



February 2019 Issue

Hi! You are receiving this email because you are on the F5J USA Tour email list. This is our second newsletter for the 2019 season. If you have pilot friends who are interested in F5J they can subscribe on f5j-usa.com. Thank you.

[Tour Calendar](#)

Tour events on deck

Southwest Classic in Phoenix, Feb 23-24. This one is just a few short days away and the EVEF crew are ready. So far we have 39 pilots signed up with a list of top dog pilots participating that will make this a memorable contest. Details [here](#).

Warm & Sunny in Florida F5J, St. Augustine FL, Mar 2-3. This is the first F5J USA Tour contest put on by this enthusiastic Florida group. The pilots list includes participants from 5 states and as far away as California. Details [here](#).

F5J in Visalia, Visalia CA, Mar 23-24. Tim Johnson and the CVRC crew always put on great F5J contests and there is no doubt this will be another memorable one. Conditions can range from awesome to very challenging through the course of a typical Spring weekend so everyone comes prepared. Details [here](#).

Team F5J USA Update

[Team Website](#)

by David Beach, Team Manager

World Championship event: August 12-16, 2019 in Trnava, Slovakia

First and foremost the team would like to thank all of you who have made a donation via [this link](#). Thanks also to our sponsors and everyone who has contributed to the RC Product Raffle. Fund-raising has gotten off to a good start and now that the days are

getting longer and the temperature is heating up we hope the pace of donations will heat up as well. There is still a long way to go to meet our fund-raising goals.

We are still seeking additional corporate sponsors, and have decided to offer a special incentive for club and league sponsorships. Organizational sponsorships are available on the team donation page, and each donor will be entered to win a “ready to use” GliderScore-compatible timer display thanks to donations from Embedded-Ability (aka Chris Bajorek) and Maarten Broess. For more details see [this RC Groups thread](#).



LED Display Board for GliderScore (front)--in David Beach's shop and waiting for the club sponsorship drawing !



LED Display Board (rear) showing the back-side display. Very nice!

As some of you are already aware, **Toby Herrera** had to make a difficult decision. Earning a spot on two USA World Championship teams in different disciplines (F3K and F5J) in the same year is an awesome feat, but also a major problem if you have to choose just one. Toby announced to the team that he will unfortunately not be able to travel with the F5J team. As one team member put it "He has some unfinished business

in F3K" and we wish the best for him and the whole F3K team. **Skyler Raver** has moved up to fill Toby's slot and will be competing in Slovakia in August. **John Lovins** has agreed to accept the alternate position and his biography has been added to the "Meet the Team" page.

All of the senior team members and at least one junior are planning to compete at the [Southwest Classic F5J](#) contest on February 23 and 24. It is shaping up to be a widely attended and highly competitive contest. It will be great practice in anticipation of the world championship. I also expect a few donors will be showing off their gifts from the team. If you think the team logo looks good on the screen wait till you see what it looks like on real apparel.



Team F5J USA jacket - You can get one of these beautiful jackets if you make a "Level 5" donation [here](#).

On behalf of the team I want to thank you all for your support and encouragement.

David Beach
Team F5J USA

FAI Rule-making update

As some of you may know the F5J USA Tour's Advisory Group has been participating in an international working group that will be forwarding recommendations to the FAI shortly. These recommendations will be used as input into the FAI F5J rule-making process in April.

The current topic under discussion is that of clarifying what ancillary hardware should be allowed to be installed in F5J planes--even if their use in FAI contests is prohibited. The Advisory Group will not be making any official announcement to Tour pilots about rule changes until after the April rule-making work is completed. However we are offering the following clarifying statement to be used until further notice:

“Planes that fly in F5J USA Tour events do not have any restriction with regard to installing ancillary hardware such as altimeters, gyros (stabilization devices), and GPS. The use of altimeters and GPS in Tour contests is strictly prohibited but the use of stabilization devices is legal based on our current interpretation of FAI rules.”

We do expect clarity on this issue when the next FAI F5J ruleset is released. Thanks.

About the Tour's Advisory Group

This group is responsible for managing the Tour and includes the following key supporters and pioneers of USA-based F5J: Lee Wolfe, Steve Neu, Lenny Keer, Larry Jolly, Jim Monaco, David Beach, and Chris Bajorek. Each advisor brings significant experience and energy to this group. If you have suggestions or feedback feel free to contact any of us directly, or you can send an email to Chris Bajorek by replying to this email.

