## Electric & Glider FLIGHT Australia



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Sailplane Expo in Armidale 2021 - F5J group top left, and the winners (top right) were Clive Warman (centre), Hutton Oddy (left) and Mike Malherberbe (right) Bottom row - E-RES group with 22 fliers - and the winners were Klaus Metzger (centre), Mike Malherbe (left) and Peter Pine (right). Christine Bengtson photos.

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## **Editorial** by Peter Pine

Welcome to EGFA No.27 e-magazine. This is a Sailplane Expo special edition - and an edition celebrating all the events that have already



commenced, and those that are planned for 2021.

Two major events that are coming up very soon are the Open F5J International at Milang in March, and the NEFR at Cootmaundra at Easter in April - see information on both these events in this e-magazine. Plant to join in, and send in your entries now!

Events are even starting up again in Europe - see information on p.23. You can even join in events and stay at home - AEFA postal events in E-RES, F5J and EOT are commencing this month - see information on p.23 & 28.

May I also encourage you to consider nominating for the AEFA executive that will be elected at the NEFR at Easter; this is your chance to contribute to all the good things that are happening in electric flight! See p.27.

Thanks to contributors - and see you next time!

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#### President's Message by Ralph Dephoff

The National Electric flight Rally (NEFR), scheduled for 2nd to 5th April, is fast approaching.



This is a great weekend of multi-disciplinary electric flying aimed primarily at having fun and catching up with friends. It's a perfect event for new-comers and experts alike. The draft program and details on how to enter are included in this magazine or can be found by logging onto our website:

#### www.aefanet.com.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with NEFR. I would encourage those wanting to put something back into electric flying to consider nominating for one of the committee positions. A nomination form can be found at the end of the magazine. These positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Events Coordinator
- Three Committee Members

Postal management and magazine editor coopted

Since I last wrote the following people have joined the AEFA, John Lodge, Brad Duncan, Bob Ash, Ian James, and Marcelino Ceo. Welcome chaps, I hope you find your association with us rewarding.

By all reports, the 41st Armidale Sailplane Expo held on 23rd – 25th January 2021 was a raging success. Read all about it in this magazine. All thanks must go to Hutton Oddy and his committee for once again staging a successful event.

Get your entries in for NEFR and I'll see you at Cootamundra.

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#### 2021 Open F5J International

Scheduled for 6-8 March 2021 Heats Saturday & Sunday Final heats and Fly-off Monday

Held at: SSL Park, Lot 1197 of 9 Mile Road, Milang SA

Hosted by Southern Soaring League and supported by Model Flight See SSL web site for entry form (close 26 Feb.) Sample entry form p.21

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#### 41st Sailplane Expo Armidale, NSW

Yes, the Sailplane Expo has reached its 41st year, and what a corker was this one! Over the 41 years there have been 5 or 6 that have had serious weather incidents, but this one must go down as one of the absolute best as far as weather was concerned. Beautiful, sunny and mild weather all weekend with plenty of thermals. The only down side was it became a bit breezy on Saturday afternoon and the proposed E-RES rounds were postponed to sunday morning when they were flown in idyllic conditions.

29 fliers turned up for the F5 J event, and that was without any from southern states. Three brave Queenslanders came for the event, and the rest were all from NSW. Even 22 fliers fronted for the new E-RES event and it was voted a great success.

Hutton Oddy did a great job with the whole event, ably assisted by Jack Murphy and Robert Budniak. Robert helped set up E-scoring with results for both events being submitted by mobile phone via the Cloud to the recording computer. This made the event much more manageable. No more bits of paper and manual recording. There were a few hiccups, but basically the whole process worked extremely well. The AEFA provided PA, landing markers and other equipment to assist with the running of the event. Fliers were provided, of course, with a chart showing which group they were flying in, and which of the 10 take-off points and spot landing markers they were to use. These were randomly allocated by the Gliderscore recording program to vary the locations for each flier and make it fairer. Each flier also had a sheet on which to record personal results, and this came in handy if there was a glitch with the E-recording.

The international standard of a safety corridor was employed for F5J, which provides a 6m wide area marked out by ropes in which fliers can move up and down with impunity. Launching was from the upwind side of the corridor and landing spots were some 10m from the downwind side of the corridor. It just meant that fliers had to move back to the spot landing area at an appropriate time during their flight, guided by their timer or assistant.

Launching for the E-RES event was from the spot landing marker, so then the flier did not have to move. This seemed to work, but it was noted that fliers must be instructed to launch is a set direction, and all land from the other side of the spot in the same direction to make it safe (as they are in F5J). Also, those landing early must vacate to the upwind side of the line of spot landing

Winners are grinners - Clive Warman, F5J winner at the Sailplane Expo with his model.



The brave QLD contingent that attended the Expo Evan Bengtson, David Spain, Garry Jordan

#### Note - AEFA Postal Events commence February 2021

**Gliding events** - F5J and E-RES - scores from Sailplane Expo in Armidale will automatically be entered in the February results • **EOT events** - 1/2A Texaco, Texaco, HLEOT, Vintage Glider Join in - have fun at your own field - practise the events - e-mail your scores - See p.23 for more details

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markers so as not to impede anyone else landing after them. This issue has now been written in to the rules to help avoid problems in the future.

The pace was hectic all weekend with automated calls for each group with 5 minutes between heats. Even though E-RES was a little less hectic, it proved to be a tiring weekend, especially for those with big numbers in the age criteria! Discussion about slowing the pace to cater for an aging clientele were had after the event. 4 groups per round instead of 3 would have helped in this area. With teams of three, it meant that one flier was up in each group. Our team found it easier to leave the models out on the flight line and not to try to go in and out between groups.

Even so, 14 rounds were pushed through in F5J, making it a good weekend with lots of flying in varying conditions. Some were caught out without ballast when the breeze freshened and created some outlandings for zero scores; it's hard to come back from a few zeros!!

Clive Warman convincingly won first place in F5J with 7 flights with a 1,000 score out of the 14! He was flying a Maxa. Popular second place went to organiser Hutton Oddy flying his own variation of a Sense (jokingly called a Non-Sense) - see page 9 for details. Mike Malherbe, accomplished flier from the Sydney HSL club, scored a well deserved third place. Scan the results on following pages and you will see that accomplished F5J fliers









Top - the expansive Sailplane Expo field

**Middle** - flight line and HSL camp - Mike Malherbe, Guy Brand, Don Farrar, Jack Murphy, Kevin Weston

**Bottom** - it is not all about flying - social evening at the White Bull Hotel

All photos this page from Kevin Weston



took out the first half of the field. Wild card was Scott Johnson from Lismore, a very accomplished thermal flier, who placed 7th flying a lightweight 3.2m Viator. I flew the same model. I had some good flights, but suffered from outlandings in the wind without ballast. Garry Wilks from Lismore also flew the same model.

Klaus Metzger won E-RES flying one of Lasislav's Slovakian Eli models. Mike Malherbe came second flying the same model. The Eli was the popular model with 6 of them flying in the event.

I came third flying a Radian, so there is encouragement for all you Radian fliers; you can join in E-RES and still be competitive flying a Radian, even without spoilers!

Watch for the growth of this popular E-RES, and watch for the 42nd Sailplane Expo in 2022.



**Top Left** - Jack Murphy with Infinity. Jack was a great help to Hutton in running the event. **Centre** - Mike Malherbe (2nd E-RES, 3rd F5J) flying, Guy brand timing. (Kevin Weston photos) **Right** - a contingent from the Appin club thoroughly enjoyed the event, and helped returning flier, Craig Harrison from Newcastle - here Ivar Stromberg flying, Barry Burke amazed at Ivar's flying!



Alan Lowe and son Matthew snapped at an earlier Sailplane Expo when it was mostly winch launch. Alan has been in the event since the beginning!



Alan and son Matthew - back again this year. Matthew flies well in F5J, recently taking out an HSL event. This time suffered power problems.

