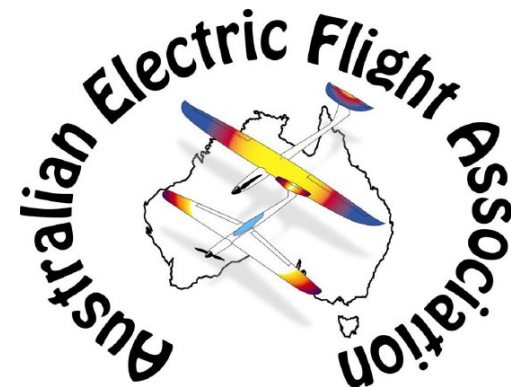


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40th Sailplane Expo Armidale - Australia Day Long Weekend - 25-27 January 2020

Editorial by Peter Pine

Issue 22 of EGFA E-magazine is largely dominated by the Sailplane Expo held in Armidale on Australia Day Long Weekend in January - the most recent major event. Thanks to Jack Murphy, Christine Bengtson and Julie Pine for photos of this event - see the report pages 3-12.



Thanks also to Jilles Smits, a regular contributor, for information on his latest project on page 20. Keep your contributions coming to ensure this E-magazine continues.

Some important issues are raised in this edition - a chance for you to respond and have your say - see voting re EMR at QLD events on p.13 and Categories for F5J on page 22.

See all the information on upcoming events - the beginning of the QLD series of F5J events (and the schedule for the rest of the year), the F5J Open International in SA in March, and the National Electric Flight Rally at Easter.

It is time to book your trip for these events - see details here. Note that the NEFR requires pre-entry. And see the latest calendar p.22-23.

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President's Message by Trevor Smith

Hot cross buns (what's with those fruitless buns) in the shops tells us that Easter is fast approaching which means the National Electric Flight Rally (NEFR) is also rapidly approaching. Once again, this eclectic mix of events will be held over four days, the 10th -13th April, at Cootamundra.



This year, to try and get more flyers into foamy pylon racing, there will be 3 classes: Fast Class for the rev heads, Standard Pusher Class for Bixler & Skysurfer type planes and Glider Class for the Radian & Easyglider type models. Of course, Scramble, LEG, F5J, EOT, Radian and Scale round out the program. So its time to start thinking about sending in your entry form which can be found at <http://aefanet.com/nefr-2020> along with the program, site details and more information on the foamy pylon classes. See the flier on page 18.

The AEFA AGM is also held at NEFR and a key part of the AGM is the election of office bearers for the next year. In accordance with the constitution, all positions are declared vacant at the AGM and new office bearers are selected from the nominations received. If more than one nomination is received for any position a secret ballot will be conducted at the AGM.

I will not be nominating for a Committee Position at the AGM however the other current committee members have indicated they will be nominating for positions. With the Vice President position currently vacant, and myself not nominating, the committee will have two vacant positions if no other nominations are received. If you have thought about a role within AEFA then now is the time to step forward. If you want to find out about the responsibilities of the Committee positions, please call me on 0411887350.

I will send out a reminder email closer to NEFR and include a nomination form. If you want to make an early start on completing a nomination form, I will forward one to you on request.

Many of you will be aware that the MAAA Nats, for this year, have been replaced by the First West Wyalong National Championships to be held from the 7th - 15th July. I have been told that thermals are great at West Wyalong in July. NSW Free Flight Society is close to having the program and event organisation finalised and we will let you know as soon as the program is available, and registration open. Once again Electric Old Timer (Phil Stevenson CD philstevo2003@yahoo.com.au), F5B (Brett Solanov CD bsolanov@dodo.com.au) and F5J (Mel Gillott CD redshiftxyz@hotmail.com) have been included. A great event to witness the roots of our hobby.

Until next time.....Trevor Smith
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40th Sailplane Expo Armidale NSW

by Peter Pine

Yes, the Sailplane Expo has now been going for 40 years and is now one of the major thermal soaring events in the country. Many formats have been tried over the years, but in 2020 for the 40th event, the tasks included were F5J and a special Nostalgia class to celebrate tasks of the past.

The grass was green after recent rains, so the field was in great condition for this event. What a change from parched drought conditions! The weather was absolutely beautiful peaking at 28 to 30°C each day with mild winds, but we did suffer two storms. The Saturday afternoon storm was violent and destroyed some canopies and damaged some models unfortunately. Everyone was better prepared on Sunday, but it was just heavy rain for a brief period - both rain events were later in the day. Monday was slightly overcast and mild.

Despite the rain breaks, 11 rounds of F5J were completed, in 2.5 days, and 4 rounds of Nostalgia on the Sunday morning. 35 competitors took part in the event, and that was without any entrants from the southern states (unusual for the Expo).

Nostalgia had 9 entrants, but only six flew. It was a fun event to old rules of a 6 minute flight in 9 minutes working time. All launched with electric motor (but winch was permitted) and the height device was set to turn off at 150m or 30 seconds, whichever came first. Flight timing started when the motor went off. Re-launches were permitted, but no-one re-launched. The F5J landing spots were used as they were active. It was a good fun, low key event, and quite a few people said that they would like to see it retained on the program and that they would participate in future. Phil Stevenson won flying an old Sagitta 2.5m built by his father Harold and used in previous Expos. Terry Scolari came second with a revived Windrifter. Chris Graham came third with a model that he



Note the state of the field this year for the Expo!



Brad Turner and Chris Graham from Brisbane shelter for the elements



Michael Lewis from Armidale flying, while son Daniel models the Expo shirt

nostalgically built for the event - a 1979 design by Peter Goldsmith called the Foxbat - a beautiful model in the old style. This 3.6m nostalgia glider kit is laser cut in Australia by Land Down Under Aerosports - see link here:

<https://lduaerosports.com.au/product/foxbat/>

Both Brad Turner and myself flew tiny 1.8m wingspan Astro Mini-Challengers, just because we had them. Mine was the famous old "breadbag" model that I flew many years ago in 7-cell Electric Glider. I damaged it at an event, repaired it on top of my model box, and covered the repair in a breadbag that had my lunch in it (with the lunch removed). It still carries the breadbag covering!

