



Brett Solanov launches in F5B. See P13

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WELCOME TO 2026—2

It's mid January and the new years Postals are in fué swing. Have you flown yours yet?

Wié we let Barrenger run away with F5J again?

Wié the new, graded landing points make much difference in E-RES?

Wié we see more participation in Electric Old Timer under the more relaxed format ?

And wié anyone come forward and coéate a new E36 Postal (see below.)?

You have until end February to post your results via QR in the glider Postals. Or in case of

diffi culty—email them to me.

Unfort unately it is no use sneaking at look at GliderScore online to see how it's going. They wié not be accurate until I post aé scores aç er the end of the month.

Or wait for emf # 44.

Have fun - find thermals!

PS. I'm to blame for Chris Barrengers start in flying. I taught him to fly on a Mk1 Hustler when he was 16 back in the 1970's. ( His success is all his doing.)

Steve Ralph, Tasmania.

I posted my last 3 scores from Armidale. My final flight with PlusX was rudder elevator motor. All the wing servos were in failsafe as the Rx in the wing did not work in the heat. Must have worked prelaunch but certainly not for most of the flight, at least I knew the ailerons were not working but forgot about the flaps. So when I pulled the flaps down on final approach it dived into the ground with elevator compensation and no flap movement. Still made 8m landing and time so a pretty good flight. Broke of fin peg so rigged spare Eu-

phoria, did a test flight at lunch and then I had to fly round 10. This time the Rx in the fuselage controlling the Rud, Ele, and thr was shut down. So I did not risk any more flying and missed last three rounds. Shame as I was lying 4th at that time.

Lots of investigation now regarding temperature limits of RM ELRS Rx and I bought a few extra higher spec RX just in case.

Phil Stevenson (see also P5)

## E36 Postal anybody?

What is it? E36 is a free flight event for models of 36 inch wingspan with small electric motors.

The model is fitted with an electronic timer that can stop the motor after 5 seconds. The max flight time is two minutes and you can fit a RC dethermaliser to bring the model down at anytime. These were part of the proposed Postal rules for E36.

AEFA thought this would be a low-key, relaxing way to add value to your F5J or E-RES flying sessions. Add a bit more fun—and it's fairly cheap too.

This was all sprouted in emf about the middle of last year, together with suggested models and equipment. And we had someone from the NSW FF Society to oversee the event and compile the results.

Unfortunately this has now all fallen through as our FF friend had too many other commitments and pulled out. However, we still have the official support of NSWFFS.

But it can still be a goer for 2026—we just need someone to receive and compile the results each month. Any takers? The monthly scores from competitors could be emailed-in or Gliderscore/QR's could be used to automate the process.

Your editor, (despite having a small army of well paid artisans in the office (!)), has his hands full with emf and two other Postals. However, I can help someone get started with advice regarding Gliderscore or Excel. Please email red-shiftxyz@hotmail.com.

We still think an E36 Postal would be *a good fit* with the existing Postals; with AEFA and both RC and FF genres; and benefit the sport as a whole. Any volunteers?



Sorry for the late reply. The E36 Postal was discussed at the meeting. Of the E36 flyers that were there, myself included we are happy to support the event with participation and a few pics. But....as we have a busy contest calendar of State Champs events and other events to deal with, plus an upcoming Nationals to organise, no one was forthcoming and a little busy to handle the logistics of the running of the Postal event.

Michael Towell NSWFFS

# 46th SAILPLANE EXPO ARMIDALE 24-26th January 2026

## Report & detailed results



Blue skies, warmth and moderate+ winds greeted the competitors in the events of the 46th Sailplane Expo held at the Eversleigh Field 15km north-west of Armidale NSW.

There were 21 entrants in F5j and 13 in E-Res. We flew 6 rounds of ERes(3 each of Saturday and Sunday) and 12 rounds of F5J (6 rounds on Saturday and Sunday/day) followed by flyoffs on Monday(3 rounds for all fliers).

The winners of E-Res were Hugh Blackburn (Vic), Andrew Meyer (South Australia) and Kevin Botherway (NZ). F5J was won by Nick Chabrell (South Australia), second was Scott Johnson (NSW) and Evan Bengtson (Qld) was third. That certainly spread the Trophies around.

On each day, the wind ranged from moderate(25km/hr) to strongish (35 gusting to 45 km/hr). Conditions were especially challenging for the E-Res models. The larger F5J models handled the wind better and were at times challenged by strong lift, and accompanying sink. The best conditions arrived from the fly-off rounds on Monday but were accompanied by an increase in temperatures.

Kevin Botherway (President of Model Flying New Zealand) came along to compete and to see what we do. He was very helpful and extended an invitation to all to attend events in New Zealand (where you can also pick up Postal & Leaderboard points – Ed). Full detailed results can only be found here, in emf.

New England Model Aircraft Club once again provided an excellent BBQ lunch.

The next gliding event to be held in Armidale will be the NSW State F5J Championships, which doubles as one of the events in the selection trials for the F5J World Championships to be held in the USA in mid 2027. Hutton Oddy CD



Hutton found time to fly too

### Expo F5J - Overall Results

[Armidale 24/01/2026]