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9	Rnd10	Rnd11	Rnd12	Rnd13	Rnd14
1	WARMAN, Clive	11189.1	100.00	11189.1 Time Height Landing Over75m	1000.0 9:55 96m 50	831.2 8:08 106m 50	1000.0 9:52 75m 45	*0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	1000.0 9:55 166m 50	177.7 3:03 186m 0	9:55	1000.0 9:34 101m 40	969.9 9:56 144m 40	1000.0 9:57 178m 50	7:59 187m	822.1 9:01 177m 5	875.7 9:58 174m 0	512.5 5:25 164n 45
2	ODDY, Hutton	10025.6	89.60	10242.4 Time Height Landing Over75m	338.4 3:12 103m 50	1000.0 9:59 121m 45	*216.8 2:55 90m 0	1000.0 9:55 78m 30	1000.0 9:57 134m 40	487.8 3:31 133m 5	154m	1000.0 9:56 109m 5	1000.0 9:49 73m 45	1000.0 7:15 134m 25	470.2 4:55 132m 35	1000.0 9:57 171m 45	341.9 4:05 123m 10	404.8 4:52 129n
3	MALHERBE, Mike	9809.1	87.67	9809.1 Time Height Landing Over75m	720.2 7:08 135m 45 -	981.1 9:44 123m 50	984.4 9:49 140m 50	711.6 7:03 112m 50	733.1 7:32 170m 45	225.1 3:21 174m 0		906.3 9:50 127m 15 -	1000.0 9:49 115m 50	638.7 4:32 142m 50	0m	447.1 3:10 156m 40	965.6 9:51 139m 40	1000.0 9:48 112n 30
4	SAFARIK, Ladislav	9737.7	87.03	10051.5 Time Height Landing Over75m	964.8 9:57 132m 45 -	390.2 4:47 129m 20	391.9 4:52 131m 0 -	485.1 5:07 136m 30	735.7 7:54 173m 30	1000.0 9:01 169m 50	200m	1000.0 9:49 73m 45	458.3 5:36 128m 0	947.7 5:36 128m 0 -	921.0 7:58 163m 0	572.4 3:41 152m 25	*313.8 4:02 119m 0	908.0 9:5: 204n 50
5	LEITCH, David	9660.9	86.34	9660.9 Time Height Landing Over75m	1000.0 9:51 156m 50	446.5 5:14 123m 0 -	1000.0 9:56 136m 50	1000.0 9:52 165m 45	329.8 3:41 166m 50	995.1 8:31 252m 50	197m	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	514.6 5:25 125m 45	1000.0 6:25 196m 0		789.6 5:20 171m 0	938.2 9:53 184m 30	*0.0 0:00 0n Yes
6	FARRAR, Don	9567.5	85.51	9785.7 Time Height Landing Over75m	769.1 7:57 188m 50	901.9 9:54 147m 40	400.0 4:45 132m 10	755.2 8:03 162m 30	366.5 3:51 150m 50	*218.2 3:23 185m 0	9:57	889.5 9:20 147m 45 -	957.0 9:44 155m 50	429.2 5:20 161m 0	927.0 9:31 181m 40	1000.0 6:49 219m 45	452.3 5:01 170m 40	719.8 7:4 1711 4
7	JOHNSON, Scott	9388.0	83.90	9499.0 Time Height Landing Over75m	632.3 6:09 126m 50	1000.0 9:48 135m 45	597.8 6:01 131m 50	*111.0 2:15 143m 0	255.3 2:33 115m 50	553.8 6:13 185m 0	6:21	990.2 9:40 144m 50	620.9 7:15 133m 0	671.8 5:30 132m 0	9:52	454.5 3:08 156m 25	1000.0 9:58 129m 50	1000.9 9:5 1221 5
8	JORDAN, Garry	9270.8	82.86	9510.3 Time Height Landing Over75m	489.9 5:18 151m 50 -	760.4 7:31 142m 50	901.3 9:57 162m 0	911.6 9:14 187m 45 -	*239.5 2:46 149m 45	510.4 5:15 193m 40	155m	836.2 9:57 230m 50	958.7 9:54 173m 50	240.5 2:42 135m 0		352.9 3:02 124m 0	856.9 9:58 196m 0	874.1 4:3 1651 1
9	STEVENSON, Phil	9193.7	82.17	9328.9 Time Height Landing Over75m	288.1 3:34 174m 45	318.8 3:38 154m 45	972.9 9:57 170m 45	884.6 9:01 181m 40	*135.2 2:29 146m 0	189.2 5:02 248m 0	8:13	933.5 9:56 190m 25	900.6 9:37 185m 50	771.8 4:56 199m 25	203m	739.7 5:27 191m 20	1000.0 9:55 158m 50	948.9 9:5 1681 4

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10	METZGER, Klaus	9004.5	80.48	9004.5 Time Height Landing Over75m	289.8 4:16 211m 50	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	957.5 9:55 142m 50	935.2 9:53 190m 50	717.2 9:57 230m 0	1000.0 5:42 171m 50	178m	869.6 9:55 215m 40	779.3 9:11 177m 0	758.3 5:48 180m 40	5:43 191m	8:12 198m	928.6 9:56 192m 40	Or
11	SPAIN, David	8989.2	80.34	8989.2 Time Height Landing Over75m	631.0 7:01 183m 45 -	878.5 9:57 182m 40	581.3 6:11 160m 45	953.1 9:48 139m 40	351.4 3:59 173m 45	667.2 4:08 167m 40	163m	812.8 9:49 217m 20	915.5 9:48 182m 50	301.1 3:44 142m 15	151m	2:52 149m	*0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	172r 4
12	MURPHY, Jack	8977.1	80.23	9171.8 Time Height Landing Over75m	754.8 8:07 178m 50	735.3 8:31 198m 45	844.0 9:51 170m 0	584.3 6:36 144m 0	*194.7 3:03 144m 0	865.2 4:59 160m 25	165m	935.2 9:56 138m 0	314.2 4:26 159m 0		7:12	4:28	994.7 9:46 136m 45	
13	GILLOTT, Mel	8962.3	80.10	9199.7 Time Height Landing Over75m	381.0 4:43 137m 0 -	939.0 9:58 134m 0 -	559.7 5:35 113m 45 -	965.9 9:52 142m 45	656.4 7:39 173m 0 -	787.2 5:21 198m 0	459.1 5:54 192m 0 -	904.8 9:43 177m 0	920.0 9:58 126m 0	514.3 6:42 210m 15	5:09 176m	5:29		428.8 5:3 192n
14	BRAND, Guy	8803.4	78.68	9024.7 Time Height Landing Over75m	331.7 4:27 198m 30 -	909.8 9:54 159m 0	971.2 9:58 154m 35 -	539.3 6:23 149m 0	537.4 7:21 222m 30	287.1 4:17 223m 0	913.7 9:59 171m 0	919.5 9:48 171m 0	254.4 4:33 207m 0	*221.3 2:39 191m 0	9:50	204m	829.5 9:59 210m 15	
15	LOWE, Matt	8670.1	77.49	8670.1 Time Height Landing Over75m	1000.0 9:54 91m 45	1000.0 9:54 35m 45	1000.0 9:55 125m 40	997.4 9:55 121m 50	1000.0 9:55 155m 50	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	9:59 107m 0	950.6 9:10 131m 35	9:59 111m	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0m 0	5:14 137m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	On
16	BENGTSON, Evan	8627.0	77.10	8627.0 Time Height Landing Over75m	682.9 7:50 171m 0	551.8 5:20 96m 50	939.9 9:55 153m 45	1000.0 9:52 120m 40	302.2 3:39 175m 40	732.3 4:53 173m 0		0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	143m 45		9:54 218m 50	5:58 178m	985.0 9:57 149m 35	
17	LEWIS, Daniel	7835.9	70.03	7835.9 Time Height Landing Over75m	625.1 6:56 170m 40	782.5 8:50 175m 0 -	754.0 9:57 215m 0	967.6 9:55 156m 50	190.4 2:29 171m 45	596.2 6:34 184m 0		856.9 9:51 198m 20	952.7 9:59 190m 50	324.0 2:51 156m 0	9:58	5:51	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	On
18	PINE, Peter	7486.7	66.91	7486.7 Time Height Landing Over75m	946.1 9:50 147m 45	288.8 3:48 97m 0	929.1 9:36 128m 45	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	317.9 3:55 148m 0	9:51	919.7 9:46 143m 35	937.2 9:44 128m 40	688.3 4:57 123m 35	4:08 127m	146m	9:57	*0.( 0:0 0r Ye