Open F5j was won convincingly by David Vels from Brisbane; a very fitting person to win as David has been coming since the early days when he came to the Expo as a youth in company with his Dad, Martin Vels. David won 8 out of 11 of his groups and dropped a 903.5!

Second place went to relative newcomer, Marco Fritz, an airline pilot from the Sunshine Coast. This was only Marco's second Expo, so we welcome him and his placing with great flying.

Third place went to accomplished Brisbane flier, Evan Bengtson, and another long-time participant in the Sailplane Expo. Chris Graham came fourth. He attended the expo as a youth as well and is an



Left Top - Evan Bengtson in heavy disguise - face masks popular
Left Bottom - Incognito Peter Pine calling for Mel Gillott
Above - a very happy Radian flier - Ian Daniels learned much!
Below - Garry Jordan, long-time Expo participant made the trip from Burnett Heads north of Bundaberg



accomplished flier. Fifth place went to long-time participant, Phil Stevenson from Sydney. Sixth place needs special mention - young Daniel Lewis of Armidale finally got his hands on a competitive model and excelled to come in the top 10.

Out of the top ten places, 7 went to Queensland fliers, so it was a Queensland run-away this time! State-of-origin fever will grip further Expos - let's see if the Blues can take back some of the lead! Or if the Victorians can help redress the balance!

Limited F5J was won by Scott Johnson from Lismore, who placed extremely well at 11th for a guy flying a small aircraft - Scott is a very good thermal flier! Second was David Moore from Sydney flying his familiar Pulsar 2.5m RES. Third was Armidale club President, Michael Lewis who was there supporting son Daniel. Well done Michael!

Saturday night was a celebration dinner - celebrating 40 years of Sailplane Expo. It was held at Deer Park Motor Inn, a motel on the north side of town. Several Expo dinners were held here in earlier years, and the motel had been a sponsor in some of the events. The dinner was exceptionally good, and the bar tab funded by the Expo Trust was greatly appreciated and added to the good value of the night - no-one had to pay for any drinks!

I had compiled a 70 slide Power Point presentation on the history of the Expo, showing



Above - Hutton Oddy and Greg Roper on the flight line - safety corridor was used



Klaus Metzger made the trip from Katoomba to join in the 40th Expo - Jack Murphy photo



Terry Scolari flying with Ladislav Safarik helping (left) and David Leitch (right)



Terry Scolari heading for a spot landing Julie Pine photos



Another spot landing shot by Julie Pine



Above Left -
Happy campers L to R
David Leitch, Stephen
Weatherstone, Guy
Brand, David Moore,
Kevin Weston -
Jack Murphy photo.

Left - Phil Stephenson
discusses tactics with
Hutton Oddy while
Ladislav Safarik looks on.



Kevin Johnson, winner of Limited, launches for Garry Willks
Both from Lismore



Left - Phil Stevenson with the Sagitta that his Dad built used to win Nostalgia - Jack Murphy photo
Above - front view of Michael & Daniel Lewis
Below - second placegetter Marco Fritz



Right - All the winners
Named L to R

Top - Nostalgia

Terry Scolari, Phil Stevenson, Chris Graham

Middle - Limited F5J

David Moore, Scott Johnson, Michael Lewis

Bottom - Open F5J

Marco Fritz, David Vels, Evan Bengtson



how it began, the guests-of-honour that had presented seminars, and a bevy of personalities that had been involved with the Expo over the years and made it the event that it has become. The presentation was very well received, and if you would like to view it and see all the aspects that have formed the Expo in to what it is, click on this link to view or download it from Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ow1cs12t3b2uvjq0dsqg8/Sailplane-Expo-History.pptx?dl=0&rlkey=xffbrm3m1p4czrb9hgh90x53b>

I must conclude with a tribute to Hutton Oddy, who has born a vast amount of the organisational load in recent years. This year, Kevin Smeaton, who has ably scored the event in recent years, could not make it, and the AEFA stepped in with some of the gear. Thanks to those who helped Hutton with the scoring so that he could fly in the event as well; people like Terry Scolari, Phil Stevenson, Al Dally, Julie Pine, etc. Hutton found, as many of us will attest, that it is difficult to run an event and fly well in it at the same time! Thank you Hutton for all your work.

See all the Expo results on this page and the next four.



2020 Expo Nostalgia - Overall Results

[Armidale 25/01/2020]

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Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	STEVENSON, Phil	3755	100.00	3755 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	1000 6:01 40	911 3:41 45	978 6:25 25	866 6:26 15
2	SCOLARI, Terry	3496	93.10	3496 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	860 6:27 10	849 4:08 0	1000 5:43 25	787 4:37 40
3	GRAHAM, Chris	3360	89.48	3360 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	865 6:15 0	1000 4:52 0	495 2:47 15	1000 6:02 45
4	PINE, Peter	3120	83.09	3120 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	779 4:21 50	709 3:02 25	761 4:40 0	871 6:09 0
5	BUDNIAK, Robert	2698	71.85	2698 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	852 6:20 0	0 0:00 0	965 6:05 0	881 5:55 0
6	TURNER, Brad	938	24.98	938 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	842 6:24 0	96 0:28 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0
=7	METZGER, Klaus	0	0.00	0 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0
=7	COMER, Late	0	0.00	0 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0
=7	CALLUM, Richard	0	0.00	0 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0
=7	MOORE, David	0	0.00	0 <i>Time</i> <i>Landing</i>	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0	0 0:00 0

Left - Nostalgia competitors

L-to-R: Peter Pine, Robert Budniak, Phil Stevenson, Brad Turner, Chris Graham, Terry Scolari - Christine Bengtson photo

2020 F5J Sailplane expo - Overall Results

[Armidale 25/01/2020]