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Rank	Name	Team	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Rnd8	Rnd9	Rnd10	Rnd11	Rnd12
1	MEYER, Andrew	8	10859.5	100.00	11478.6	929.4	1000.0	963.0	1000.0	619.1	988.7	1000.0	990.9	993.7	1000.0	993.8	1000.0
					Time	9:59	9:22	7:40	9:55	4:47	9:58	9:59	9:55	9:57	9:56	9:52	9:57
					Height	155m	152m	165m	176m	166m	149m	158m	189m	182m	100m	149m	111m
					Landing	5	50	0	50	0	45	50	45	50	50	40	35
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	HOUDALAKIS, Jim	7	10137.0	93.35	10137.0	772.0	1000.0	1000.0	891.8	1000.0	547.4	977.2	1000.0	966.3	1000.0	982.3	0.0
					Time	8:14	9:41	9:54	9:05	6:17	6:32	9:57	9:57	9:53	9:50	9:55	0m
					Height	172m	176m	143m	168m	195m	186m	180m	193m	176m	176m	182m	0m
					Landing	0	45	50	50	50	10	50	50	40	50	50	0
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
3	JOHNSON, Scott	6	9517.3	87.64	9517.3	1000.0	328.1	0.0	971.2	851.3	1000.0	386.0	1000.0	1000.0	982.4	1000.0	998.3
					Time	9:59	4:09	0m	9:52	5:33	9:55	4:33	9:59	9:58	9:53	9:53	9:50
					Height	165m	145m	0m	131m	115m	153m	111m	125m	118m	105m	148m	119m
					Landing	50	0	0	30	5	50	0	40	45	45	45	45
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	CHABRELL, Nick	9	9511.4	87.59	10045.8	605.5	1000.0	534.4	969.5	787.6	1000.0	540.9	982.7	1000.0	686.6	965.5	973.1
					Time	6:00	9:57	4:29	9:56	8:55	9:57	5:30	9:56	9:58	7:05	9:57	9:53
					Height	180m	187m	119m	202m	194m	165m	118m	159m	177m	182m	192m	164m
					Landing	50	50	0	50	5	50	0	50	50	45	45	50
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	RENDE-SHORT, Chris	4	9148.5	84.24	9528.8	929.2	385.7	909.4	564.6	1000.0	899.1	724.6	908.1	380.3	914.4	1000.0	913.4
					Time	9:59	4:46	7:19	6:02	9:51	9:59	6:55	9:51	4:32	9:46	9:55	8:56
					Height	175m	197m	165m	157m	157m	164m	194m	195m	155m	172m	168m	159m
					Landing	0	20	0	40	50	0	45	50	20	45	50	50
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	BENGTSON, Evan	6	9092.2	83.73	9092.2	827.8	694.7	1000.0	226.2	992.9	1000.0	998.2	953.2	445.9	0.0	980.4	972.9
					Time	8:49	6:48	9:54	3:02	9:58	9:55	9:56	9:56	4:23	0m	9:54	9:56
					Height	183m	137m	144m	112m	158m	140m	144m	141m	123m	0m	168m	144m
					Landing	0	45	40	0	40	50	45	45	50	0	40	50
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	BOTHERWAY, Kevin	8	9007.7	82.95	9007.7	544.9	865.2	985.2	1000.0	1000.0	654.4	0.0	1000.0	958.0	1000.0	0.0	1000.0
					Time	5:41	8:51	9:38	9:56	9:57	6:36	0m	9:57	9:55	9:54	0m	9:56
					Height	106m	191m	168m	136m	168m	148m	0m	97m	161m	157m	0m	112m
					Landing	0	30	50	45	50	0	50	0	45	50	0	50
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	Yes	-
8	LOVEDAY, Beth	9	8761.8	80.68	8761.8	930.1	548.5	761.6	0.0	640.4	885.2	961.4	793.7	767.1	627.8	883.0	963.0
					Time	9:58	6:25	8:45	0m	6:11	9:57	9:54	9:51	9:41	7:18	9:55	9:48
					Height	172m	182m	178m	0m	220m	186m	162m	207m	211m	206m	274m	188m
					Landing	0	0	0	0	0	5	35	5	0	35	45	40
					Over75m	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	FOX, Ken	6	8715.4	80.26	8715.4	345.1	595.1	638.4	0.0	967.1	892.8	995.0	959.1	835.6	733.9	753.3	1000.0
					Time	6:51	7:34	7:23	0m	9:49	9:54	9:51	9:50	8:13	7:34	7:44	9:42
					Height	252m	215m	155m	0m	170m	180m	185m	204m	111m	168m	176m	145m
					Landing	35	10	0	0	40	0	0	50	30	45	50	45
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	LEITCH, David	2	8679.2	79.92	8679.2	1000.0	986.4	942.4	935.4	930.7	529.5	977.8	989.1	591.3	796.6	0.0	0.0
					Time	9:58	9:50	9:50	9:57	9:58	5:50	9:57	9:57	6:00	8:03	0m	0m
					Height	155m	188m	191m	202m	158m	186m	172m	175m	143m	165m	0m	0m
					Landing	30	50	45	30	5	45	40	35	45	50	0	0
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
11	BLACKBURN, Hugh	7	8410.6	77.45	8410.6	640.8	448.1	981.3	459.1	0.0	564.6	680.6	877.2	870.4	965.6	1000.0	922.5
					Time	6:57	6:39	9:56	2:33	0m	6:23	7:58	9:50	9:58	9:57	9:53	9:53
					Height	158m	217m	189m	119m	0m	204m	189m	200m	217m	143m	145m	177m
					Landing	25	0	50	30	0	50	0	35	40	50	45	40
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	ODDY, Hutton	1	8383.0	77.20	8717.2	477.7	682.9	903.0	433.7	956.0	929.1	807.5	892.2	962.5	334.2	941.2	397.2
					Time	5:18	9:58	9:50	5:18	6:40	9:55	8:16	9:55	9:52	4:07	9:57	4:33
					Height	170m	240m	175m	139m	170m	191m	162m	172m	197m	195m	198m	142m
					Landing	30	0	5	0	0	25	40	25	45	35	30	25
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	BIRD, Phil	5	8263.9	76.10	8263.9	950.0	253.7	859.4	885.1	682.9	472.3	1000.0	897.4	851.0	0.0	451.8	960.3
					Time	9:49	3:53	9:09	9:54	5:40	6:02	9:57	9:53	9:51	0m	4:55	9:43
					Height	192m	193m	202m	202m	205m	187m	192m	203m	203m	0m	159m	189m
					Landing	30	0	40	5	0	0	0	10	15	0	40	
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	METZGER, Klaus	1	8225.3	75.74	8562.7	609.0	337.4	808.7	952.4	448.0	824.3	969.3	841.3	1000.0	484.5	359.0	928.8
					Time	6:48	3:43	8:38	9:59	4:46	9:58	9:57	8:58	9:58	5:59	5:39	9:55
					Height	178m	173m	200m	137m	156m	218m	169m	178m	138m	170m	222m	194m
					Landing	25	45	45	0	45	30	40	35	35	0	30	50
					Over75m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	TIMBERLAKE, Geoff	4	8092.6	74.52	8092.6	835.0	704.3	368.3	874.3	911.2	914.1	1000.0	0.0	447.8	481.0	708.3	848.3
					Time	8:41	7:06	4:49	9:44	9:54	9:59	9:57	0m	5:00	5:59	7:44	8:54
					Height	186m	177m	164m	194m	162m	176m						

## Expo ERes - Overall Results

[Armidale 24/01/2026]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Team	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
1	Hugh Blackburn	8	4971	100.00	5631.0	1000	1000	971	660	1000	1000
					Time	4:57	4:56	4:58	3:07	4:58	4:56
					Landing	50	45	35	50	45	45
2	MEYER, Andrew	7	4885	98.27	5128.0	977	1000	243	1000	908	1000
					Time	4:57	3:58	1:19	4:56	4:51	3:07
					Landing	35	50	0	50	0	50
3	BOTHERWAY, Kevin	7	4565	91.83	4997.0	877	432	1000	1000	759	929
					Time	2:47	2:15	4:58	3:02	2:44	4:56
					Landing	50	5	50	15	0	0
4	JOHNSON, Scott	6	4379	88.09	4871.0	840	798	492	849	892	1000
					Time	3:04	3:10	2:24	4:10	4:36	4:56
					Landing	0	40	30	45	20	45
5	STEVENSON, Phil	2	4198	84.45	4800.0	1000	774	806	953	602	665
					Time	3:39	3:06	4:22	2:38	3:13	2:21
					Landing	0	35	0	45	0	0
6	METZGER, Klaus	1	3992	80.31	4386.0	394	513	1000	726	759	994
					Time	2:07	2:15	5:00	2:10	2:44	4:59
					Landing	0	0	50	15	0	35
7	ASH, Bob	3	3667	73.77	3704.0	639	635	37	601	870	922
					Time	2:20	2:47	0:12	3:13	3:08	4:51
					Landing	0	0	0	0	0	5
8	BIRD, Phil	5	3620	72.82	3996.0	376	692	805	486	1000	637
					Time	2:01	3:02	4:20	2:36	3:36	2:15
					Landing	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	PINE, Peter	5	3613	72.68	3785.0	616	284	906	823	172	984
					Time	2:15	1:28	5:18	2:36	0:55	4:56
					Landing	0	5	25	0	0	35
10	WESTON, Kevin	1	3612	72.66	4123.0	817	527	511	604	761	903
					Time	2:59	2:48	2:20	3:14	4:04	3:04
					Landing	0	0	50	0	0	15
11	CLIFFORD, Tom	3	1147	23.07	1147.0	329	471	347	0	0	0
					Time	1:46	2:30	1:52	0	0	0
					Landing	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	TIMBERLAKE, Geoff	4	462	9.29	462.0	649	0	0	0	0	0
					Time	3:29	0	0	0	0	0
					Landing	0	0	0	0	0	0



Bob Ash & Tom Clifford in the shade



Peter Pine is ready for a good coffee



Busy wagon makes for successful comp—Jim Houdalakis



Klaus unmasked!