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19	WHITEHOUSE, Phillip	7347.6	65.67	7478.3 Time Height Landing Over75m	507.5 5:55 104m 0	317.9 3:43 75m 0 -	503.1 6:43 205m 0	864.3 9:21 159m 25 -	*130.7 2:48 187m 0 -	666.7 4:18 140m 0	463.5 5:53 185m 0	282.8 3:29 140m 30	867.6 9:59 189m 0	879.1 7:07 163m 0	575.5 5:21 148m 35		221.7 3:35 179m 0	
20	WILKES, Garry	6940.9	62.03	6940.9 Time Height Landing Over75m	*0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	786.0 9:06 185m 35	672.2 7:09 142m 45	547.8 7:34 211m 0 -	145.9 3:47 215m 0 -	813.8 4:32 165m 40	313.8 4:28 177m 0 -	914.0 9:52 185m 0	412.6 5:29 165m 0	402.4 3:03 185m 25	419.4 5:02 193m 0	7:13	167.8 4:45 245m 45	158
21	BURKE, Barry	6356.8	56.81	6547.7 Time Height Landing Over75m	637.4 7:55 189m 0 -	522.9 8:31 232m 10 -	365.1 5:17 202m 0	222.9 3:04 183m 35 -	256.1 3:15 158m 30	526.9 4:04 165m 0	407.0 4:22 160m 40	763.0 9:48 232m 25	833.2 9:42 195m 0	*190.9 3:03 153m 0	454.1 4:04 167m 35		284.5 3:52 207m 50	199
22	WESTON, Kevin	6204.0	55.45	6204.0 Time Height Landing Over75m	504.6 6:39 199m 0	257.9 2:50 109m 35 -	901.4 9:54 146m 0	766.5 8:41 192m 0 -	435.1 5:54 202m 0	1000.0 8:07 235m 0	498.2 8:05 235m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0	125.5 3:03 211m 25	0.0 0:00 0m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0		920.3 9:56 198m 40	189
23	THOMPSON, Roger	5629.3	50.31	5802.0 Time Height Landing Over75m	*172.7 2:45 125m 0 -	652.5 7:41 184m 0 -	355.5 4:56 181m 0 -	233.4 3:12 187m 35 -	328.3 3:33 157m 50	513.9 3:26 167m 35	790.2 9:42 210m 0	211.3 3:15 159m 0 -	204.7 3:02 151m 15	559.2 3:08 155m 50	479.7 4:13 143m 25			
24	VIRTUE, Nigel	4478.6	40.03	4478.6 Time Height Landing Over75m	636.9 7:06 186m 45 -	976.9 9:39 108m 45 -	888.2 9:55 173m 0	686.2 7:57 193m 0 -	344.5 4:28 185m 20	517.1 4:01 165m 0	428.8 5:40 198m 0 -	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0		0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0
25	STROMBERG, Ivar	4388.7	39.22	4548.6 Time Height Landing Over75m	202.2 3:33 186m 0	440.4 5:06 168m 35	571.2 6:44 154m 0	346.4 4:13 160m 30	595.6 6:31 186m 40	*159.9 2:39 156m 0	226.4 3:34 169m 0	211.2 3:18 203m 30	230.8 3:18 182m 30	418.1 3:24 168m 0	284.7 3:40 161m 0	203.7 2:13 145m 0	335.0 4:09 197m 45	161
26	HARRISON, Craig	4022.2	35.95	4022.2 Time Height Landing Over75m	216.7 2:52 100m 0	236.5 3:26 118m 0 -	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	588.8 6:27 121m 0 -	764.8 7:57 136m 25	171.8 2:20 106m 0	343.7 4:14 173m 20	599.8 6:49 142m 0 -	565.7 6:49 142m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0			268.2 3:46 139m 0	
27	CLIFFORD, Tom	3689.5	32.97	3689.5 Time Height Landing Over75m	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	418.2 5:26 164m 0	416.1 5:16 151m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	316.3 3:50 161m 30	542.6 3:52 158m 0	201.9 3:35 199m 0	394.0 4:29 164m 35	210.9 3:29 166m 0	239.2 3:34 161m 0	479.7 4:05 177m 50	166m	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	

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28	BUDNIAK, Robert	3273.6	29.26	3273.6	500.4	811.7	692.6	437.1	238.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*0.0	174.0	419.4
				Time Height Landing Over75m	5:36 158m 40 -	9:43 208m 0 -	7:22 151m 30 -	5:20 140m 0 -		0:00 0m 0 Yes		0:00 0m 0 Yes	0:00 0m 0 Yes			0m 0	39m 0	
29	LEWIS, Michael	831.3	7.43	831.3 Time Height Landing Over75m	540.9 6:00 161m 25 -	290.4 3:53 145m 20	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0:00	0.0 0:00 0m 0	0.0 0:00 0m 0	0:00		0:00	0:00	0:00 0m 0
30	COMER, Late	0.0	0.00	0.0 Time Height Landing Over75m	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0.0 0:00 0m 0	0:00		0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes		0.0 0:00 0m 0 Yes	0:00 0m 0	0:00 0m 0	0:00 0m 0

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#### Hutton Oddy's "Non-sense" Glider

The Sense with the "non-sense" wing is 3.85m wingspan. The SynerJ series foils that start with 70k Re section in centre and decrease from the root to the tip - 30kRe section.. The core is blue foam, bagged with 39g/m^2 carboline.

I have made a few wings to the same specs for the El Nino. I made this one to suit the Sense fuselage, which is significantly better (stronger) and easier to see (with a much larger fin) than the El Nino.

The motor is a Tenshock 1515-15T with Reisenhauer 5:1 micro gearbox and 35amp Talon ESC. The prop is 13x8 Aeromodelis - model weighs same as normal Sense ~1250g and flies just as well.



Popular model in the E-RES event, taking the first two places - the Eli from Slovakia, available from Ladislav Safarik.



Brave Queensland contingent also flew in E-RES. David Spain with an ElektroPro, Gary Jordan with a PicaRES and Evan Bengtson flying an Eli. 8th, 20th and 4th respectively. QLD is hosting a range of stand-alone E-RES events in 2021. See p. 12