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Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9	Rnd10	Rnd11
1	VELS, David	9903.6	100.00	10807.1	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	967.9	1000.0	1000.0	*903.5	935.7	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
				Time	9:59	9:57	9:57	9:59	9:58	9:58	9:59	9:59	9:58	9:57	9:59
				Height	127m	153m	137m	171m	152m	141m	149m	200m	116m	138m	128m
				Landing	15	50	50	45	50	45	0	25	45	45	25
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	FRITZ, Marco	9749.1	98.44	10456.2	947.9	1000.0	954.2	990.5	958.0	978.2	1000.0	*707.1	932.5	997.3	990.5
				Time	9:47	9:51	9:35	9:56	9:50	9:59	8:40	7:31	9:53	9:52	9:55
				Height	132m	152m	146m	139m	178m	168m	189m	211m	175m	147m	117m
				Landing	25	40	50	45	35	45	40	20	40	45	40
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	BENGSTON, Evan	9707.3	98.02	10393.4	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	906.4	*686.1	982.2	818.7	1000.0	1000.0
				Time	9:55	9:58	9:58	9:58	9:52	8:57	6:20	8:26	9:58	9:58	9:57
				Height	128m	95m	70m	157m	134m	137m	122m	173m	226m	114m	53m
				Landing	45	45	45	40	50	45	45	50	45	45	40
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	GRAHAM, Chris	8943.7	90.31	9330.3	446.7	962.2	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	830.4	736.8	967.6	*386.6
				Time	4:13	9:57	9:51	9:54	9:53	9:54	9:57	9:57	7:32	9:55	4:09
				Height	158m	118m	123m	114m	167m	135m	133m	224m	142m	146m	126m
				Landing	50	35	45	40	50	50	50	45	50	45	50
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	STEVENSON, Phil	8917.1	90.04	9401.2	486.8	1000.0	985.5	1000.0	997.3	1000.0	*484.1	996.4	879.5	603.2	968.4
				Time	5:54	9:57	9:50	9:59	9:52	9:53	4:32	9:49	9:59	6:43	9:57
				Height	172m	129m	181m	187m	148m	143m	100m	162m	199m	179m	182m
				Landing	0	45	45	35	40	45	45	50	15	40	45
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	LEWIS, Daniel	8795.1	88.81	9198.4	*403.3	981.1	931.7	869.6	698.8	850.0	864.7	979.5	874.1	865.2	880.4
				Time	4:45	9:59	9:49	9:41	9:53	9:56	7:07	9:58	9:54	9:53	9:52
				Height	198m	189m	200m	217m	234m	202m	149m	169m	195m	207m	198m
				Landing	35	40	50	40	0	0	50	35	0	35	0
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	ROPER, Greg	8746.8	88.32	9201.9	644.2	898.2	879.9	*455.1	642.7	929.7	823.2	975.7	953.2	1000.0	1000.0
				Time	7:33	8:30	9:12	4:20	6:13	9:59	8:30	7:04	9:54	9:54	9:53
				Height	215m	73m	173m	128m	109m	166m	112m	184m	178m	148m	148m
				Landing	45	25	40	50	35	20	0	50	35	45	50
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	SPAIN, David	8612.1	86.96	8880.8	1000.0	977.5	977.4	887.0	*268.7	814.7	475.5	1000.0	1000.0	978.2	501.8
				Time	9:44	9:43	9:40	9:17	3:53	8:46	5:25	9:55	9:54	9:54	6:01
				Height	152m	127m	127m	141m	157m	129m	168m	150m	145m	157m	160m
				Landing	40	45	45	0	0	0	35	40	45	45	0
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	KNACK, Karl	8505.9	85.89	8505.9	*0.0	911.5	952.0	934.8	1000.0	924.5	310.1	1000.0	1000.0	541.8	931.2
				Time	0:00	9:59	9:55	9:56	9:52	9:52	4:19	7:43	9:59	6:26	9:58
				Height	0m	208m	198m	201m	184m	203m	189m	173m	128m	137m	159m
				Landing	0	45	30	30	50	50	0	15	50	0	50
				Over75m	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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10	SAFARIK, Ladislav	8496.5	85.79	8496.5	559.5	864.8	911.0	1000.0	952.6	934.7	1000.0	771.4	*0.0	620.4	882.1
				Time	6:00	9:56	9:45	9:57	9:58	9:57	9:58	6:18	0:00	6:32	9:55
				Height	194m	207m	196m	187m	200m	209m	163m	207m	0m	173m	183m
				Landing	45	40	40	45	35	45	35	45	0	50	35
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
11	JOHNSON, Scott	8492.4	85.75	9037.8	*545.4	724.8	933.4	993.9	626.4	798.8	682.7	981.4	970.1	785.3	995.6
				Time	5:43	7:18	9:55	9:58	6:20	7:53	7:03	9:58	9:59	8:09	9:55
				Height	139m	149m	155m	149m	161m	141m	133m	165m	163m	158m	157m
				Landing	0	50	50	50	45	50	20	40	50	40	50
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	JORDAN, Garry	8393.8	84.76	8689.2	723.8	948.9	1000.0	936.2	949.1	980.0	*295.4	982.3	932.5	528.6	412.4
				Time	7:33	9:56	9:54	9:19	9:55	9:53	3:30	9:55	9:59	5:53	4:54
				Height	200m	176m	163m	171m	203m	196m	145m	168m	187m	185m	168m
				Landing	10	40	40	40	45	45	0	45	40	35	30
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	METZGER, Klaus	8368.1	84.50	8800.2	927.1	920.2	835.5	*432.1	515.7	902.0	766.9	951.5	854.7	819.5	875.0
				Time	9:52	9:58	9:53	5:55	6:35	9:58	8:06	7:01	9:59	9:56	9:59
				Height	186m	170m	210m	206m	200m	206m	223m	177m	198m	226m	203m
				Landing	35	35	45	0	0	40	40	40	0	45	0
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	FOX, Ken	8325.0	84.06	8517.3	1000.0	*192.3	907.1	896.4	471.2	997.3	483.2	977.9	969.2	778.2	844.5
