



Hi Team

Please see below the latest news about recent events, upcoming events and RC Soaring related points of interest. Down south we are hoping that Spring and then Summer will bring some better weather after months of wind and enough rain to make most flying sites soggy.

World F3K Championships

Australia sent a team to the **World F3K Championships** in the Ukraine and Marcus Stent, Jamie Cannon and Hugh Blackburn, under the guidance of Team Manager Clive Warman flew very well. In the early rounds a lot of pilots were scoring close to 1,000 points, round after round and the Aussies were right in there. In the middle rounds, conditions got tougher and the Aussies were still in the hunt. The last few rounds saw a lot of movement at the top of the Leader Board and the final results saw Marcus finish 16th (and just miss the fly-offs, and with 97.8% of the winners score), Jamie in 39th place and Hugh in 74th place. The Aussie team finished 16th out of 32 countries.

World F3B Championships

We also sent a team to the **World F3B Championships** in Jesenik, Czech Republic. F3B competitions are hard work physically with winches and batteries and lots of winch line to contend with and our small team of Tim Kullack, John Skinner and Florian Lindner, with help from Florian's parents did an awesome job. Tim finished in 12th place (and won rounds 6 & 8), John in 28th and Florian in 29th. The Australian team came 8th out of 17 countries competing. There is a very good breakdown and analysis of the scores here: <http://www.f3b-wc-2017.com/results/WorldChamp2017-Jesenik.pdf>

World GPS Triangle Soaring Championships

Australia had 2 pilots competing at the **World GPS Triangle Soaring Championships** (non FAI event). John Copeland and Kevin Jolley flew under the guidance of long time LSF supporter Joe Rufenacht. John came 34th in the Self Launching (SLS) class, 36th in the Scale class and Kevin was 42nd in the Scale class. Interestingly both classes were won by Philip Kolb, a former European Champion in F3J. Goes to show that good thermal skills are useful across all these disciplines.

2nd World F5J Challenge

More Aussies went travelling to Europe to fly F5J gliders at the **2nd World F5J Challenge** in Trnava, Slovakia. This was probably the biggest RC Soaring competition in the world this year with entries capped at 148. Les Safarik came 93rd, Don Farrar 101st and Peter Pine 130th in very challenging conditions. All the scores including flight times and motor runs can be found here: http://intertourfaif5j.com/Download/f5j_intertour_2017/2nd_F5J_WORLD_CHALLENGE_2017_soutez_completeV2.pdf Trnava will host this same event in 2018 and will be the venue for the official 1st World Championships for F5J in 2019. See below for information about this event in 2018 and the trials for the Australian team for 2019.

AUSTOUR 2018

AUSTOUR 2018 Round One will be held at Wentworth, NSW (close to Mildura, Vic) on October 7th and 8th. This is a great event at the Wentworth Racecourse organised by Darrel Blow. Details

are available on the LSF Australia web site <http://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/> or contact Darrel at darrel@bigpond.com for more information.

AUSTOUR 2018 Round Two will be held at the 38th Armidale Sailplane Expo on January 25th to 28th. A great location just out of Armidale always throws up challenging conditions from monster thermals to unbelievable sink. A great competition for many, many years and one that should be on your bucket list if you haven't been. Info at <http://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/> or contact Hutton Oddy at vhoddy@gmail.com

The NAAS club in Canberra are holding a **Scale Aerotow Fun Fly** event on 13-15th October. More info her on what should be a great event at a superb field. <http://www.naas.org.au>

'Wings over West Wyalong'

is a fun fly event being held on a huge field that lends itself to achieving LSF Level flights. Need to do a Cross Country flight – no problems. Check out the attached flyer and contact John Quigley at flyingnut@tech2u.com.au Rumour has it, that the 2018 MAAA Nationals will be held at West Wyalong so head on out to this fun fly and get a sneak peek at what the NATS will be like next year.

Australian F5J Trophy event

The **Second Australian F5J Trophy event** will be held at the NAAS Club just south of Canberra on November 4th and 5th. 2 classes are flown, under 2.6 m span and 2.6 -4.0 metre span. This is one of the premier F5J events on the calendar for this strongly emerging class and the 2018 event may well be one of the qualifying rounds for the F5J Team Selection. The field is amazing and the host club know how to run a great event so why not give it a go. Lots of information here: <http://www.aefanet.com/aust-f5j-trophy>

Early notice that the dates for the **2018 FxJ Open International** event to be held at Milang are March 9th – 12th. F5J will be run on Friday 9th and Saturday morning 10th with F3J on Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday 12th finishing at lunch time.

LSF Australia webmaster. Due to a change in workload, Chris Adams has very kindly agreed to continue in this role until the end of 2017. **Thank you Chris !!**

In 2016 the League of Silent Flight ratified that **electric gliders** could be used to achieve any of the LSF Levels. The attached **ESAP doc** outlines how you can achieve any of the LSF Levels 1-5 with an electric glider. Please note that you can do any of the tasks within any level with a mix of electric powered or thermal soaring glider and that, for example, gaining Level One with an electric glider is no different to gaining Level One with a thermal glider. You have simply achieved Level One in the LSF Achievement program. We are pleased to be able to report that our LSF Registrar Simon Morris has recently received 4 Levels claims performed with electric gliders. Spread the word !

F5J electric glider

F5J electric glider is the fastest growing FAI class in the world, and the scheduling of the **1st World Championships for F5J in Trnava**, Slovakia in 2019 can only add to that enthusiasm. LSF Australia, as the Special Interest Group (SIG) recognised by the MAAA, has been tasked to

organise the **Team Selection trials** for the 3 person Australian team to attend this 2019 event. There are also 3 spots available for Juniors.

The LSF Australia Executive is calling for bids from clubs, state associations and interested parties for events to form part of a multi event trial process. To be considered for inclusion in this trial process, the event being proposed must meet these minimum criteria:

1. Have an expected pilot entry of no less than 20
2. Have participants from more than one state
3. Be flown over a minimum of 2 days
4. Be flown to FAI F5J rules as current at the time of the event
5. The event must be held in the calendar year 2018

The LSF Australia Executive will consider all bids and make a decision as to what events will be included by the end of November 2017. The 2018 LSF Tournament in Jerilderie will have 2 days of F5J on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th June. This event will be part of the Team Selection process and results from this event will count towards a nominees score and cannot be dropped.

We look forward to receiving bids from interested groups around Australia.

Regards,

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Bill Kent
Simon Morris