Phil Bird flies his thumb



John Harem wasn't flying, Phil Stevo brought the fruit cake & David Leitch joins the queue

# 46th SAILPLANE EXPO ARMIDALE



Kevin Botherway and Andrew Meyer after a successful flight.

“What a comp, you could fly a house brick today!”

A lovely practice day but strong winds were predicted for next two days.



Nick Chabrell shows how it is done.



And it is helpful if eagles show you where the lift is... but they fly for food.

# 46th SAILPLANE EXPO ARMIDALE

## FlyOffA\_F5J - Overall Results

[Armidale 26/01/2026]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	CHABRELL, Nick	2964.6	100.00	2964.6	969.2	999.4	996.0
				Time	14:56	14:58	14:56
				Height	209m	90m	130m
				Landing	50	50	50
2	JOHNSON, Scott	2910.9	98.19	2910.9	1000.0	910.9	1000.0
				Time	14:53	14:52	14:58
				Height	186m	198m	127m
				Landing	45	30	50
3	BENGTSON, Evan	2251.3	75.94	2251.3	440.8	824.6	985.9
				Time	6:55	14:56	14:57
				Height	175m	232m	150m
				Landing	45	45	50
4	HOUDALAKIS, Jim	2078.1	70.10	2078.1	482.2	940.2	655.7
				Time	8:14	14:55	10:13
				Height	173m	181m	166m
				Landing	0	45	50
5	RENDLE-SHORT, Chris	1725.7	58.21	1725.7	587.0	910.3	228.4
				Time	9:46	14:59	4:41
				Height	200m	153m	158m
				Landing	10	0	0



Evan Bengtson had a good event, helped by Christine

## FlyOffB F5J - Overall Results

[Armidale 26/01/2026]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	BOTHERWAY, Kevin	3000.0	100.00	3000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
				Time	14:58	14:57	13:42
				Height	193m	87m	146m
				Landing	45	50	50
2	BLACKBURN, Hugh	2275.3	75.84	2275.3	909.6	945.2	420.5
				Time	14:58	14:56	6:53
				Height	226m	174m	154m
				Landing	50	45	0
3	LOVEDAY, Beth	1794.5	59.82	1794.5	890.7	348.1	555.7
				Time	13:26	5:45	8:51
				Height	174m	151m	184m
				Landing	35	45	5
4	FOX, Ken	1670.8	55.69	1670.8	948.6	229.1	493.1
				Time	14:35	4:41	8:09
				Height	174m	148m	190m
				Landing	15	0	0
5	ODDY, Hutton	1603.1	53.44	1603.1	913.2	308.8	381.1
				Time	14:42	5:14	6:07
				Height	203m	110m	125m
				Landing	0	20	0
6	BIRD, Phil	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
				Time	0m	0m	0m
				Height	0	0	0
				Landing	0	0	0



Gillian & Ken Fox completed the Qld contingent

## FlyOffC F5J - Overall Results

[Armidale 26/01/2026]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	ASH, Bob	2110.3	100.00	2110.3	905.2	1000.0	205.1
				Time	13:59	14:57	3:58
				Height	202m	161m	131m
				Landing	40	45	0
				Over75m	-	-	-
2	CLIFFORD, Tom	1965.8	93.15	1965.8	1000.0	965.8	0.0
				Time	14:57	14:57	0m
				Height	126m	130m	0m
				Landing	20	0	0
				Over75m	-	-	-
3	METZGER, Klaus	1500.8	71.12	1500.8	260.5	240.3	1000.0
				Time	5:14	6:25	14:59
				Height	193m	226m	196m
				Landing	5	0	40
				Over75m	-	-	-
4	TIMBERLAKE, Geoff	1438.8	68.18	1438.8	905.7	226.3	306.8
				Time	13:54	4:07	6:10
				Height	161m	134m	204m
				Landing	20	15	0
				Over75m	-	-	-
5	WESTON, Kevin	997.7	47.28	997.7	997.7	0.0	0.0
				Time	14:57	0m	0m
				Height	170m	0m	0m
				Landing	40	0	0
				Over75m	-	Yes	Yes



David Leitch has good Sense



Beth Loveday

F5Jheats. A worthy mention was Tom Clifford winning his round with the lowest launch of the whole comp. He had motor issues and could only get to 23m height in one round but continued to play!

# 46th SAILPLANE EXPO ARMIDALE



Day two was interesting, nearly perfect gliding conditions. In the afternoon we encountered the most brutal lift!

My height warning alarm, set at 2000ft stayed on for what seemed for ever even with air brakes deployed and in a spin!



A collection of F5J gliders waiting to fly

Great weekend of flying thanks to Hutton Oddy and the others that assisted him

It was great seeing everyone that attended this event.

As usual there were a few model incidents but on the whole a lot less than some of the previous events.

Hope to see you at the next event. Ken Fox.

F5J winners, Johnson—Chabrell—Bengtson



E-RES winners, Botherway—Blackburn—Meyer



# ELECTRIC OLD TIMER

## EOT POSTALS 2026

See emf January for the revised format for this year, copied below.

Remember: three sessions and three flights for each class in the Summer months.

Send results in by 4th April.

Get your fellow flyers to enter if they have a suitable aircraft for one or more classes.

The aim of the change with EOT Postals for 2026 is more flying and a levelling of the flying field giving those with restricted

access to a field with height clearance more scope to compete.

I put my Playboy into a tree at MMSC last week. It is a difficult field unless wind is below 12 Kmhr-1

I got caught out by a gust. I was urged by others at the time to power up. I deliberately ignored the advice and let my precious aircraft settle gently into high branches rather than risk driving it hard into a tree fork.

20 min work by the "A George Christie Aircraft detreeing team" with long swimming pool poles got it down with NO damage.

Ken Woodward



### EOT POSTAL RULES FOR 2026 AS FOLLOWS:

1. Monthly events BUT months are nominal during each of the Seasons-Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.
2. Each EOT flyer is entitled to put in 3 results in each EOT Class for each Season.
3. For each Season 6 hours of flying for each EOT Class flying session is permitted. This allows for highly variable weather conditions, magpies and plovers, supporting one's medical and dental brethren who keep us alive and the need to allow for birthdays and,,,,,,,of our at home support folk- critical!
4. Flyers send your flight times and where needed Lipo residuals, motor run times to me once a season- within one month and 5 days after the end of a season. For Summer- that would mean by April 5<sup>th</sup>. (Ken is delaying the nominal end of a season by one month and a few days to fly and get your times to him – Ed)

I will send results for that "season" to Mel for emf inclusion. EMF is published on the AEF website as well.