				Time	9:47	3:30	9:50	9:24	5:59	9:49	5:36	9:53	9:50	8:03	8:32
				Height	171m	191m	167m	169m	179m	179m	139m	169m	179m	166m	163m
				Landing	0	0	45	5	0	50	0	45	50	35	50
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	LEITCH, David	8182.2	82.62	8599.9	925.3	983.3	993.7	467.2	454.5	968.8	*417.7	1000.0	871.5	1000.0	517.9
				Time	9:57	9:53	9:58	5:38	5:44	9:56	5:31	8:49	9:59	9:52	5:21
				Height	203m	164m	198m	191m	213m	175m	177m	192m	218m	166m	162m
				Landing	45	50	50	10	45	50	0	45	50	50	50
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	CULLUM, Richard	7967.0	80.45	8489.8	*522.8	929.0	836.2	640.8	759.6	960.7	788.8	740.6	813.7	670.8	826.8
				Time	5:44	9:56	9:58	6:50	8:52	9:55	8:04	7:16	9:02	7:37	9:58
				Height	115m	189m	212m	183m	195m	190m	198m	164m	192m	206m	215m
				Landing	0	35	0	40	0	50	50	0	30	40	10
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	SCOLARI, Terry	7861.0	79.38	7861.0	324.0	391.9	913.8	915.1	839.2	*0.0	1000.0	897.3	915.4	715.0	949.3
				Time	4:17	5:12	9:53	9:57	9:52	0:00	9:54	9:55	9:55	9:18	9:48
				Height	189m	189m	206m	200m	204m	0m	187m	185m	179m	218m	151m
				Landing	0	0	50	15	0	0	30	0	30	0	40
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
18	DALLY, Alistair	7828.6	79.05	7828.6	*0.0	927.0	904.3	222.9	820.9	889.1	770.1	916.3	841.9	607.3	928.8
				Time	0:00	9:57	9:53	3:25	8:26	9:59	7:22	8:21	8:53	7:19	9:50
				Height	0m	180m	187m	169m	199m	180m	177m	201m	141m	207m	163m
				Landing	0	45	20	0	45	0	5	40	30	30	20
				Over75m	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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19	MOORE, David	7800.0	78.76	8087.8	687.9	655.9	*287.8	579.1	953.6	786.0	935.4	865.7	865.0	608.2	863.2
				Time	6:35	7:14	3:59	6:41	9:43	9:58	9:59	9:59	9:59	6:34	9:54
				Height	190m	205m	165m	209m	197m	216m	172m	203m	203m	158m	204m
				Landing	45	45	10	50	40	0	30	0	0	25	45
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	ODDY, Hutton	7701.1	77.76	7701.1	689.8	742.9	923.5	410.7	427.8	697.8	*0.0	1000.0	968.4	965.9	874.3
				Time	8:23	7:50	9:53	4:49	4:46	7:03	0:00	9:54	9:57	9:55	9:16
				Height	220m	82m	143m	134m	170m	127m	0m	146m	151m	148m	147m
				Landing	35	0	40	15	45	40	0	45	45	45	15
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
21	WEATHERSTONE, Step	7680.1	77.55	8175.5	*495.4	792.6	762.0	903.8	506.1	747.6	889.4	798.2	800.0	578.7	901.7
				Time	5:35	9:52	9:47	9:51	6:14	7:45	7:46	9:46	9:58	6:27	9:53
				Height	177m	210m	237m	189m	169m	173m	184m	228m	210m	167m	165m
				Landing	25	10	45	25	0	45	40	45	0	20	40
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	WESTON, Kevin	7611.5	76.86	8049.7	479.0	*438.2	980.0	467.1	900.9	588.9	586.2	843.1	1000.0	829.0	937.3
				Time	5:02	5:38	9:58	5:40	9:57	6:49	9:59	9:16	9:59	9:58	9:56
				Height	179m	206m	150m	141m	208m	169m	271m	221m	122m	221m	161m
				Landing	50	30	40	0	45	0	25	10	30	40	30
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	GILLOTT, Mel	7452.6	75.25	7755.5	*302.9	870.7	931.7	593.4	550.0	711.4	430.7	991.2	849.6	528.3	995.6
				Time	4:00	9:59	9:50	6:24	5:42	8:00	4:20	9:53	9:02	5:25	9:58
				Height	158m	171m	172m	187m	159m	209m	153m	164m	160m	143m	163m
				Landing	5	5	35	35	40	50	45	50	35	45	50
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	VIRTUE, Nigel	7412.4	74.85	7412.4	0.0	1000.0	867.6	912.1	914.3	910.7	430.7	*0.0	923.2	971.0	482.8
				Time	0:00	9:54	9:59	9:25	9:55	9:57	4:47	0:00	9:55	9:51	5:18
				Height	0m	113m	143m	144m	144m	144m	144m	0m	144m	144m	144m
				Landing	0	40	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	50	35
				Over75m	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-
25	FARRAR, Don	6858.3	69.25	6858.3	408.8	*0.0	912.0	235.9	969.6	945.9	161.2	910.0	831.4	947.8	535.7
				Time	4:15	0:00	9:46	3:17	9:49	9:58	2:19	7:59	9:58	9:41	5:09
				Height	160m	0m	133m	139m	183m	143m	107m	188m	209m	171m	118m
				Landing	30	0	35	0	45	15	0	50	0	40	50
				Over75m	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	MURPHY, Jack	6720.1	67.86	6720.1	*0.0	496.4	765.0	918.9	504.3	333.0	308.3	939.9	557.3	897.0	1000.0
				Time	0:00	5:29	8:32	9:53	5:57	3:46	3:29	9:54	6:39	9:55	9:56
				Height	0m	177m	145m	203m	184m	128m	138m	194m	156m	162m	128m
				Landing	0	35	0	20	25	30	30	35	5	0	50
				Over75m	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	BRAND, Guy	6600.9	66.65	6764.6	322.0	918.6	318.1	416.4	204.5	923.8	*163.7	881.2	778.2	917.2	920.9
				Time	4:14	9:55	4:17	4:31	3:20	9:55	3:11	8:07	9:36	9:56	9:53
				Height	167m	189m	146m	176m	175m	202m	192m	214m	228m	197m	198m
				Landing	15	30	0	50	0	20	0	0	50	40	30
				Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

