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Hi! You are receiving this email because you are on the F5J USA Tour email list. We plan to send out periodic newsletters and announcements and usually will send no more than one email each month. If you have pilot friends who are interested in F5J they can subscribe on f5j-usa.com. Thank you and hope to see you at the next Tour event!

Year 3 of the Tour is on!

This is our third season during which we fully expect to continue the trend of healthy growth in USA F5J. Already we have a great starting lineup of 2019 western and eastern events in the Calendar with more coming soon.

[Tour Calendar](#)

The next event is the Southwest Classic in Phoenix on Feb 23-24. If you did not attend the F5J in the Desert event last month this is your chance to fly at an awesome sod farm near Phoenix. Details [here](#).

Team F5J USA Update

by David Beach, Team Manager

[Team Website](#)

The team website is now live. As most of you who are active on the Tour already know, the F5J team select contest in Denver last year was a big success. But, do you know that the team website is online and accepting donations to help offset the cost of competing at the 1st FAI F5J World Championship?

The senior pilots are **Oleg Golovidov, Jon Garber, Toby Herrera,** and **Skyler Raver** as alternate. The junior pilots are **Dennis Hesselius, Daniel Estingoy,** and **Stoil Avramov.** You can visit the ['meet the team' page](#) for more background.



Team Selects winners, Denver, Sept 2018

Also click on the [donations page](#) and support the team in whatever way suits you best. There are several gift options available to donors and it is particularly appreciated when you reach out to your employer for gift matching.

We are also actively seeking additional sponsors and worthwhile products or services to include in the raffle. Please contact any team member if you have something to contribute.

With your support there is a good chance of reaching the podium and hearing “F5J USA!” at the closing ceremony in Slovakia.

Thank you,
Team F5J USA

Report from the 2018 Tour Awards Ceremony

Every season we provide awards for the Top 10 Tour pilots at the F5J in the Desert event (Phoenix) as hosted by the East Valley Electric Flyers club. This year the award ceremony was held on Saturday afternoon following day 1's contest flights. See details at [this RC Groups post](#). Congrats to the Top 10 for demonstrating Excellence in F5J!



2018 Awards Ceremony, F5J in the Desert, Stanfield AZ, Dec 2018 — Top L to R: #1 Oleg Golovidov, #2 Ali Khani, #3 John Armstrong, #4 Jonathan Garber, #5 Skip Miller — Bottom L to R: #6 Robert Burson, #7 Aric Wilmunder, #8 Randy West, #9 Lenny Keer, #10 Jon Padilla (not shown)

How to include lower-cost planes in Tour events

As a contest organizer one question you may have is how to incorporate lower cost planes in F5J Tour events. A related question is whether it's possible to fly these planes in separate classes such that it would allow for separate class awards. The answer to both questions is yes. We recently posted an article on how to include these planes in a separate class (or classes) in a way that is legal for both F5J USA Tour and FAI rules. This is a good way to get more pilots to try F5J.

[Article Link](#)

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.

2018 Tour financial statement

Following the end of each season we publish a financial statement (our ledger) that shows the Tour's sources and uses of funds. You can find our 2018 season ledger at the bottom of our [Financial Declarations page](#).