Comments invited to [kenwoody6@gmail.com](mailto:kenwoody6@gmail.com)

Ken Woodward

# F5J LEADERBOARD 2026

2026 F5J Leaderboard			
Position	Pilot	State	Points
1	Chabrel, Nick	SA	314
2	Houdalakis, Jim	VIC	219
3	Meyer, Andrew	SA	216
4	Potter, Greg	SA	197
5	Loveday, Beth	SA	186
6	Baxter, Malcolm	SA	152
7	Kent, Bill	SA	145
8	Melders, Peter	SA	128
9	Moorfield, Paul	SA	108
10	O'Reilly, Michael	SA	107
11	Johnson, Scott	NSW	105
12	Stent, Marcus	VIC	101
13	Rendle-Short, Chris	NSW	100
14	Bengtson, Evan	QLD	98
15	Pratley, David	VIC	97
15	Whitfield, Garry	SA	97
16	Botherway, Kevin	NZ	96
17	Fox, Ken	QLD	92
18	Leitch, David	NSW	90
19	Watkins, Rod	VIC	88
20	Blackburn, Hugh	VIC	87
21	Oddy, Hutton	NSW	86
22	Bird, Phil	NSW	84
23	Dupuche, Tom		83
24	Metzger, Klaus	NSW	82
25	Stone, Mark	SA	81
26	Taylor, Michael	TAS	80
26	Timberlake, Geoff	NSW	80
27	Wilson, Bob	VIC	78
28	Weston, Kevin	NSW	75
29	Stevenson, Phil	NSW	70
30	Ash, Bob	NSW	64
31	Scolari, Terry	SA	59
32	Pring, Mal	SA	53
33	Clifford, Tom	NSW	48
34	Merryweather, Brad	SA	42
35	Schultz, Trevor	SA	36
36	Pine, Peter	NSW	22

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NICK CHABREL—EARLY LEADER FOR 2026

Thank you to Bob Ash (Tamworth) for taking over the Leaderboard. His first chart is shown left.

Any comments please email the Editor.

All F5J points from GliderScore online competitions in Australia are included (should we include NZ? Let me know). Included to date are; Expo, Milang 2, VARMS.

Bob may also produce a State-of-Origin board for flyers in the various States. Watch next issue.

Points are allocated depending on the number of flyers in the competition, plus their percentage compared to the winners 100%. Eg the Expo with 20 flyers, the winner gets 120 points, second place 19 + 93(%) points and so on.

Don't forget that flying in the monthly F5J Postal will also earn you Leaderboard points. Fly now!



### 2026 Feb 08 - SSL Club F5J (Milang)

Round 10

#### Individual Results To Round 10

#	Name	Ctry	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score
1	Chabrel, Nick	AUS	8577.6	100.00	8577.6
2	O'Reilly, Michael	AUS	8310.0	96.88	8558.3
3	Potter, Greg	AUS	8196.5	95.56	8196.5
4	Whitfield, Garry	AUS	7598.6	88.59	7795.5
5	Loveday, Beth	AUS	7304.4	85.16	7790.8
6	Kent, Bill	AUS	7278.2	84.85	7651.6
7	Stone, Mark	AUS	6493.3	75.70	6493.3
8	Baxter, Malcolm	AUS	5490.6	64.01	5799.5
9	Melders, Peter	AUS	5361.5	62.51	5361.5
10	Scolari, Terry	AUS	4886.4	56.97	4886.4
11	Pring, Mal	AUS	4434.6	51.70	4434.6
12	Merryweather, Brad	AUS	3539.2	41.26	3539.2

12 pilots flew F5J today at Milang in glorious summer conditions. 25-27C and 5-6 m/s winds. Thank to Greg and Robert for organising the comp and to Garry and Peter for setting out the field. Congrats to Nick who followed up his success in Armidale with a win today.



## ON BEING A TIMER/ CALLER

After recently conducting an experiment during an F3k competition where we had no favourite timers/ caller and had to draw a timer out of a hat showed that we lack in training and helping people become good callers for the soaring discipline here in NZ.

I will write a few of my thoughts and experiences "calling" for various people over the last few years. I have been lucky to have called for lots of world class pilots, too many to rank or name so I can offer some suggestions but none of it is fact and others may like to do things different or a better suggestion which I hope at some stage to learn about.

**Stopwatches:** There's heaps of different timing units around. I find the best to date is the Seiko stopwatch as you can preset a flight time on it and have the last three seconds bleep with your call for precision landing and they are correct, (some even expensive stop watches are one second out!). More than one stopwatch on hand or aboard is best so you can run a working time and maybe time another contestant if you need to or use for the next quick turnaround flight. You should always have a working time. Cell phones are NOT an answer to this!

**Timing board:** This is handy to have. I have an aerial attached with a small wind indicator to help some pilots. I use the aerial for pointing out stuff to the pilot like air or other planes etc. I also have attached paper on a bulldog clip and a pen! All must have tools if you are a timer/ caller and you need to know your own gear and how it works – believe me the last thing you want to do is make a timing mistake on operating a watch or timing someone incorrectly it's what we all fly competitions for – the best result we can achieve.

**Pilot/Caller:** From when you walk out as a timer/ caller you need to have clearly discussed with the pilot the task and/or any possible other intentions such as if it's F3J get ready it maybe a Zoom launch or rocket launch be ready to get the time started! If it's F3b and distance some like the on-course time and each turn how the time is winding down... Do not pre-empt the watch look at the watch and ensure a smooth call voice at very regular time calls (some pilots even carry their own watch on the transmitter) which is a good idea as a double check on time and also if the timer is busy, say clearing a winch the pilot can take care of time if it allows so.

**Landing:** The caller needs to ensure he/she is regularly advising pilot of time to go. I start from one minute out to advise the pilot every 5 seconds down to 30 seconds to go then count clearly down to zero every second. I believe the caller/ timer must always count down to zero so practice this it's a very clear thing to the pilot (counting up to some unknown number is not a great thing to understand while trying to land an aeroplane on zero?)

**Calling:** One of the most important jobs, firstly is to try as a caller timer to ensure you have your eye on all the aeroplanes in the sky especially the ones behind the pilot (he will never see these!) I usually watch the pilot's plane very little and feed information to the pilot to filter out what he needs. You need to try and be aware of everything ground signs (trees grass flags bug setc) also advise on wind shifts and anything else going on. There are heaps of great videos on this stuff from radiocarbonart.com

If as a caller, you have made a timing mistake tell the pilot earlier than later ensure you are honest about it to him, so things don't go south later.

One of your last jobs as a caller / timer is to ensure the pilot's time / landing and height (if F5J) is recorded clearly in the correct column, group, pilot's name - Again clearly remember someone else must transpose this result to a computer/ mobile phone and it needs to be very legible.

Most of all, Have Fun!!!

Kevin Botherway. Thanks to AVANZ News, Bernard Scott editor



## 2027 F5J WORLD CHAMPS TEAM SELECTION

AEFA (the Electric Flight NSIG – National Special Interest Group) and LSF (the Glider NSIG) have worked together to develop the selection process for the next FAI, F5J World Championship to be held in the USA in August 2027.