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STROMBERG, Ivar

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Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7
1	METZGER, Klaus	5891	100.00	6334	1000	1000	*443	991	1000	966	934
				Time Landing	4:55 20	4:49 0	2:21 0	4:55 20	4:55 0	4:27 20	4:57 0
2	MALHERBE, Mike	5825	98.88	6244	884	*419	994	1000	1000	1000	947
				Time Landing	5:17 0	1:54 20		4:58 20	4:35 0	4:37 20	4:41 20
3	PINE, Peter	5574	94.62	5574	1000	961	984	734	895	1000	*0
				Time Landing	5:00 20	4:36 20		3:54 0	4:24 0	4:43 20	0:00 0
4	BENGTSON, Evan	5450	92.51	6007	625	*557	1000	1000	1000	825	1000
				Time Landing	2:50 0	2:41 0	5:01 20	4:59 20	5:00 20	3:45 20	4:58 20
5	ODDY, Hutton	5441	92.36	6055	636	958	1000	1000	847	*614	1000
				Time Landing	2:33 20	4:17 20		4:55 20	4:10 0	3:06 0	5:00 20
6	GILLOTT, Mel	4993	84.76	5614	*621	997	956	702	978	653	707
				Time Landing	2:49 0	4:59 20		3:21 20	4:53 20	3:14 0	3:20 20
7	SAFARIK, Ladislav	4961	84.21	5520	*559	1000	922	564	988	751	736
				Time Landing	2:56 0	4:48 20		2:40 20	4:56 20	2:53 20	3:29 20
8	SPAIN, David	4927	83.64	5317	*390	1000	963	1000	495	472	997
				Time Landing	2:03 0	5:00 20		5:02 20	2:26 0	2:23 0	4:59 20
9	WESTON, Kevin	4880	82.84	5369	540	934	925	*489	887	594	1000
				Time Landing	2:27 0	4:59 0	4:56 0	2:16 20	3:44 20	2:40 20	4:51 20
10	THOMPSON, Roger	4856	82.43	5356	913	599	*500	975	863	809	697
				Time Landing	4:32 20	2:53 0		4:50 20	4:16 20	3:28 0	3:23 20
11	VIRTUE, Nigel	4851	82.35	4851	1000	974	978	928	971	0	*0

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#### eRES Expo - Overall Results

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eRES Expo - Overall Results

[Armidale 23/01/2021]

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7
13	BURKE, Barry	4736	80.39	5145	783	740	666	858	*409	980	709
				Time Landing	3:13 20	3:28 20	3:13 20	4:13 20	2:11 0	4:31 20	3:47 0
14	STEVENSON, Phil	4717	80.07	5063	673	789	1000	1000	535	720	*346
				Time Landing	3:12 20	3:28 20	5:00 20	4:58 20	2:27 0	2:45 20	1:50 0
15	FARRAR, Don	4578	77.71	5048	528	575	781	*470	941	790	963
				Time Landing	2:29 20	2:57 0	3:49 20	2:08 20	4:41 20	3:23 0	4:48 20
16	CLIFFORD, Tom	4575	77.66	5004	*429	922	708	464	916	781	784
				Time Landing	2:15 0	5:05 0	3:25 20	2:08 20	3:52 20	3:32 20	4:11 0
17	BUDNIAK, Robert	4351	73.86	4853	928	848	919	611	505	*502	540
				Time Landing	4:57 0	3:45 20	4:54 0	3:15 0	2:29 0	2:29 0	2:48 0
18	WHITEHOUSE, Phillip	4211	71.48	4716	768	591	728	581	*505	848	695
				Time Landing	4:02 0	3:02 0	3:53 0	2:43 20	2:19 0	3:52 20	3:41 0
19	LEWIS, Michael	4175	70.87	4666	916	713	*491	841	519	614	572
				Time Landing	5:07 0	3:06 20	2:37 0	4:05 20	2:46 0	2:46 20	3:02 0
20	JORDAN, Garry	3961	67.24	4430	791	500	654	717	509	790	*469
				Time Landing	4:13 0	2:34 0	3:28 0	3:26 20	2:00 20	3:03 20	2:06 20
21	HARRISON, Craig	3718	63.11	3718	381	588	978	*0	771	492	508
				Time Landing	2:00 0	2:30 20	4:52 20	0:00 0	3:32 0	2:29 0	2:38 0
22	LEWIS, Daniel	2378	40.37	2378	0	347	492	997	542	0	*0
				Time Landing	0:00 0	1:47 0	2:37 0	4:57 20	2:20 20	0:00 0	0:00 0

#### **Comments about E-RES**

**Kevin Weston says:** At the Armidale Sailplane Expo we held 5 E-RES rounds with 22 competitors in near perfect conditions. In my opinion the E-RES format was a great success and is worth considering going forward.

The general differences that I noticed is between Millennium Cup and E-RES competition were:

1. We get through more rounds in E-RES

2. The E-RES format is harder due to the 100m limit BUT you only need to stay up for less time so it somewhat balances out.

3. The 10m radius landing spot somewhat takes away landing skill rewards (even though I still missed the spot plenty of times).

**Barry Burke says:** I would have to agree Kev. I was not sure about the lower launch height and shorter time but it did seem to work very well.

**Phil Stevenson says:** I am not sure we get more flying with E-RES with group scoring. In fact I think we get more flights in a day with the Millennium Cup sequential flight system.

Klaus Metzger says: I like the 5min / 100m concept. It's not that easy.

#### E-RES landing table by Gerry Carter

The AEFA had discussions with Gerry about using Gliderscore for the new E-RES event The crucial issue was how to score the 20 point landing bonus. Gerry made these suggestions:

I suggest that you make a new eRES landing table. Go to the Main Menu -> Master Files -> Landings.

Add a new Landing and give it a suitable name.

Make the required entry for the points and "Save" the new table.

In the competition setup screen select eRES as the landing table.

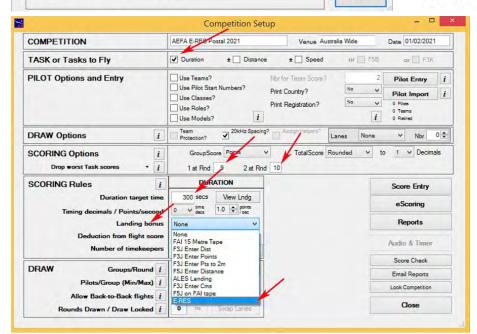
In score entry, enter either 20 to award 20 points or leave the landing value at 0 to award zero landing points.

Your Landing Table should end up like the image to the right. (Thanks Gerry)

The bottom image shows the main screen with the set-up for E-RES (note the E-RES landing option is already installed). The dropper at round 8 and 9 is to do with the AEFA postal event, where two rounds are dropped at the end of the year.

Modify your Glidersore file with Gerry's suggestions and you are all set to score E-RES; watch for the upcoming events!

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Ross Ginder Moderator - 12h - 3 F5j /ERES 2021 competition dates. F5i 20/21 March. TBA 15/16 May. TBA 24/25 July. Monto 11/12 September. Dalby 20/21 November Munbilla. ERES 20. February. Warwick 25 April. Munbilla 12 June. Kingarov Marybough 21 August. 24 October. Munbilla.

> See the chart above for E-RES events scheduled in QLD and F5J events as well. Watch the F5j Qld Series Facebook page for more information.

#### LSF Considering E-RES

The Jerilderie tournament this year is in the planning stage. The LSF is considering alternate rounds of F3J (team selection trial), F5J and E-RES.

Watch for the announcements about the event!

Millennium Cup 2021 Rnd 1 - Overall Results

[Goulburn 21/02/2021]

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Rank	Name	Club	Score	Pcnt	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8
1	MURPHY, Jack	HSL	2807	100.00	408	409	381	413	414	200	414	368
2	STEVENSON, Phil	HSL	2753	98.08	334	415	254	431	387	385	384	417
3	METZGER, Klaus	HSL	2695	96.01	383	411	282	420	210	396	416	387
4	MANWAERING, Grant		2694	95.97	364	387	430	390	393	386	344	207
5	CEO, Marc	HSL	2676	95.33	385	291	398	406	247	429	373	394
6	WADESON, Dave	HSL	2620	93.34	247	403	422	278	198	419	425	426
7	BUDNIAK, Robert		2506	89.28	223	349	406	376	391	219	382	379
8	BURKE, Barry		2465	87.82	287	318	215	437	437	276	295	415
9	SAFARIK, Les	HSL	2301	81.97	383	357	380	200	231	405	345	200
10	WHITEHOUSE, Phillip		2047	72.92	370	286	204	212	385	191	276	314
11	STROMBERG, Ivar		2045	72.85	0	196	403	277	387	241	384	157
12	WOODWARD, Ken	HSL	2032	72.39	300	290	273	385	397	184	203	139
13	SMITH, Trevor	HSL	1447	51.55	379	190	190	275	0	210	0	203
14	HEMMING, Ty		1397	49.77	93	160	148	103	300	430	140	116
15	FUNKE, Rob		1387	49.41	159	195	326	0	195	146	237	129
16	LODDEN, Fred	HSL	5	0.18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Millennium Cup First Round - Goulburn

The first event for the Millennium Cup in 2021 has already been held at Goulburn on 21 February in extremely calm conditions. Any breeze that occurred was from the East, but changed sometimes during the day. 16 fliers competed in the event.