QLD F5J Challenge 2020

by Peter Pine

The Queensland guys have been working hard on developing a program of F5J events for 2020. Mark your diary and see if you can fit in some of these events:

Dalby is the most frequent location because it is a great field and facilities and central to most fliers interested in this series. However, Dalby is only 2.5 hours drive from Brisbane airport (220km), so if you would like to fly in from southern states, it is doable!

If you would like to join in one even closer, Munbilla is only just over 1 hour drive from Brisbane airport (85km), so even easier!

Round 1	Dalby	22/23 February
Round 2	Dalby	21/22 March
Round 3	Monto	25/26 April
Round 4	Dalby	6/7 June
Round 5	TBA	4/5 July
Round 6	MRSSA	12/13 Sept
	Munbilla	
Round 7	Dalby	21/22 November
	QLD Titles	State F5J Champs

The best 5 scores for each flier will be combined to decide the QLD F5J Challenge winner. The winner of round 7 will be QLD F5J Champion.

See a flier for Round 1 on page 17

Fire investigators from the Thurgau cantonal police have clarified the cause of the large-scale fire on 21 December in Steckborn. The fire was triggered in connection with the charging process of a model battery.

Another reminder about the dangers of LiPo charging! Info from David Vels



Contest Details for Dalby

CD Ross Ginder advises these details for Dalby:

- Launch from within 3 metres of your spot
- No Fly-off
- Vote on “Emergency Motor Restart” at briefing - Ross favours allowing a restart, but you score a zero & it cannot be dropped. Can be restart and drop zero, or Ross’s preference.

If you will not be at the event, and would like to register your opinion about EMS, send a proxy vote to Ross - decision for all QLD events- rginder22@gmail.com



The Radio Control Gliding Association (RCGA) is entrusted with developing the sports of soaring within Victoria, Australia. And as such, the RCGA helps nurture the soaring community and the various disciplines that have developed within the gliding fraternity.

RCGA News - F5J Jan. Event by Jim Houdalakis

We pretty much had 4 seasons in one day. I started the day in a raincoat with heavy cloud, a light drizzle and a light wind. By afternoon I was wearing sunscreen and a T-shirt. The wind picked up a bit, and we finished the day with a medium strength sea breeze and blue skies. We got lucky for mid-summer in that it wasn't hot, and the southerly kept the skies clear of smoke haze.

We had 7 pilots competing with most of the regulars there (Marcus was away doing Elvis impersonations up North), and couple of helpers attend, so we flew 2 heats a round, (thanks Wren for timing, and Norm for doing some mowing and timing).

With either cloudy or breezy conditions, most pilots took a conservative approach height wise, and even-so you could still end up far down wind and land out. I found at times I had to cover a lot of ground to get to a thermal, but were good once you found them.

There were a few great get out of jail low height get-aways, one in particular with Hugh and Dave M circling together at 4 or 5 metres off the ground, and Dave getting away; it was a nail biter to watch. With the wind, and ballast that

the usually light planes were carrying, I think the window for those flights was only a small period of time in the afternoon, and more often than not pilots weren't so lucky.

We ended up flying 8 rounds, and was close most of the day with the lead changing a few times in the afternoon windier conditions. The final results were:

- 1st Jim Houdalakis
- 2nd Hugh Blackburn
- 3rd Dave Milward

rcga f5j jan 2020 - Overall Results [diggers rest 11/01/2019]

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Rank	Name	Ctry	Club	RegnNo	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8
1	HOUDALAKIS, Jim	AUS	VARMS		6860.1	100.00	7722.1	1000.0	1000.0	964.4	*862.0	917.1	1000.0	1000.0	978.6
								Time 9:55	9:59	9:58	8:24	9:56	9:57	9:47	9:56
								Height 166m	168m	165m	177m	198m	144m	161m	177m
								Landing 50	50	40	50	45	45	45	40
								Over75m -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	BLACKBURN, Hugh	AUS	VARMS		6699.8	97.66	7179.5	1000.0	923.9	1000.0	775.9	1000.0	*479.7	1000.0	1000.0
								Time 7:20	9:53	9:58	9:57	9:54	5:34	3:38	4:59
								Height 175m	207m	144m	241m	140m	134m	164m	171m
								Landing 45	50	50	45	45	5	20	0
								Over75m -	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
3	MILWARD, Dave	AUS			6532.1	95.22	6532.1	934.2	711.0	1000.0	1000.0	961.1	1000.0	*0.0	925.8
								Time 9:54	4:09	9:56	9:58	9:56	9:56	0	8:57
								Height 188m	140m	151m	201m	146m	138m	0m	128m
								Landing 25	35	50	45	45	40	0	45
								Over75m -	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
4	MAYHEW, Alan	AUS	VARMS		5332.2	77.73	5622.3	479.2	1000.0	474.0	1000.0	1000.0	*290.1	379.0	1000.0
								Time 3:07	5:47	6:01	9:53	9:53	4:03	3:44	9:57
								Height 93m	192m	176m	117m	104m	157m	120m	175m
								Landing 50	50	0	50	50	0	45	50
								Over75m -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	WILSON, Bob	AUS			4391.9	64.02	4391.9	564.8	990.3	858.9	973.5	0.0	948.2	*0.0	56.2
								Time 4:24	9:58	8:40	9:57	0	9:51	0	13
								Height 149m	167m	140m	146m	0m	191m	0m	2m
								Landing 35	45	40	45	0	45	0	0
								Over75m -	-	-	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
6	BUSEK, Zdenek				3998.2	58.28	3998.2	0.0	882.3	820.3	852.0	871.7	234.6	337.3	*0.0
								Time 0	9:58	9:54	9:54	9:55	3:52	4:51	0
								Height 0m	199m	222m	207m	198m	208m	210m	0m
								Landing 0	0	40	25	25	0	25	0
								Over75m Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
7	KROGER, Max	AUS			3022.9	44.06	3022.9	635.2	644.5	912.4	714.8	116.0	0.0	0.0	*0.0
								Time 5:40	4:04	9:52	7:20	1:52	0	0	0
								Height 175m	140m	163m	148m	92m	0m	0m	0m
								Landing 0	20	10	20	0	0	0	0
								Over75m -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See Thermal Glider Results p. 17 - For more news from RCGA, go to their web site at:
<http://www.rcga.org.au>

Will F3B Change to Electric Launch?

by Peter Pine

The FAI have published Provisional Rules for a new event called F3G, which is F3B with electric motor (in the nose) launch - you can see the full rules here:

https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc4_vol_f3_soaring_20.pdf

In summary, this is the same 3-task event. All three tasks are combined to be called one round. To launch in each task, the pilot must be within certain power and motor run time limits. Motor run time must not exceed 30.1 seconds (but can be switched off early), and energy employed must not be more than 351 Watt/minutes, or a penalty of 1,000 points is awarded.