The following is an invitation to nominate for team selection and outlines the process that will be followed.

F5J pilots who wish to represent Australia at the 2027 F5J World Championships

The next F5J World Championships will be held in Muncie, Indiana, USA sometime in August 2027.

The Australian Electric Flight Association and League of Silent Flight Australia on behalf of MAAA are inviting expressions of interest for fliers who wish to represent Australia at these World Championships.

We will conduct a team selection process based on results achieved at 3 F5J events during 2026. The events will be :-

1. International F5J Invitation event at Milang South Australia in April
2. Jerilderie LSF F5J in June, or another date to be advised
3. NSW F5J State Champs at Armidale in October.



Team members will be selected to represent Australia based on their best scores from 2 of these 3 events.

If you wish to be considered for the Australian F5J team at the 2027 World Championships please notify AEFA by email [australianelectricflight@gmail.com](mailto:australianelectricflight@gmail.com) prior to the first selection event in April 2026.

# Meteorology .....

## Airflows part5 MervBuckmaster

SITUATION NUMBER FIVE From observations by Justin Templeton

It was late on a sunny afternoon with a light, warm southerly breeze, conditions were good for flying.

The field was flat and clear and the breeze was sufficient for good sailplane launches with a bungee. Several flights of 4—5 minutes were achieved, the line singing faintly as the model climbed steadily away from each launch, to be released at a good height that appeared to be consistent for each flight.

With the sundown low and the light breeze a little cooler another flight began with an ordinary launch. The model drifted downwind a little then, coming back into the breeze a couple of soaring birds were noticed above it and the model slowly climbed with zero ground speed.

I gained height very slowly for several minutes, then stayed up, hovering in the breeze.

The nearby bushes showed that the breeze increased quite a bit for a while then it slowly died away and the model gradually sank to earth after a flight of over 25 minutes.

Eventually the model came in, quite fast, having drifted back a little over a long period to be well positioned for

a straight-in approach. Finally sinking faster than expected.

The air was quite smooth all the way and the sunset only a few minutes after the aircraft had landed.

The observations could be explained if the model had encountered a travelling atmospheric wave.

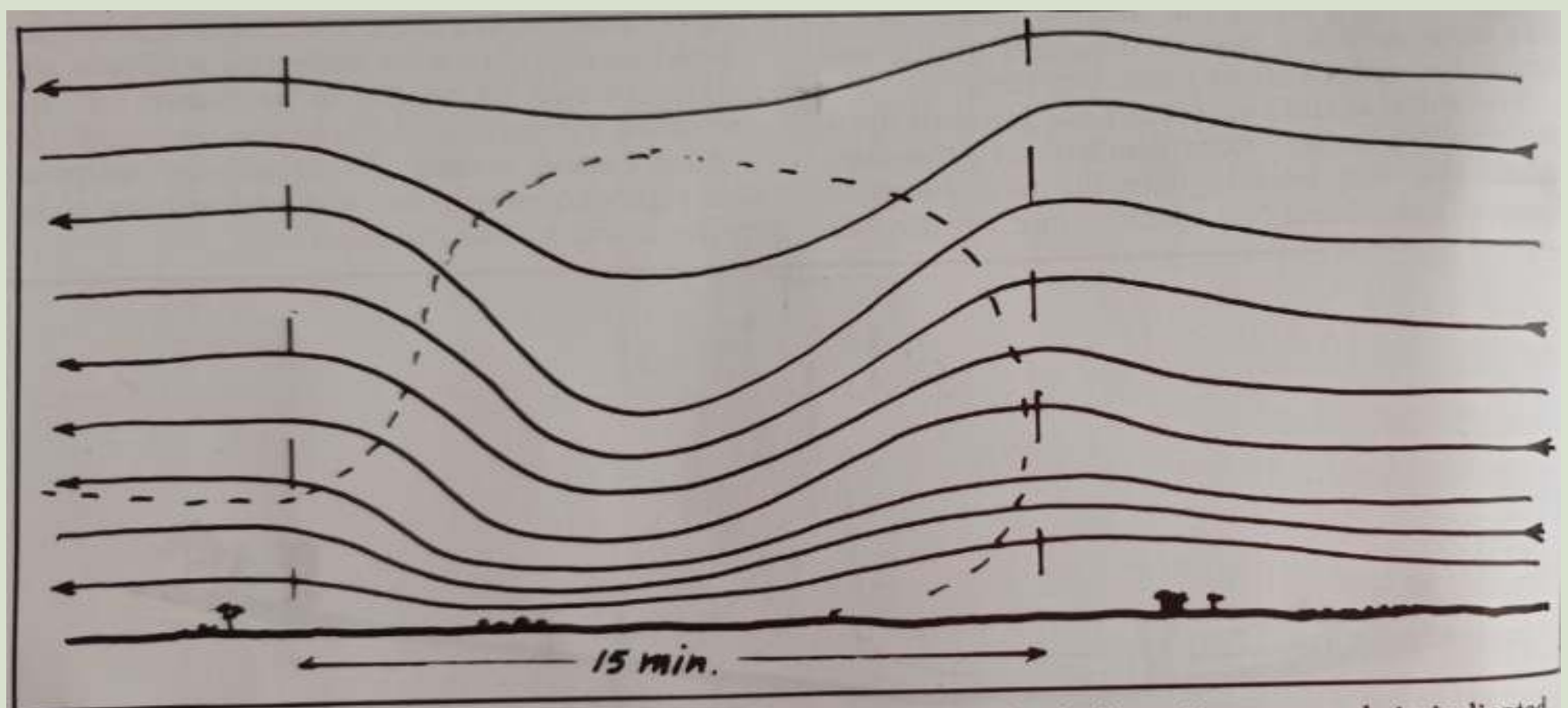
This phenomenon may be rare, and there is only a low probability that it may be observed and many may pass undetected.

To explain the probable mechanism the usual analogy with water will suffice. In a shallow stream moving slowly over a smooth stream bed there is no turbulence in the water. When a stone is dropped into the stream it produces a ripple that spreads out as a ring that becomes distorted by the water flow, being elongated downstream and shortened on the upstream side. The ripple, a small surface wave, is soon dissipated.

With a steady breeze in an atmospheric layer, perhaps confined beneath an inversion, it would take a very big stone to produce such a wave. However, it could be triggered by the down-draught from an isolated cumulonimbus, or by the katabatic wind from a high land valley. The wave observed was at sunset when such subsidence is most likely to occur.

From *Aeromodelling Digest* 1991, published by Samaria Concepts.

To be concluded next issue.



The atmospheric wave during its time of passage. Probably only shallow, its approach is indicated by an increase in wind speed, followed by a strong lift zone and then a zone of sink, the trough of the wave. A weak lift zone may then follow but would be difficult to detect except with a further flight of the aircraft. The breeze died to calm a short while after dark on the occasion described.

# WEATHER EVERYWHERE!

**Southern Soaring League**  
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When it is blowing at 25-30kph, gusts to 35kph, the temperature is 32C, and you are either flying or timing in a rolling 2 heats per round competition.....you don't have time to take pictures.