The winner was Jack Murphy from the HSL club, second was Phil Stevenson for Macquarie Silent Soarers, and third was Klaus Metzger also from HSL. See the full schedule for the rest of the year to the right.



Winners at Goulburn for first round of the Millennium Cup 2021 - a new trophy has been created by Klaus for the series - see Millennium Cup Facebook page for details.

#### Millennium Cup Schedule 2021

21 February	Goulburn
11 April	Lake George
16 May	Appin
25-26 Sept.	Cootamundra
17 October	Heathcote Soaring League
14 November	Nowra

#### Electric & Glider FLIGHT Australia - No.27- February 2021



Ross Ginder shared a link.

#### ELECTRIC LAUNCH 2M GLIDER Saturday 20 February 2021 Hosted by Warwick Aero Modelers Inc. At their club field located at Old Stanthorpe Rd, Warwick. Check their website for more map details www.wamgld.com/home

The event will be run on Saturday with a Pilot briefing at 9.30 am, with flying to commence at 10.00am. This is a low key event aimed at introducing pilots to Electric Launch Gliders. The event will be run loosely to the ERES rules but these will not be strictly enforced. The rules will be discussed at the briefing and experienced pilots will be there to assist in timing, flight trimming if necessary and guidance on the rules. The event is normally limited to 2M built up models with Rudder, Elevator, Spoilers (optional) and Motor control but we will happily accept build up gliders up to 2.6M span in this event. The models are normally equipped with altitude launch limiting devices but if you don't have one of these don't let that stop you joining in.

Entry Fee is \$20.00 per pilot Payable on the day and MAAA membership is required.

The WAM club will have a BBQ lunch available on the day and understand the club is open on Sunday for normal sport flying. Enquiries, Please contact Ross on 0409 614 319 or Evan on 0416 193 279



#### Queensland E-Glider

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QLD has created a series of glider events for 2021. A basic E-glider event series has been established in parallel with an F5J series - see the list of events to the right.

It is a modified E-RES event as models up to 2.6m are permitted, and height devices are not mandated. It is good E-glider activity and is to be encouraged. See the details in Ross Ginder's post to the left.

The first event has been held at Warwick with 7 competitors in windy conditions (over 20 km/hr). The winner was David Vels flying a Monarch Ascension, second place was Evan Bengtson flying an Eli and third was David Spain flying an ElektroProRES.

See Evan Bengtson's post to the right, listing all the events. Note the intention to encourage new fliers and assist them in mastering flying and competition skills - an approach to be commended.

- F5J Qld entries fee has been \$30 per entrant per event. We can maintain that or increase it to \$40 and build the reserve which will allow us to buy new equipment when it is required. Items such as the Laptop, speakers and printers won't last indefinitely. \$10 per entrant will still go to the host club.
- RES entries will be \$20 per event, with \$10 also going to the host club.
- The intent of the RES events, particularly those at Warwick, Kingaroy and Maryborough is to encourage and support local members and other newcomers to join in. These events will not be flown to the letter of the law rules. We would allow built up RES models up to 2600 span.
   Experienced modelers to assist in trimming, timing and flying tips. Height devices will not be essential but heights will be guided by other models and the experienced fliers. This is all about participation and having them taste the event and competition style.

#### 2021 QUEENSLAND F5J SERIES

23-25 January Armidale?/ Munbilla ? 20/21 March Munbilla 15/16 May TBC (Dalby) 24/25 July Monto 11/12 Sept TBC (Dalby) 20/21 Nov Munbilla 2021 QLD F5RES 21/22 Feb TBC (Warwick) 25 April MRSSA Munbilla Club day 12/13 June TBC (Kingaroy) 21/22 Aug TBC (Maryborough) 24 Oct MRSSA Munbilla Club day Looking forward to great flying events this year.

#### Electric & Glider FLIGHT Australia - No.27- February 2021



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

### **RCGA** News

Events have started again in Victoria; E-RES in January - a combined F5K and E-RES event. See the E-RES results right -F5K on the next page. Comments were:

It was the inaugural Victorian F5K and 2MeRES events and it was an excellent day.

It was windy, blowing 6-7m/s with gusts up to 10m/s, but there was lots of lift around so it made it a little easier. The 2M eRES models, although being relatively simple, were surprisingly efficient and handled the conditions well. Typical weights with ballast were around 630 -650g.

The F5K models were all moulded and handled the wind with ease. Lots of good scores were recorded. The 2 events alternated throughout the day.

F5K results next page. Also - the first F5J event for this year on the next two pages.

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2mERES 17Jan2021 - Overall Results [Diggers Rest 17/01/2021]

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9	Rnd10	Rnd11	Rnd12	Rnd13	Rnd14
1	STENT, Marcus	12834	100.00	13629	*795	1000	1000	991	1000	1000	1000	1000	929	1000	1000	1000	914	1000
				Time Landing	2:34 20	5:00 20	5:00 20	4:57 20	5:00 20		5:00 20	5:01 20	4:34 0	5:01 20	5:01 20	5:02 20		
2	MAYHEW, Alan	11357	88.49	11825	1000		981	1000		655	997	658	*468	934	1000	833	902	938
				Time Landing	3:19 20	4:20 20	4:54 20	5:00 20	2:47 20	3:23 0	4:59 20	3:10 20	1:58 20		4:59 20	4:25 0	3:20 20	
3	WILSON, Bob	10184	79.35	10579	735	788	722	828	438	510	997	806	1000	520	*395	918	1000	922
				Time Landing	2:21 20	4:12 0	3:31 20	4:05 20	2:00 20	2:28 10	4:59 20	3:57 20	4:35 20			4:32 20		-
4	PRATLEY, David	9784	76.24	10087	676	513	900	681	997	*303	938	542	400	928	752	965	561	93 <sup>-</sup>
				Time Landing	2:08 20	2:24 20	4:28 20	3:38 0	4:59 20	1:24 10	4:40 20	2:53 0	1:58 0	4:56 0	4:00 0	4:47 20		4:5

For more news from RCGA, go to their web site at: http://www.rcga.org.au

Check with organisers re proposed events on web site



#### **Pionyr Vintage Glider** by Noel Roshier

Noel hails from the Melbourne based VARMS club and has decided on a foray in to Vintage electric glider, a new class being developed by the AEFA. The class calls for a glider pre-1957 design glider that can be converted to electric power and flown in an EOT event (postal event and at the NEFR).