To check this, new F3G data loggers have been developed. They record motor run duration and average power (by sampling voltage and current draw).

Task A is Duration - a thermal task aiming for a 10 minute flight in 12 minutes working time - unlimited attempts within the working time (motor start is called an attempt), with a 15m spot landing (100 points for 1m out to 30 points for 15m).

Task B is Distance over a 150m course with a minimum of three fliers in each group, with 7 minutes working time. Each model must spend 40 seconds from launch before entering the course. Whole laps count within the working time.

Task C is Speed - 4 laps of a 150m course within 4 minutes working time.

It will be interesting to see if this class catches on. Electric power in the nose is certainly coming of age, and it looks like winch launching is dead! It will be interesting to see if this class catches on. Electric power in the nose is certainly coming of age, and it looks like winch launching is dead!

F5 Rule Changes 2020

The 2020 F5 rules are now live on the FAI Web site - click here to view:

https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc4_vol_f5_electric_20.pdf

There are 7 changes for F5J:

The first item bans stability augmentation.

Motor Restart is at 5.5.11.1.3 h (iii) - allowed at all events except World Champs

The other adjustments are less controversial and are to do with re-flights if the timer does not record the flight time or see the landing, setting 2m limit for launching within the safety corridor, some freedom in setting landing direction (but CD still can set), and a terminology change that seems unnecessary.

Paragraph	Plenary meeting approving change	Brief description of change	Change incorporated by
Front Page Contents Throughout	2019	Change the name of the volume and update list of classes on the front page and consequently in all other parts of the volume. Remove F5D from list of classes but retain F5D rules until June 2020. Remove F5K.	Kevin Dodd Technical Secretary & Emil Giezendanner F5 S-C Chairman
F5A			
5.5.3		Add new provisional class, F5A – Electric Powered GPS Motor Gliders, and rules.	
F5E			
5.5.7		Revise the title of the class and completely revise the rules.	
F5J			
5.5.11.1.1		Clarification regarding an exception to the F5 general rule 5.5.1.3 d) for F5J.	
5.5.11.1.3		Additional rule to allow the possibility of a motor restart in World Cup and Open International events.	
5.5.11.6		Clarification to re-flight rule.	
5.5.11.8.1		Addition to team protection rule for junior pilots.	
5.5.11.10		Early implementation – effective 15th May 2019 Amendment to Safety Rule for launching	
5.5.11.11		Addition to landing rule, giving the contest director more flexibility in setting landing direction	
5.5.11.12		Change of terminology 'truncated' instead of 'rounded down'.	
F5K	Class was deleted		

F5K is Changing

Please note - the F5K that was deleted from the 2019 FAI F5 Rules document was not the new class - it was Electric Powered Indoor Racing.

The new F5K of discus launch aircraft with electric power added is still on the table. See this link below for the Thermal Soaring site that is promoting the new class:

https://thermal-soaring.com/f5k-contest-format/?fbclid=IwAR0y--syfKTPOd1_TEagZxTWKHdTpW9q-BljQQMMLsFv5vWhWNM8u7ANaPc

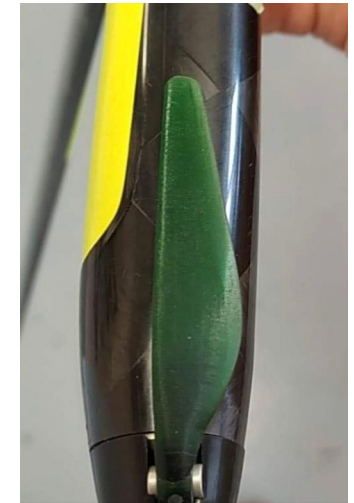
If you would like to study the rules that are being developed, click on this link and you will see the rules that have been submitted to the FAI:

<https://thermal-soaring.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/F5K-Contest-format-version-14-11-2019.pdf>

You might like to get in touch if you are interested in this new class. Some people, who are not as agile as they were and cannot do the pirouette that was required with F3K are interested in this class and have been converting F3K models. Models and power trains have been developed by manufacturers, and an Altis device has been prepared. Watch this space for developments. Check F3K-F5J QUEENSLAND Facebook page for more information.



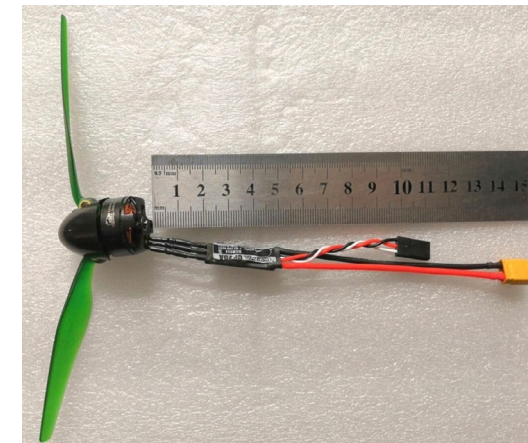
F5K Model Developed by Stratair in Austria



Blades specifically for F5K models



Altis device for F5K



Power unit developed for F5K

QLD F5J CHALLENGE ROUND 1 - DALBY

FEB 22-23



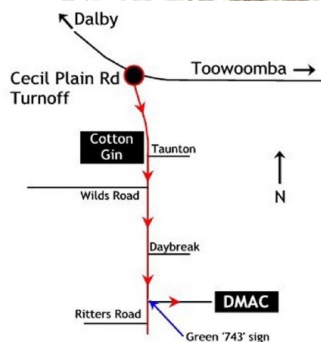
Details of the event:

- Briefing 9:30am 22nd Feb
- Competition flights commence 9:30am & concludes by 2:30pm on 23rd.
- F5J & Limited classes (Ltd up to 2.6m span)
- Results count towards the annual award
- Six events planned for the series

Standard F5J event to current rules except:

- Emergency motor restart is permitted.
- No fly-off & Launch from your spot.