You are too busy sweating, gulping down water, and swatting flies.

So, for this report on the SSL F5J competition held at our Milang Field today, you will just have to put up with the results!

Tough Day! But when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

And that's what we did after six rounds... we got going to the clubhouse A/C and lunch!

Paul

2026 Jan 18 - SSL Club F5J (Milang)

Flight Scores Individual Results

Round 6

Update Individual Results

Download Results

### Individual Results To Round 6

#	Name	Ctry	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score
1	Moorfield, Paul	AUS	4844.1	100.00	5358.1
2	Chabrel, Nick	AUS	4429.3	91.44	4946.0
3	Meyer, Andrew	AUS	4398.1	90.79	4398.1
4	Potter, Greg	AUS	4218.4	87.08	4218.4
5	Baxter, Malcolm	AUS	3862.1	79.73	4351.8
6	Melders, Peter	AUS	2899.5	59.86	2899.5
7	Kent, Bill	AUS	2551.5	52.67	2793.9
8	Schultz, Trevor	AUS	1723.7	35.58	1723.7

HSL First Millenium Cup 15.2.2026. About 20 people turned up and some flew two rounds. Then - Maddens in the clouds.



2026 Jan 18 - RCGA F5J (VARMS\_Australia)

Flight Scores Individual Results

Round 7

Update Individual Results

Download Results

### Individual Results To Round 7

#	Name	Ctry	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score
1	Houdalakis, Jim	AUS	5791.8	100.00	6132.5
2	Stent, Marcus	AUS	5545.2	95.74	5545.2
3	Pratley, David	AUS	5372.1	92.75	5372.1
4	Dupuche, Tom	-	5366.1	92.65	5531.7
5	Watkins, Rod	-	4895.6	84.53	5153.4
6	Taylor, Michael	-	4522.5	78.08	5006.8
7	Wilson, Bob	AUS	4515.0	77.96	4515.0



Happy mob from NZ Nats



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I was fortunate to watch the F5B team training at the Bridgewater (BADRC) field this weekend. Four pilots — Brett Solanov, Owen Solanov (son, junior member), Bill Hamilton and Mani Riederich — with Tex assisting on timing — were preparing for the World Championships in Mareeba, Queensland, Australia, scheduled for August 2026.



F5B rules are demanding, and the aircraft themselves are astonishing: they can accelerate to roughly 300-350 km/h within seconds. The event blends raw speed, tight energy budgeting, and precision landing. Each flight includes up to 10 powered climbs, 200 seconds of speed laps on a 150 metre course, 10 minutes of thermal duration, and a precision landing — all while staying under a strict 1750 Watt minute energy limit.

Reaching this level takes years of refinement. It's one of the most specialised corners of model avi-

ation, demanding both elite piloting and deep engineering skill. These machines operate right at the edge of what physics will tolerate: airframes built to survive 60 g, propellers shaped to minimise cavitation during acceleration, and power systems tuned for brutal acceleration coupled with airframes efficient enough to float in weak lift for a full ten-minute thermal flight. And after all that, the pilot still has to nail a precision spot landing.

Andy Smith

## F5B WORLD CHAMPS, MAREEBA, 4-13 August

### ORGANISER AND LOCATION

The event is organised by The Australian Electric Flight Association (AEFA) in conjunction with the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia (MAAA).

Mareeba is a town of 9000 residents, located in north Queensland, approximately a 1 hour drive West of Cairns. Its location allows easy access to many tourist attractions including The Great Barrier Reef, Cape Tribulation, Daintree Rainforest, Mossman Gorge and The Atherton Tablelands to name a few. It is in the tropics and so offers warm weather year-round. Cairns is serviced by its own international airport.

The event will take place at the flying site of Model Aero Sport Club of Tropical North Queensland (MASCOTNQ), Adil Rd, Mareeba, Queensland. The flying site is located approximately 5km north of the centre of Mareeba. GPS coordinates are: -16.964045, 145.395859, altitude is 417m AMSL. It is recommended that visitors to the event fly to Cairns, arrange their own hire car, and drive to Mareeba. Accommodation options will be outlined in Bulletin 2.

Mareeba is located in the tropics, and so tends to have wet and dry seasons rather than hot and cold associated with summer and winter. August is the last month of Winter in Australia, and is the dry season in Mareeba. Typical high temperatures of 26C are expected with light winds, minimum temperatures average 12C at this time of year.

Mareeba is in a time zone that is 10 hours ahead of UTC.



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**2026 FAI F5B World Championship**  
Mareeba, Queensland, AUSTRALIA

4th-13th August 2026.

Website: <https://aefanet.com/>

## CONTROL LINE WORLD CHAMPS

The Perth CL World Championship website can be found at:

<https://2026clwc.org/>

The Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/24057187813875561>

### Event details:

**When:** April 29 - May 8 2026

**Where:** WA Model Aircraft Sports Centre, Whiteman Park, near Perth

**Hosted by:** Aeromodellers Western Australia & Control Line AeroModellers of Australia



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**HSL.Millennium Cup 2026**

March 7 LEG and March 8 Millennium Cup  
Muswellbrook

April 18-19 Millennium Cup Orange (two days)

May 17 Millennium Cup Maddens Plains

August 16 Millennium Cup Appin (assume they have new field and height clearance)

Oct 25 Millennium Cup Bomaderry

**HSL. MILLENIUM CUP**

The round at Muswellbrook is now on March 8th as part of the Hunter Valley Championships. More details of the HVC:

Friday 6th March 18:00 Half hour RC scramble.

Saturday 7th March 9:30 LEG, could also fly another round of scramble if contestants are interested.

Sunday 8th March 9:30 Millennium Cup round. Finished by 14:30

RCGA CALENDAR 2025/26 - FINAL					
Sunday	Dates	Event	Details	Location	Organiser
	4/1/26		New Years Day 1st		
	11/1/26	FSJ #4	FSJ - 11AM Start	VARMS	RCGA
	18/1/26				
	25/1/26	24/25/26th FSJ	Armidale Expo	Armidale	New England
	25/1/26	24/25/26th	Barindale Glide-In	Barindale	BADMAC
	1/2/26				
	8/2/26				
	15/2/26				
	22/2/26	FSJ #5	FSJ - 11AM Start	VARMS	RCGA
	1/3/26				
	8/3/26	ERES #3	ERES - 11 AM Start	VARMS	VARMS
	15/3/26				
	22/3/26	21/22nd FSJ #6	FSJ - Rob Jess Challenge	Horsham - WMAA	RCGA
	29/3/26				
	5/4/26	3/4/5/6th	Easter - AEFA Rally	West Wyalong	AEFA
	5/4/26	3/4/5/6th	Easter - Scale Gliding	Jerilderie	LSF Australia
	12/4/26				
	19/4/26				
	26/4/26	25/26/27th FSJ #7	SSL - Milang FSJ / Anzac Day Weekend	Milang	SSL
	3/5/26				
	10/5/26		Mothers day		
	17/5/26	FSJ #8	FSJ	Venue TBD	RCGA
	24/5/26				
	31/5/26				
	7/6/26	5/6/7/8th FSJ #9	LSF Tournament (FSJ Friday, FSJ Sat to Mon)	Jerilderie	LSF Australia
	14/6/26				
	21/6/26				
	28/6/26				