Noel went looking for a design that had a good aerofoil section (flat bottom, 30% camber or less), and easy wing planform to build, a reasonably long tail moment with largish fin, a reasonable sized tailplane and the whole easy to cover. From a short list, Noel chose the 1948 design Pionyr. There is a comprehensive article by Noel on the build of this model in the VARMS Aspectivity e-magazine, February 2021 edition. If the model interests you and you would like to read more, go here: https://varms.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Aspectivity\_202102.pdf

The model has flown successfully, and if you would like to watch a video of the first successful flight, go here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42TkYcG5vl8

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Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Score	AllUp 4:00*3	AllUp 4:00*3	AllUp 4:00*3
1	MILLWARD, David	2925	100.00	2925	925	1000	1000
				Time	7:40 1:47 1:53	11:28 3:28 4:00	11:0 4:00 3:0
				Flights/#	4:00	4:00	4:0
				Heights	67 59 39	53 71 71	60 60 6
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2	STENT, Marcus	2597	88.79	2597	1000	708	88
				Time	8:22	8:00	9:
				Flights/#	1:01 3:21 4:00	0:00 4:00 4:00	4:00 1:: 4:0
				Heights	59 60 61	0 59 69	60 60 6
				LndgOut	nnn	y n n	n n
3	BLACKBURN, Hugh	2437	83.32	2437	879	721	83
				Time	7:46	8:00	9:
				Flights/#	1:52 1:54 4:00	0:00 4:00 4:00	3:47 2: 3:
				Heights	65 64 72	0 60 60	60 60 (
				LndgOut	nnn	y n n	nn
4	RYAN, Gary	1300	44.44	1300	664	90	54
				Time	5:42	1:00	6:
				Flights/#	0:00 1:42 4:00	0:00 1:00 0:00	2:30 1: 2:
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#### F5K 17Jan2021 - Overall Results

[Diggers Rest 17/01/2021]

#### F5J in Victoria - February 2021

Victoria also recommenced F5J events, with 9 fliers It was an excellent day's flying in windy and tricky conditions. A big thanks to Clive Warman from NSW for coming along and joing in and also to Max Kroger for timing all day and allowing us to complete 8 rounds in the day. Thank you! Congratulations to all the pilots who placed, they all had to work hard throughout the day and had some great flights.

!st Dave Milward 2nd Daniel Haskell 3rd Hugh Blackburn

Results and photo next page www.GliderScore.com

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## F5J Diggers Feb - Overall Results [Diggers 7/02/2021]

Rank	Name	Ctry	RegnNo	Club	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8
1	MILWARD, David	AUS			6965.0	100.00	6965.0	1000.0	1000.0	965.0	1000.0	*0.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
2	HASKELL, Daniel	AUS			6783.0	97.39	7446.8	921.3	967.6	*663.8	1000.0	894.1	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
3	BLACKBURN, Hugh				6680.4	95.91	7249.0	913.2	1000.0	*568.6	948.3	845.8	978.2	994.9	1000.0
4	STENT, Marcus	AUS			6615.8	94.99	7217.6	975.2	945.3	1000.0	767.7	*601.8	966.8	992.8	968.0
5	WARMAN, Clive	AUS			6452.9	92.65	6868.6	788.7	952.7	976.7	814.9	952.3	*415.7	976.6	991.0
6	PRATLEY, David	AUS			6433.3	92.37	6907.3	888.4	974.1	1000.0	*474.0	891.7	983.8	957.6	737.7
7	MAYHEW, Alan	AUS			6106.1	87.67	6106.1	911.9	963.3	*0.0	978.3	954.1	628.8	989.2	680.5
8	WILSON, Bob	AUS			5429.3	77.95	5978.8	963.7	684.2	704.9	861.1	1000.0	646.5	*549.5	568.9
9	HOUDALAKIS, Jim	AUS			5219.9	74.94	5219.9	1000.0	821.5	805.7	669.7	0.0	978.2	944.8	*0.0



#### **CAD Drawn Plans**

#### by John Torrance

I have been doing a lot of CAD conversions of older glider plans. I don't know if anyone has any interest in such as building in balsa is not high on modellers' agenda these days. Shown here are the latest plans, which are based on the Olympic 650 glider converted to electric. It is a great flyer.

This model was my original 7 cell glider from the 90's but I much later redesigned the fuselage to take a narrow nosed Hyperion motor, and extended the nose to get the battery forward to balance without the need for heaps of lead in the nose. The tail was made smaller as it flies the same as the original much larger original tail version; this tail is lighter and less prone to warping. This plan has been widened at the motor area to take a 28mm outrunner as the Hyperion motor is not available any more.

The original 90's Lite Ply fuse was totally stress cracked and knackered so it was junked. I still fly this combination today with my original 90's wing and it still flies very well.

I also have a version of this aircraft with the AG 35 bubble dancer wing section. It is one I intend to build in the near future. The plans are full scale and on each plan there is a 150mm long scale on the drawing showing each 10mm. This will allow you to check the drawing is printed at the right size.

The drawings are long at 1160mm x 560mm from the corner marks and should print out correctly if the plan printer knows their job. (Ed. I have had PDF plans successfully printed at Officeworks)

Yes these drawings are free to use. I do them to keep my brain working. I will not print them out on my CAD plotter as the ink cartridges are no longer available. I have only one cartridge left for it and I cannot justify the cost of a new accurate new plotter now that I am not using it to make a living.

If you have anyone looking for drawings I have done a lot of other models, mostly converted for electrics - available for use by anyone:

• **The Gentle Lady** both glider and electric with a far stronger wing construction.

• **The Sagitta 600** for electric motors, which was built by a friend in Victoria and almost flew out of site on maiden flight.

• **The Olympic Two** ,2.5 metre glider, (which I also have a version using the AG 35 wing section).

• Joe Bridi's Big Birdy, which was a glider I flew in the seventies. The plans were impossible to find but I had the wing rib drawings and scratch drew the plane from pictures like I did for the Le Crate, at 100 inch wingspan. The original was a real floater and strong. • My version of the Phoenix Liberty 2 metre Electric Glider ARF formerly sold by Model Engines which was a good flyer but with a very frail structure as constructed by the factory. I had one for years but it started to fall apart. I have made the structure stronger and simplified the fiddly fuselage structure.

(Ed. - if you are interested in plans drawn by John (see sample next page), send me an e-mail and I will give you contact details)

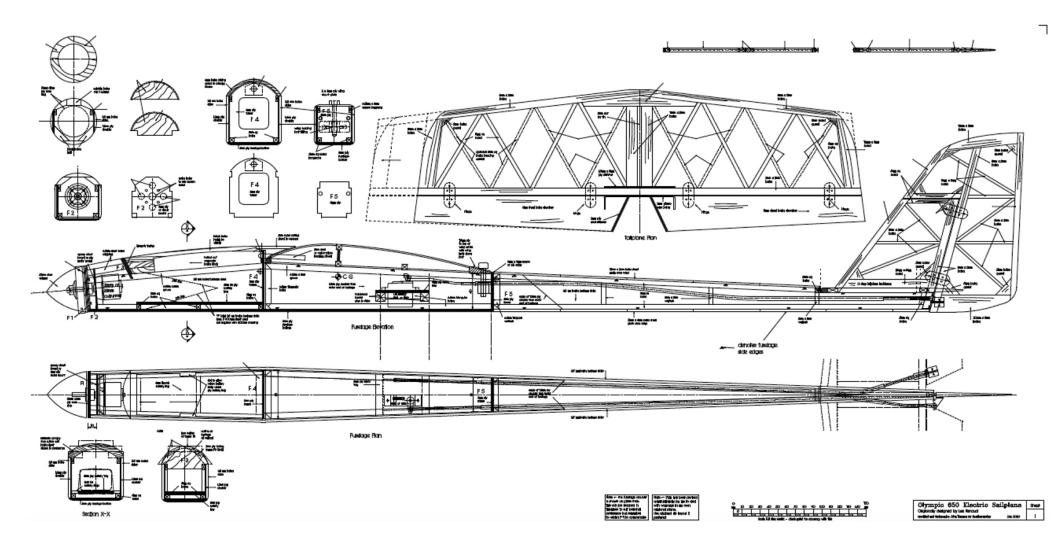
#### **E-RES Rules Amplified**

After some events were held, and in discussion with the LSF, there were some aspects of the E-RES rules that needed clarification, some for safety reasons.

The rules have not changed, but the explanation may be clearer. The latest version, the 12th iteration of the rules, is now on the AEFA web site.

See them here in the AEFA Rules Library (click on this link - it is live):

http://www.aefanet.com/images/ stories/Rules/Draft\_E-RES\_Rules\_ Master\_2021\_02\_24.pdf Sample Plan of Olympic 650 for electric power drawn by John Torrance for interest in plans, contact the editor



#### Nemesis

by Tony Meggs

Tony is the prolific electric model designer and builder from Nimbin, always with a project on the go. Here is his latest creation:

Tony says: I wanted to design an aerobatic model that didn't look like every other modern design; as they all look the pretty much the same. So I went for a "golden age" look, wanting a cross between a GeeBee and a Miles Hawk Speed Six.