F5J Event Contact - Ross Ginder 0409 614 319
 Dalby MAC contact - Eddy Otto 0417 639 088
<http://www.dalbymodelaeroclub.com>



- Lunch catering on the field
- Toilet available - Camping permitted
- Accommodation also in Dalby
- Entry fee \$30 - pay on the day

RCGA Winch-launch Thermal Event

November 2019 - by Jim Houdalakis

I can't remember having better conditions for flying RC gliders. The day was perfect. As usual, the forecast wind direction, SE to SW, must have been for somewhere else. We set out the winches towards the south. We launched with a light ENE breeze all day. But that didn't matter. The sun was out, it was warm, not raining, gentle breeze, good friends and lots of thermals.

All this was enjoyed exclusively by just three pilots. We organised things so that we self-timed and flew seven heats across the day. There were some heats where finding lift took a bit of searching but nobody was really troubled to get their full ten minutes. Gerry's last flight was short not because he lacked height but because he gave too much of it away too soon. A good dose of sink on landing approach didn't help. This also dropped Gerry to third place, having held on to second spot for most of the day.

- At the finish –
- 1st Jim Houdalakis
 - 2nd Marcus Stent
 - 3rd Gerry Carter


RCGA Open Thermal - Overall Results

[Diggers Rest 8/12/2019]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7
1	HOUDALAKIS, Jim	6979.8	100.00	6979.8	991.3	1000.0	994.2	1000.0	998.6	995.7	1000.0
				Time Landing	10:04 90	10:00 98	9:59 90	9:57 99	10:00 96	9:58 98	9:58 98
2	STENT, Marcus	6892.5	98.75	6892.5	1000.0	895.4	1000.0	997.1	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
				Time Landing	9:57 95	9:55 30	9:59 94	10:00 94	9:59 98	10:00 99	10:00 96
3	CARTER, Gerry	6817.6	97.68	6817.6	997.1	974.2	997.1	989.9	984.2	984.3	890.8
				Time Landing	10:00 90	9:50 90	9:55 96	9:56 93	9:55 91	9:55 93	9:40 40

F5J australia



SSL PARK, NINE MILE RD, MILANG SA
MARCH 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH, 2020

3 BIG DAYS OF F5J COMPETITION

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2020 National Electric Flight Rally Cootamundra State Field Easter 2020 - 10th to 13th April

Field open on Thursday 9th for camp setup and free flying

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Events include:

- Foamy Pylon Racing – new 3 class event, see website
- F5J - Open and Limited
- LEG - Limited Electric Glider
- Radian glider - Sportsman & Expert
- Electric Scramble
- Electric Scale
- EOT - Electric Old Timer 5 classes
- Free flying
- Roast dinner at the field
- AEFA AGM

Great site - toilets and shower on the field
Undercover areas

Free camping - no power

Charging sites for batteries

Catering on the field

Pre-registration required - entry form on web

MAAA membership required



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all details on web site:

www.aefanet.com

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SSL F5J -3Gp - Overall Results
[SSL Park 12/01/2020]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Class	Score	Pent	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8
1	MEYER, Andrew		7000.0	100.00	8000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	*1000.0
2	CHABREL, Nick	E	6900.2	98.57	7478.7	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	991.7	1000.0	963.1	945.4	*578.5
3	MOORFIELD, Paul	E	6764.0	95.03	6764.0	966.8	993.4	982.4	1000.0	*0.0	835.6	1000.0	985.8
4	THOMAS, Connor		6195.6	88.51	6499.8	900.5	948.0	1000.0	898.9	982.1	965.7	*304.2	500.4
5	POTTER, Greg	E	5886.8	84.10	5886.8	981.9	1000.0	904.9	0.0	1000.0	*0.0	1000.0	1000.0
6	SCHULTZ, Trevor	A	5702.7	81.47	6052.4	1000.0	948.0	870.4	790.4	476.5	731.7	885.7	*349.7
7	KENT, Bill		5591.4	79.88	5891.2	897.6	454.6	840.7	1000.0	850.0	932.7	615.8	*299.8
8	SCHMIDT, Christian		5123.2	73.19	5491.6	626.0	915.4	*368.4	939.6	407.5	926.8	492.1	815.8
9	WHITFIELD, Garry	E	5083.2	72.02	5336.1	581.8	917.5	944.2	428.3	264.3	1000.0	*252.9	947.1
10	FRIZELL, Mike	E	4474.0	63.91	4766.9	538.2	636.5	407.5	952.8	*292.9	547.4	391.6	1000.0
11	BOWDEN, Gavin	SM	3908.9	55.84	4076.4	438.0	499.2	695.4	588.3	512.1	834.2	341.7	*167.5
12	BAXTER, Malcolm		2312.1	33.03	2312.1	650.4	768.2	893.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*0.0
13	WINNER, Bill		601.0	8.59	601.0	310.1	290.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*0.0

Results of a recent F5J event held by SSL to the left

**Now is the time to plan to attend the
Open International F5J Event
Planned for Milang, SA 7-9 March
See flier on page 18 - Details page 20**

Australian F5J Open International Milang SA 7-9 March

Three days of F5J flying in expert company, presented by the Southern Soaring League in South Australia - don't miss this peak event.

Details of the event:

Two classes will be flown:

Open for F5J models up to 4.0m

Sportsman class for models up to 3.0m

Classes will fly together

Fly-off for Open will be three rounds of 15 min

No Fly-off for Sportsman

Teams of two fliers - 3 heats per round
Score recording will be via mobile phone
Announcements will be by FM radio
You will need a radio at your flight line

2020 F5J rules will apply

No stabilisation or telemetry

Except battery voltage and signal strength

Local rule - Emergency Motor Restarts not permitted - if a restart is employed, the competitor will score zero AND a penalty of 300 points

See page 18 for a flier for this event

More information available from the organisers and on SSL Facebook page - includes entry form:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernSoaring-League/>

Raab Kraehe by Jilles Smits

The latest build by Jilles, a scale 1:3 Raab Kraehe (or Crow) motor glider.

