



LSF Aus. Newsletter Nov. 2017

Hi Team,

Please see below for the latest news about recent events, upcoming events and the Team selection process for the 2019 F5J World Championships.

AUSTOUR 2018

AUSTOUR 2018 Round One was held at Wentworth, NSW (close to Mildura, Vic) on October 7th and 8th. A big thanks to Darrel Blow for running a great event again. Congratulations go to Jim Houdalakis who came out on top.

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, it 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 F5J event here in 2019 will be part of the F5J Team selection trials.

Scale Aerotow

The NAAS club in Canberra held a highly successful Scale Aerotow Fun Fly event on 13-15th October at the NAAS Club just south of Canberra. Lots of flying took place at this great facility and the event should be back on the calendar next year.

F5J

The Second Australian F5J Trophy event was held at the NAAS Club just south of Canberra on November 4th and 5th. This is one of the premier F5J events on the calendar for this strongly emerging class and the 2018 event will 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.

Congratulations go to Marcus Stent flying in his first serious F5J event who took the win. Second place went to long time LSF member Phil Bird who was very active in F3B in the 1980's and has been flying ultra-lights for a long time. Welcome back Phil ! Third place went to former LSF President Jack Murphy.

Tasmanian State Open Thermal Championships

The Tasmanian State Open Thermal Championships were held last weekend and congrats to John Skinner who showed them how to do it with his Avatar F3B model. Results can be seen here <http://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/index.html>

FxJ at Milang March

Early notice that the dates for the 2018 FxJ Open International event to be held at Milang, South Australia 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. The F5J event at Milang will be part of the Team selection trials.

Jerilderie Scale Aerotow Easter

Also early notice that the LSF organised Jerilderie Scale Aerotow event will be taking place again at the Jerilderie Racecourse over Easter 2018. The dates are Easter Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April

70th MAAA NATS

The 70th MAAA Australian National Championships will be held at West Wyalong from 23rd April to 30th April. AEFA has kindly volunteered to run the F5J event and LSF member John Quigley from Wangaratta has offered to help run Open Thermal. We, the LSF Executive, are looking for volunteers who can help make the RC Soaring events at the 70th Nats take place.

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) indefinitely. Thank you Chris !!

LSF Levels and ESAP

In 2016 the League of Silent Flight ratified that electric gliders could be used to achieve any of the LSF Levels. Read the ESAP doc which outlines how you can achieve any of the LSF Levels 1-5 with an electric glider. Contrary to what I said in the September LSF Newsletter, further dialogue with LSF USA has revealed that the glider and electric programs are standalone programs. You can be an LSF member by achieving Level One with a glider or you can achieve Level One by using an electric glider. We welcome the use of both types of models and encourage new members flying electric gliders to embrace the LSF Achievement program.

We have been in touch with the Executive of LSF USA in an effort to streamline the recognition of Achievement Levels. There has just been an election in the US and we hope that communications with the newly elected officials will be more fruitful.

F5J Worlds

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, was 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.

After receiving bids for events to include in the trial process, the LSF Executive has decided upon the trial process which you will find in **f5JTeamSelection.pdf**

The first event in this multi event selection trial will be Milang, South Australia on 9th & 10th March 2018. You can find the latest list of FAI Approved AMRT devices at this link :

<http://www.aefanet.com/images/stories/F5J/F5J-AMRT-Approval-List-2017.pdf>

Thanks to Peter Pine and AEFA for gathering this latest information which hasn't made it onto the new FAI website yet.

Regards,

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