It is 2m span, and 4.5kg flying weight. Motor is a Scorpion SII-4020-540 with an 80A Hifei controller. I am using a 5S 5000mAh pack. Prop is 15" X 6".

I've had 10 flights so far and no surprises or problems. I had to extend the motor stand-offs 100mm for balance reasons and build a longer cowl once I had confirmed the CG location (short cowl in photos). I haven't yet flown it with the wheel pants, as they will de-stabilize it in yaw and I want to sort out any CG and control issues first.

It is the heaviest model I have built, but flies around happily on half throttle, and looks great in the air; very smooth and stable. The elliptical wing looks particularly good in flight. Large models really do fly better!

**2021 National Electric Flight Rally** is going ahead at Cootamundra 2-5 April 2021 events have been decided and there are changes

Time to send in your entries see page 22 and the AEFA web site



#### **Read the Instructions for your ESC!**

Here is a story about ESCs. A flier contacted me with a problem with his Hifei 60A ESC; it would only increase motor speed up to about half the throttle stick movement, was low power, and would not progress to full speed. He sent it to me to try to sort it out.

I tested the ESC along with three new ESCs straight out of the packet with no programming. You can see from the chart that three of them were only developing low amps at full throttle. One performed as expected.

I tried programming them all the same with a programming card. Note that once that was done, the problem persisted!

I then set the throttle range according to the instructions that come with the Hifei ESCs (column 3 in the Hifei instructions); attach the ESC to the receiver and the motor, set the Tx throttle to full power and switch it on, connect the ESC and connect the battery (probably best conducted with no prop fitted to the motor, but the ESC does have a safety feature that prevents it powering up if the Tx throttle is advanced). The motor emits a three tone beep, then four beeps in a flat tone (the first three confirm connection, the next four are to do with throttle range setting). When the four beeps sound, lower the throttle to low. The motor will emit two more beeps to confirm that the throttle range is set for the Tx being used. The ESC is now ready for operation.

Note the difference when the ESCs were then tested again! Moral - if all else fails with your ESC, read the instructions!!

#### Hifei Speed Controller Tests

Dualsky XM3036EG-11 Motor Aero-naut 9x5" prop Thunder Power 850-3S LiPo 70/140C E-Flite Power Meter Balance charged LiPo

9-1-21 with stora	age charged batter	y 60% at start	
Problem 60A	New 45A	New 80A	New 80A
9A	13A	13A	29A

#### 10-1-21 with fully charged battery (98% charge)

Reprogrammed all units with programming card so all had the same settings – used a fully charged LiPo this time, so higher readings – same battery for each test in order left to right, so battery depleting slightly – was 76% at end of tests

Problem 60A	New 45A	New 80A	New 80A
9.5A	15.1A	14.2A	32.8A

**11-1-21** with battery 75% charged at start – was 29% charged at end of tests Each ESC had the throttle range calibration done before the test All hooked up, Tx at full throttle, connect power battery and wait for beep, then lower throttle to low end and hear another beep. Range then calibrated for that ESC and radio gear.

Problem 60A	New 45A	New 80A	New 80A
30.9A	31.9A	30.7A	31.1A

## **What is the NEFR?** National Electric Flight Rally run by the AEFA each year at Easter

The NEFR started in Armidale in 1988 modelled on the "First Electric Flight Games" held at the first World Championship for electric gliding in Belgium in 1986.

It has been held every year since (except last year before of Covid) and attracts a regular cohort of electric flying friends. It has been in operation for 32 years!

Recently I was prompted to come up with a definition of the NEFR, and this is what eventuated:

"The NEFR is a jamboree of electric flying activities for a group of friends who like to get together each year and have fun flying a range of regular events and some fun events."

The event is planned to be held again in 2021 at Cootamundra state flying field. There are several changes to the program this time and I will summarise them here:

**1. The event will be held over 4 days.** For many years it was only 3 days, but the proliferation of events has made it more relaxed if extended to have flying Monday morning as well.

**2. Extra electric pylon tasks have been added**; there is still the fast and furious foamy pylon of previous years, but now two other classes have been added to increase participation:

a. Fast Class - Foam ARF models of pusher configuration with minimum 19 sq.dm wing area (original event - rules on the AEFA web site)

b. Foamy pusher class for Bixler, EasyStar and Sky Surfer type models - your chance to race with your sports models

c. Foamy glider class, so you can race with your Radian, EasyGlider or similar foamy glider.

#### 3. E-RES replaces the Radian mass launch

**event** - the scarcity of Radians and parts, and the popularity of E-RES has prompted this change. You can still fly your Radian, and it is still a 5 minute task, but a climb height of 100m has been imposed (you will need a device) and a simple spot landing added. E-RES will actually be fairer as models with a hotter climb do not have an advantage.

**4. F5J will now be all in together with pilots ranked** in to Sportsman, Advanced and Expert instead of Open and Limited F5J. You can self nominate your rank (and negotiate with the CD) and there will be an award for each rank. **5. Range of e-gliding events** includes F5J, LEG and E-RES - something for everyone.

**6. Electric Scale will be in two classes;** one for regular Stand-off Scale models, and the other for more sporty scale models with a simpler flight program. So bring along your almost-scale models and join in this for fun!

**7. EOT events will no longer include Duration** - check the list of events on the entry form.

All details are now on the AEFA web site including the entry form; log in to: www.aefanet.com

**Submit your entry. Fees can be paid by EFT.** Please note that there will be a dinner on the field on Saturday night and this will include a brief AGM for the AEFA.

Consider nominating for the AEFA committee to have your say and give input to the development of the AEFA, which is now the MAAA SIG for electric gliding. Contact the President (or any of the executive) about submitting your nomination - see contact details on the last page of this E-magazine. Nomination form p.27.

#### Event Activity ramping Up

There are many events now planned for 2021! See all the information in this e-magazine. Note that the Sailplane Expo has already taken place with 29 competitors, and other events reported in this magazine.

#### Planned are:

2021 Open F5J International (see next page) AEFA NEFR - Easter - see p.22 QLD RES - 5 events - see p.12, 14 QLD F5J- 5 events - see p.12, 14 Millennium Cup - 6 events - see p.16 HSL - a range of events - see p.25 Australian F5J Trophy - November by the AEFA RCGA - range of events - watch web site p.15 SSL - watch this South Australian web site: www.southernsoaringleague.club

#### Events are even commencing in Europe:

CIAM - Aeromodelling Commission - 2021 FAI F5J European Championship for Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders (Seniors & Juniors).

The FAI CIAM Aeromodelling Commission has announced that - The 2021 FAI F5J European Championship for Electric Model Powered Thermal Duration Gliders (Seniors & Juniors) will be held in Szatymaz, Hungary, from the 22nd August (open Ceremony) to the 28th of August (closing Ceremony) 2021.

## AEFA Postal Events for 2021

Breaking news: E-RES will replace the Radian postal, but you can fly this event with your 2.0m Radian.

The new task broadens the number of fliers that can join in this postal, and is deemed necessary because of the lack of supply now of Radians and some of their spare parts.

EOT Duration will be dropped from the old timer range of tasks at the NEFR, but you still can fly it for the postals. See the NEFR program to determine events offered at the NEFR at Easter.

**Please note** - some changes will be in operation at the National Electric Flight Rally planned for Easter 2021 at Cootamundra.

## See NEFR details page 22 for event changes and program.

Try the new electric pylon classes Enter your nearly scale model for fun in Electric Scale!

## **Electric Flight in Australia**

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#### Mike O'Reilly Comments re Milang Event

For any glider enthusiasts thinking about coming to Milang in March for the F5J event, please have a read of the PDF on the next page, which covers cross border travel amongst other things.