League results - Highest scores from 50% of RCGA events to count, rounded up (For example, a pilot's best 5 events count if 9 events are run, 4 events if 8 are run, etc)

Denotes ERES league events

Denotes FSJ league events

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F5J Calendar 2026							
No.	Date:	Country	Type	Name of the competition	Organizer	Contact person	Registration
	2026						
	21-22-March	GRE	WC/CE	Larisa FSJ Meeting 2026	Airclub Larissas <a href="http://www.fsjgreece.com">www.fsjgreece.com</a>	Pantelis Danavaras <a href="mailto:danavaras@hotmail.com">danavaras@hotmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.fsjgreece.com">www.fsjgreece.com</a>
	28-29. March	HUN	WC/CE	FSJ 2026 Tisza Cup	Szeged Model Club <a href="https://fsj.hu.webnode.hu">https://fsj.hu.webnode.hu</a>	Laszlo Marko <a href="mailto:inquality5@t-online.hu">inquality5@t-online.hu</a>	<a href="mailto:inquality5@t-online.hu">inquality5@t-online.hu</a>
	04-05. April		EASTER				
	11-12. April	SVK	WC/CE	FSJ Litteam cup	Klub Litteam <a href="https://litteamcup.sk">https://litteamcup.sk</a>	Jan Littva <a href="mailto:litteamcupfsj@gmail.com">litteamcupfsj@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:litteamcupfsj@gmail.com">litteamcupfsj@gmail.com</a>
	18-19. April						
	25-26. April	ESP	WC/CE	GliderKeeper FSJ Masters Escalona 2026	Club de Aeromodelismo Escalona <a href="https://fsjmasters.com/www.fsj.it">https://fsjmasters.com/www.fsj.it</a>	Javier Hernandez Rodero <a href="mailto:j.hernandez@gliderkeeper.com">j.hernandez@gliderkeeper.com</a>	On Homepage <a href="https://fsjmasters.com/www.fsj.it">https://fsjmasters.com/www.fsj.it</a>
	25-26. April	ITA	WC/CE	FSJ 2026 Coppa Voli	Torino <a href="http://www.fsj.it">www.fsj.it</a>	Massimo Verardi <a href="mailto:mverardibo@gmail.com">mverardibo@gmail.com</a>	On Homepage <a href="http://www.fsj.it">www.fsj.it</a>
	02-03. May	SVK	WC/CE	FSJ City cup Hollic	Hollic <a href="https://modelarihollic.sk">https://modelarihollic.sk</a>	Modelari Hollic <a href="mailto:modelarihollic@gmail.com">modelarihollic@gmail.com</a>	<a href="https://modelarihollic.sk">https://modelarihollic.sk</a>
	02-03. May	BUL		FSJ Bulgaria CUP	SAM Ikar Dupnitsa <a href="http://www.fsjbulgaria.com">www.fsjbulgaria.com</a>	Sotir Lazarkov <a href="mailto:slazarkov@gmail.com">slazarkov@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:slazarkov@gmail.com">slazarkov@gmail.com</a>
	09-10. May						
	15-17. May	SUI	WC/CE	Military Cup 2026	Model flying club Pfäffikon <a href="https://www.mfvp.ch">https://www.mfvp.ch</a>	Manfred LEX <a href="mailto:fsj@mmfc.at">fsj@mmfc.at</a>	On Homepage <a href="http://www.silentwings.ch">www.silentwings.ch</a>
	23-24. May	AUT	WC/CE	11th Sonnenland Cup Eurotour FSJ	Oberpullendorf <a href="http://www.mmfc.at">http://www.mmfc.at</a>	Manfred LEX <a href="mailto:fsj@mmfc.at">fsj@mmfc.at</a>	<a href="mailto:fsj@mmfc.at">fsj@mmfc.at</a>
	29-31. May	CZE	WC/CE	15th Samba Cup FSJ	Horní Újezd - Cikov <a href="https://f3i.com">https://f3i.com</a>	Jaroslav Vostrel <a href="mailto:samba@f3i.com">samba@f3i.com</a>	On Homepage <a href="https://www.f3i.com">3 days competition</a>
	06-07. June						
	13-14. June	MKD	WC/CE	2026 North Macedonia FSJ World Cup	LOGOVARDI Sports Airfield / BITOLA <a href="http://www.fsj.mk">http://www.fsj.mk</a>	Dragan Cvetanovski <a href="mailto:cvetanovski.dragan@yahoo.com">cvetanovski.dragan@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="https://www.fsj.mk/registration">https://www.fsj.mk/registration</a>
	20-21. June	NED	WC/CE	Holland Glide Dutch Eurotour FSJ 2026	Toldijk <a href="http://hollandglide.nl">http://hollandglide.nl</a>	Wout Heijne <a href="mailto:heijnewj@gmail.com">heijnewj@gmail.com</a>	On Homepage
	27-28. June	GBR	WC/CE	BARCS Interglide 2026, Hamilton Farm	(near Ashford, Kent, England) <a href="https://www.interglide.co.uk/">https://www.interglide.co.uk/</a>	Steve Knowles <a href="mailto:stevenknowles@btinternet.com">stevenknowles@btinternet.com</a>	On Homepage <a href="https://www.interglide.co.uk/online-entry-form/">https://www.interglide.co.uk/online-entry-form/</a>
	03-05. July	CZE	WC/CE	FSJ Memorial of Stanislav Perkovic	Chomutov <a href="http://www.fsj.cz">www.fsj.cz</a>	Radek Novotný <a href="mailto:radek.novotny@e4cg.cz">radek.novotny@e4cg.cz</a>	On Homepage <a href="https://www.fsj.cz">3 days competition</a>
	11-12. July						
	18-19. July						
	24-26. July	SVK	WC not CE	FSJ 2026 Cassovia Cup 2026	Cecejovce / Kosice <a href="https://www.fsjcassoviacup.sk">https://www.fsjcassoviacup.sk</a>	Dodo Kešelák <a href="mailto:dkeselak@gmail.com">dkeselak@gmail.com</a>	<a href="https://kalendar.sorgair.com">https://kalendar.sorgair.com</a>
	01-02. August						
	08-09. August						
	14-15. August	FRA	WC/CE	Hans Krause Trophy	Abbeville <a href="http://echfsjfrance2026.fr">http://echfsjfrance2026.fr</a>	Adrien GALLET <a href="mailto:ech.fsj.france2026@gmail.com">ech.fsj.france2026@gmail.com</a>	On Homepage
	16-22. August	FRA	ECH	FSJ 2026 European Championship	Abbeville <a href="http://echfsjfrance2026.fr">http://echfsjfrance2026.fr</a>	Adrien GALLET <a href="mailto:ech.fsj.france2026@gmail.com">ech.fsj.france2026@gmail.com</a>	On Homepage
	29-30. August						
	05-06. Sept.						
	12-13. Sept.	FRA	WC/CE	FSJ Val de Saône Trophy	Feillens 01570 <a href="http://www.fsjfrance.com">www.fsjfrance.com</a>	Jean-Philippe COSTE <a href="mailto:jpcoste71@gmail.com">jpcoste71@gmail.com</a>	
	19-20. Sept.						
	26-27. Sept	HUN	WC/CE	FSJ 2026 Korona Cup	Kiskunfélegyháza <a href="http://f3i.hu/WordPress">http://f3i.hu/WordPress</a>	Imre Kaszap <a href="mailto:Kaszap.haz.kft@gmail.com">Kaszap.haz.kft@gmail.com</a>	On Homepage <a href="http://f3i.hu/WordPress">http://f3i.hu/WordPress</a>
	03-04. Oct.	ITA	WC/CE	FSJ 2026 Coppa Madonna di Loreto	Loreto <a href="http://www.fsj.it">www.fsj.it</a>	Massimo Verardi <a href="mailto:mverardibo@gmail.com">mverardibo@gmail.com</a>	On Homepage <a href="http://www.fsj.it">www.fsj.it</a>
	17-18. Oct.						
	24-25. Oct.	GRE	WC/CE	FSJ Lamia open 2025	Lamia <a href="http://www.fsjgreece.com">www.fsjgreece.com</a>	George Skargiotis <a href="mailto:eskarziotis@embit.gr">eskarziotis@embit.gr</a>	<a href="http://www.fsjgreece.com">www.fsjgreece.com</a>