The project was started 4 years ago, but Jilles lost interest and built an ASW15, and then the Short Bros Nimbus instead. Because the Crow was 80% done and the hardware was on the shelf I decided to complete the Crow.

The maiden flight was planned for Saturday 25 February at Munbilla (home of the MRSSA club in Queensland - Brisbane gliding club), and was successful. Jilles says that the model flies above expectation. It is very stable has a reasonable climb rate on the motor and a very good glide angle. It does very well in thermals due to a slow flying speed for its size.

Some details:

Scale 1:3

Wingspan 4 m

Scorpion S-4025-12 motor

Turnigy 120A Opto controller

15x10 prop draws 80A

2x 5S-5000 lipo's parallel

Three part wing

Flying weight 10 kg

For a 2.5 minute video, click on this link:

<https://youtu.be/sLr5kkTjcR0>



2020 Glider/F5J Events Calendar

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Key - green for F5J events, HSL - Heathcote Soaring League, SSL - Southern Soaring League

Date		Flying Events	Notes
January			
12-Jan	RCGA Event	F5J Glider	Diggers Rest
25-27 Jan	Sailplane Expo	F5J Only - 2.5 days Nostalgia glider event Sunday - electric or winch	Armidale
26-Jan	RCGA Event	F3K, F5K and free practice	Diggers Rest

February			
9-Feb		Millennium Cup	Goulburn
9-Feb	RCGA Event	Open Thermal Glider - winch	Diggers Rest
16-Feb	RCGA event	Combined Open Thermal & F5J Glider	Mt Wallace TBC
22-23 Feb		QLD F5J Challenge 2020 Round 1	Dalby, QLD
23-Feb	RCGA event	F5J Electric Glider	Diggers Rest
23-Feb	HSL Event	HSL Summer Club Competition	HSL Maddens Plains

March			
7-9 Mar	FXJ Australia - SSL	SSL Milang - F5J only	Milang, SA
22-Mar	RCGA event	F3K State Championships	Diggers Rest
21-22 Mar		QLD F5J Challenge 2020 Round 2	Dalby, QLD
22-Mar	HSL Event	Heathcote Cup F5J	Maddens Plains
22-Mar	RCGA/SSL event	F3K State Championships	Diggers Rest

April			
5-Apr		Millennium Cup	Lake George
5-Apr	RCGA event	F5J VIC State Championships	Diggers Rest
10-13 April	AEFA National Electric Flight Rally	Jamboree of Electric Events including F5J	Cootamundra State Field
18-19 April	RCGA event	Victorian Open Thermal State Championships - Format TBA	Horsham
25-26 April		QLD F5J Challenge 2020 Round 3	Monto, QLD

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May			
3-May	HSL Event	HSL Autumn Club Competition	Maddens Plains
3-May	RCGA event	F3K and Free Practice Day	Diggers Rest
17-May	RCGA event	Open Thermal Glider - Winch	Diggers Rest
24-May	RCGA event	F5J Electric Glider	Diggers Rest

June			
5-Jun	LSF Tournament	F5J LSF Tournament	Jerildere
6-7 June		QLD F5J Challenge 2020 Round 4	Dalby, QLD
6-8 June	Queen's Birthday weekend	LSF Tournament Thermal Glider - including F5J	Jerilderie
21-Jun	Annual event	Picton Cup Round 1 F5J	Picton

July			
4-5 July		QLD F5J Challenge 2020 Round 5	TBA, QLD
7-15 July	First West Wyalong National Championships	Inlcudes F5J and EOT events may also include F3 events	West Wyalong

August			
23-Aug		HSL Winter Club Competition	HSL Maddens Plains

September			
12-13 Sept	MRSSA field	QLD F5J Challenge 2020 Round 6	Munbilla, QLD
26-27 Sept	State Flying Field	Millennium Cup	Cootamundra

October			
18-Oct	HSL Event	Millennium Cup Round	Maddens Plains

November			
1-Nov		Millennium Cup	Shoalhaven
5-8 Nov	AEFA F5J Perpetual Trophy	F5J Annual Tournament - World Champs Team Selection Trial	Cootamundra
21-22 Nov	Qld State F5J Titles	QLD F5J Challenge Round 7 & QLD Titles	Dalby, QLD
22-Nov	HSL Event	HSL Spring Club Competition	Maddens Plains

December			
6-Dec	Annual Event	Picton Cup Round 2 F5J	Picton

Categories for F5J by Peter Pine

The AEFA introduced Limited F5J to encourage fliers with smaller models and less experience to have a go at F5J, and it has been largely successful. It has always been an AEFA policy to be inclusive, rather than exclusive!

I have noticed a growing divide lately between Expert fliers with the latest F5J models, and less experienced Sports fliers who may also have a large model. So that the Sports oriented flier does not become discouraged, I wonder if it is time to introduce Categories in F5J - have Expert, Sportsman and Limited fly in the same event, but separate the results - a bit like F3A.

I mentioned this thought at the Sailplane Expo and several people have replied to me and said that they would appreciate a change like this. They are discouraged by the big boys!

Here is your chance to have your say on this issue - send me an e-mail and give me your thoughts. We would need to sort out some sort of promotion criteria, ie. how you progress from Sportsman to Expert, but I think it is worth considering.

F5J Leaderboard Check

You can see the final 2019 Leaderboard here: <http://www.aefanet.com/images/stories/F5J/F5J-Leaderboard-2019.pdf> with 109 participants.

Let us know if you think this is a worthwhile initiative - should be continue in to 2020 with an F5J Leaderboard?

Electric Glider & EOT Postal Competitions each month

There are electric glider and EOT postal events each month. Mel Gillott is managing glider results in 2020. Phil Stevenson now manages the EOT tasks (see e-mails below). You can practice these events at your own field in your own time, and e-mail the results to Mel & Phil. Each month they tabulate the results and send them back to you. It is a great way to practice flying these events; you go out flying with a purpose instead of just hacking around the sky! You can even time yourself, and you can repeat the tasks as many times as you want and send in a good score when you get one. The rules can be found on the AEFA web site (active link below) - look them up and join in the fun!

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