Entries are building nicely with pilots coming from WA, NSW and VIC to join a strong contingent of locals.

We hope that all our borders will stay open and we can look forward to some interstate travel to RC gliding events.

See Open F5J International Next Page

## F5J australia

#### open F5J international

6-8 march 2021 milang south australia

SSL Park, Lot 1197, 9 Mile Rood, Milang, South Avstralia GPS: S 35" 22.004" E 138" 56.609 (500 metres south of Echo Park Rd intersection)

ENTRY FORM saturday 6 march 9am- 4:30pm F5J heats sunday 7 march 9am-4:30pm F5J heats monday 8 march 9am-2:30pm F5J heats & fly off rounds

#### **Competitor Details**

Name	(sumame)		(given nome)		
Contact Delaits	(mobile)		(work/home)		
Email Address		Open P5J Y / N		*Sportsmon R&J T / N	

#### Competition Specifics (2 member team/FLI)

Model Club	Requescy	
FAL / MAAA Number	Team Member (2)	

Feezr Total \$		
Open FLJ Entry Fae	\$50.00 (includes Manday BKG lunch)	
* F&J Spailsman Entry Fee	\$50.00 [includes Manday BKG lunch)	
Saturday Night Dinner at a Sin Hotel. Venue to be advised	Number of people:	

#### Payment Malkod

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The Open F5J competition will be flown strictly to current FAI rules, with 2 man teams, and flyoff rounds. The number of participants in the flyoff rounds, and the number of flyoff rounds, will be declared at the pilot briefing Saturday morning.

\* Sportsman Class is for pilots using models of less than 3 metre wing span with no other restrictions. They will fly in heats combined with FSJ pilots, will fly to the same rules, but have a separate classification. There will be no dedicated flyoff for Sportsman class. Results for Sportsman class will be determined at the end of the qualifying heats.

Pilots can only enter one class and must be a member of the MAAA. Overseas pilots must belong to an FAI affiliated organization.

Entries close Friday February 26 Please scan and return to: Robert Gunn <u>rgunn008@tpg.com.au</u>

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## F5J australia

#### open F5J international

6-8 march 2021 SSI Park, 9 Mile Road, Millang, South Australia GPS; S 35° 22.004" E 138° 56.609 (500 metres south of Echo Park Rd intersection)

#### **Update for Competitors and Visitors**

- Cross Border Travel due to the fluid nature of cross border travel restrictions, interstate
  competitors and visitors are advised to monitor this web site for the latest applicable regulations.
  <a href="https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application">https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application</a>
   At the time of
  writing, all travellers from interstate must complete a Cross Border Travel Registration form at least
  7 days prior to travel, irrespective of where you are travelling from. For information on regulations
  that may apply for your return trip, please check with your State Government, or follow the links
  under the Travelling Interstate section at this link. <a href="https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions">https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions</a>
- 2. On field COVID regulations South Australia has mandatory COVID Safe Check-In requirements to assist contact tracing in the event of an outbreak. SSL has a unique QR code which is available in the clubhouse and is accessed via the QR reader on your mobile phone, or if you have downloaded the mySAGOV app this can be used. Alternatively, you can simply sign in each day on the contact tracing form that is in the clubroom. Please help us to comply with the regulations by signing in each day. Several club members will act as Covid Marshalls, and we hope that they have no need to remind you about social distancing and general hygiene. Hand sanitiser will be available in the clubhouse and on field at the CD tent.
- 3. Catering due to a change in ownership at the Milang Bakery, combined with a large yacht race in Milang on the same weekend, the local bakery will not be bringing their van to the field on Saturday or Sunday as they have done in the past. Jennifer Whitfield, together with a small but very talented group of helpers, has offered to provide chicken & salad, or beef & salad wraps at lunchtime, for a nominal charge. These will be made fresh on both mornings, and we may take orders on the Saturday, for Sunday's lunch. We will have a BBQ with salad for lunch (included in the entry fee) on Monday. Cool drinks and water will be available for purchase on all 3 days. You can of course bring your own food and self-cater. We have a fridge, a microwave, a Nespresso coffee machine and a gas hot plate available to everyone. Please respect other people's space at all times, but especially whilst in our clubrooms.
- 4. Entries these are coming in nicely with entrants from WA, Victoria and NSW joining local members. If you have not yet entered please do as soon as possible to assist us in our event planning and catering requirements. Note that Entries close on February 26<sup>th</sup>. You can download a copy of the entry form at this link <u>http://www.southernsoaringleague.club/open-f5j-international-entry-form/</u> Copies of the draw and your personal QR code will be emailed to all competitors prior to the event to assist you. We will be using e-scoring with Gliderscore (thank you Gerry)



#### Test of Gliderkeeper by Peter Pine

Gliderkeeper is the new F5J device from Spain developed by Marta, Sergio and Javier. It does the normal height logging for motor run, but also includes an accelerometer or motion sensor to time the whole flight. There was some debate about how the device could allow for the model sliding after landing, but apparently an algorithm has been included to allow for this. I obtained one to test how well it would work.

Well, it took some sorting out. It did not work at all in my first tests, so I studied the complicated manual (if all else fails, read the instructions). The device is actually sensitive to how it is mounted, but once I had this right it worked just fine. It even gave readings on my phone as promised.

The test was to time a short flight with a stop watch and compare the time for the flight. A short flight of 1:17.8 on the stop watch delivered a Gliderkeeper reading of 1:18. Looks like it is close; good for training. More tests to come!

### HSL Calendar 2021 Version 2

Armidale Sailplane Expo	23-25 <sup>th</sup> January
https://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/	#events
Millennium Cup Goulburn	TBA Feb
<ul> <li>Summer Club Competition</li> </ul>	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Heathcote Cup HSL	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Millennium Cup Lake George	11 <sup>th</sup> April
Autumn Club Competition	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Millennium Cup Appin	16 <sup>th</sup> May
Jerilderie LSF	12-14 <sup>th</sup> June
https://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/	index.html
Winter Club Competition	22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Manila Slope Festival	3-19 <sup>th</sup> Sept
https://www.facebook.com/Mar	nillaslopefest/
Millennium Cup Cootamundra	25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Millennium Cup HSL	17 <sup>th</sup> October
• F5j Trophy AEFA Cootamundra	Begin Nov???
https://www.aefanet.com/aust-f	Si-trophy

- Millennium Cup Nowra
   14<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Spring Club Competition 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Find updates and more info for HSL events at: www.facebook.com/hslglider/events/

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## **Events Calendar Suspended**

Waiting for things to settle down For organisations to make plans for 2021

Main events coming up : F5J Open International at Milang SA in March and the NEFR at Easter in Cootamundra

Make sure you do not miss out on these chances to fly again!

#### Electric & Glider FLIGHT Australia - No.27- February 2021

#### Have your say in the Electric Gliding Special Interest Group appointed by the MAAA

Contribute your ideas and enthusiasm to the work of the AEFA The annual-general meeting is to be held at the NEFR at Easter Committee meetings are held by Zoom at 7:30pm - easy to join in and help! Nomination form below.



#### Australian Electric Flight Association Nomination for AEFA Committee 2021- 22

Positions to be filled include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and 2 x Ordinary Members. The webmaster is a coopted position. The nomination must be signed by current members of the AEFA and by the person being nominated.

I hereby nominate for the position o	I hereby nominate	for the	position o	)f
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\_\_\_\_ on the 2021 – 22 AEFA Executive Committee.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Countersigned \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated members signs to indicate acceptance of the nomination:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send nomination to AEFA Secretary, Email: charlespowell@bigpond.com Post: PO Box 4230, Knox City Centre, Wantima South. VIC 3152 by 20th April, 202.

Elections will be held and positions declared at the Annual General meeting of the AEFA to be held at the NEFR dinner.

### **Electric Glider & EOT Postal Competitions recommencing February 2021**

There are electric glider and EOT postal events each month. Mel Gillott is managing glider results in 2021. 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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