## Milang Open F5J International

**25 - 27 April 2026**  
**Milang South**  
**Australia**

SSL Sky Park, 9 Mile Road, Milang, South Australia  
 GPS: S 35° 22.004' E 138° 56.609'  
 (500 metres south of Echo Park Rd/Nine Mile Rd intersection)

**ENTRY FORM** Saturday 25 April 9:30am - 4:30pm F5J heats  
 Sunday 26 April 9am - 4:30pm F5J heats  
 Monday 27 April 9:00 - 12:30 Flyoff Rounds

**Competitor Details**

<b>Name</b>	[surname]	[given name]
<b>Contact Details</b>	[mobile]	[work/home]
<b>Email Address</b>		State/Country:

**Competition Specifics**

<b>Model Club</b>		<b>F5J Team Member (2)</b>	
<b>FAI / MAAA Number</b>		<b>F5J Team Member (3)</b>	

**Fees**

<b>Open F5J Entry Fee</b>	\$50.00 (includes Monday BBQ lunch)	\$
<b>2027 F5J World Team Trial Aspirant</b>	\$50.00 (proceeds go to the team)	\$
<b>On field Camping fee (\$15 per site/day)</b>	<b>Non-powered site, shower, toilet, kitchen facilities</b>	\$

**Payment Method**

<b>EFT</b> (Electronic Funds Transfer)	<b>Include your name in EFT Transfer</b>	<b>Southern Soaring League Inc.</b> (Account Name) 633000 (BIB) 178216065 (Account Number)	<b>A\$</b>
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## 2026 Milang Open F5J International

The Open F5J competition will be flown strictly to current (15 JUNE 2024) FAI rules, with 3 man teams, and flyoff rounds. The number of participants in each of the flyoff rounds, and the number of flyoff rounds, will be declared at the pilot briefing Saturday morning. All pilots will participate in flyoff groups.

This event is part of the Australian Team selection process for the 2027 F5J World Championships.

Pilots must be a member of the MAAA or Overseas pilots must belong to an FAI affiliated organization.

**Entries close Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please edit/scan and return to: Robert Gunn [raunn67@gmail.com](mailto:raunn67@gmail.com)

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### NEWHSLALESEVENT. Second Wednesday, start 11 Mar 10.30am

A thermal event aka MC and E-RES which must improve skills in those contests. It should have wide appeal ranging from the deadly serious competitive F5J flyer who would most likely pit themselves against like-minded and skilled operators to the keen but less competitive flyer likely to be flying more modest machines from Radiansto flyers who stick motors in ancient wood and ply aircraft they built back in 1972. I know one of the latter rather well. Two classes. Up to 3m and above 3M. No restrictions on construction or control surfaces. 100M/30s launch with no recording of launch height. No control of zooming. Flight scoring as per F5J. Landing tape as per F5J. Elite flyers are welcome in the under 3M Class but each flyer remains within the one class over 12 months. No flyer can enter both classes. It is not so different from a bunch of HSL members arriving at Maddens and setting up an ad hoc F5J event between themselves. ALES would be: fly when it suits on the day, 6 rounds, avoid flying if an ad hoc F5J round is in progress - some liaison may be required AND as always operating procedures for Maddens are mandatory. A tally kept for the year with one dropper allowed. Collaterals: more use of the only decent glider field in greater Sydney, improvement of skills overall, encouragement of young and mature - not old - flyers to progress in our sport and a possible swelling of our membership. All positives. Negatives - in time more need to sizzle sausages and more disturbance of the local snake population.

Happy flying,  
 Ken Woodward



Not yet seen at Maddens Plains

Month	Date	Activity
January		4 Social Fun Fly
		11 GPS and 2M RES
		18 F5J
		23 -25 Tapanappa Slope Fly
February		1 Scale
		8 F5J
		15 GPS and 2M RES
		22 Open Thermal
March		1 Social Fly and F5J Practice
		8 2M RES
		15 Scale
		22 F5J
		29 GPS & 2M RES
April		<b>3 - 6 Scale Glider Aero Tow and GPS Jerilderie</b>
		<b>5 EASTER</b>
		12 2M RES
		19 Fun Fly
		<b>25 - 27 F5J International Weekend</b>

## AEFA CALENDAR 2026

Date	Event	Place	More Details
Jan-18	HSL Summer Comp	HSL- Maddens Plains NSW	
Jan 24-26	Sailane Expo F5J and eRes	Armidale NSW	<a href="https://aefanet.com/">https://aefanet.com/</a>
Feb 6-8	F5B Team Trials 2	Bridgewater Vic	<a href="mailto:brettsolanov@gmail.com">brettsolanov@gmail.com</a>
Feb-15	Millenium Cup	Maddens Plains NSW	
Feb 27-Mar 1	Aerotow eGlider	Canberra ACT	
Mar 1-2	LEG and Millenium Cup	Muswellbrook NSW	
Mar-08 6-8	HSL Autumn Comp	Maddens Plains NSW	
Mar-22	Heathcote Cup	Maddens Plains NSW	
April 3-6	Scale Glider - LSF	Jerilderie NSW	
April 18-19	Millenium Cup	Orange NSW	
April 25-26	F5J International	Milang SA	
April 30-May 4	AEFA Rally	West Wyalong NSW	
May-17	Millenium Cup	Maddens Plains NSW	
June 6-8	LSF F5J, Open Thermal	Jerilderie NSW	
Jul-12	HSL Winter Cup	Maddens Plains NSW	
Aug 4-13	F5B World Champs	Mareeba, QLD	<a href="mailto:brettsolanov@gmail.com">brettsolanov@gmail.com</a>
August 16?	Millenium Cup	Appin (TBC)	
Sep-13	ERes LEG	Tamworth NSW	
Sept 11-20	Slope Fest	Manilla (Mt Borah) NSW	

Next major event  
**HUNTERVA-  
 LEY CHAMPS**  
 Millenium  
 Cup, LEG. Also  
 CL Combat,  
 Stunt and racing.  
 Mar 6-8



**Deadline for emf #44 12th March**

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