



Our **4th Annual BAM F5J Soaring Classic** honors our long-time founding club member, leader, soaring expert, and all-around great guy, Buzz Averill (see [tributes here](#).) This event is part of the [2019 F5J USA Tour](#), and is an AMA-sanctioned event, AMA #8500. Follow the discussion and latest information on [RCGroups](#).

Dates: August 24th-25, 2019,

Contest Site: [Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, NM](#) (GPS Coord: 35.1978839,-106.5974739)

The Park is home to the world famous Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta and features acres of lush grass and thermals. It is convenient to lodging, restaurants, and other necessities.

Water and refreshments will be provided on both days (included in registration fee). Lunch may be ordered for an additional fee on contest mornings.

Registration: Please go to http://www.soarabq.org/F5J_forms_2019/BAM%202019_form.htm to register (or fill out and mail in this form. Registration closes August 22, 2019 at 11:59 pm. MDT

Entry Fee and Requirements: \$75 (non-refundable). ALL PILOTS MUST BE AMA MEMBERS. This is an AMA-sanctioned event--Membership cards will be checked. Non-US pilots may sign up as an AMA Affiliate Member for \$36 at check-in.

Awards: Open Class: Top three places—all pilots eligible: Airframes per FAI F5J rules.

'Woody' Class: To encourage participation by pilots owning inexpensive models, an award for the highest scoring

'Woody' class of electric sailplanes, 3 meters and under wingspan with built-up wing (composite spar and composite fuse ok, no composite D-box).

Other awards TBA

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Contest Schedule:

- Friday: Registration and optional test flying day starting around 9AM. A frequency board will be available and must be used. Morning flying will be conducted on a grass panel TBD (Note: Please enquire regarding safety rules enforced on this panel.)
- Friday Evening August 23, pilots welcome get together (Venue TBD)
- Saturday: Registration/Check in time is 8:00 AM.
Pilots' meeting is at 8:30 AM.
First group will fly at 9:00 AM. Flying will be in groups of not more than 12 pilots with a 10 minute working time/5-6 minute prep time between groups.
We will stop flying as near to 5:00 PM as possible. If we can complete 6 rounds, we can have a throw-out round.
- Saturday Evening: Dine together, venue TBD (Pay as you go)
- Sunday: Pilots' meeting 8:30 AM. First group will fly at 9:00 AM. We will stop flying as near 1 PM as possible. Fly-off rounds to follow after lunch break.

General Rules Summary

The contest rules will be in accordance with the F5J USA Tour as posted [here](#) and as [modified here](#). The following rules shall also be in effect:

- Due to the fenced-in environment at the Balloon Fiesta Park, emergency motor restarts are allowed, resulting in a zero score for the Flight Round per Tour rules. Otherwise, a 'significant' delay may be encountered in attempting to recover the model after an out-of-park landing. Pilots whose models land within the boundaries of the Golf Center at Balloon Fiesta Park will be required to report to the Golf Center Office to arrange for retrieval of their models.
- A pilot may alternate aircraft to qualify for the "Woody Award," for which only those rounds flown will count towards that award. All rounds flown will count towards the general awards and overall F5J Tour Standings.

Penalties: Safety violation penalties will be assessed, per [FAI rules](#) . including, but not limited to low flying over, or landing in 'pit' areas, the access corridor, the Golf Center, and other zones declared as safety or 'no-fly' zones by the CD.

The CD will announce additional rules/changes/restrictions as field conditions may warrant.

Scoring: The program [GliderScore](#) will be used to score the event per the F5J rules. Scores will be entered by pilot/helper using the smartphone-based [GliderScore eScoring Interface](#). Please install a QR code reading program on your phone. Paper score sheets will be available for use by pilots without smartphone access. Scores shall also be entered on the score sheets provided, for verification/backup. Rounds flown as "Woody" should be marked on the score sheets. The pilot receiving the highest point total for 'Woody Class' flights shall be the winner of that class.

Altitude Recording Devices: Must be FAI-approved. The most widely used altitude recording devices are the Aerobtec Altis V4+: <http://aerobtec.com/altis-v4/> and the Soaring Circuits CamF5J: <http://www.soaringcircuits.com/>. Altitude recording devices must have any altitude limiting switches disabled and may be programmed to allow emergency motor restart—in which case the display should indicate a null altitude. Real-time telemetry (other than on-board battery voltage or RSSI/signal strength) broadcasting altitude or position back to the pilot must be disabled.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Lodging: Representative motels near the park can be found here: [Lodging Near Balloon Park](#)

RV Parking: Sorry, no overnight parking is allowed in Balloon Fiesta Park.

Directions to Balloon Fiesta Park: Balloon Fiesta Park is off of I-25 near Roy/Tramway Road on the north edge of Albuquerque. Enter the Southbound Pan American Freeway (I-25 Frontage Road at Roy Road) and make a right turn at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building (Balloon Fiesta Parkway—may not be marked!!!) Set your GPS to [5000 Balloon Fiesta Pkwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113](#) and enter through [Gate 3](#) at the west end of Balloon Fiesta Pkwy. A club official will be present from 7 – 8 AM contest mornings on contest days to open the automatic gate and present you with a gate pass and parking instructions. Other days/hours are TBD. For practice day (Friday) a number to call will be posted at the gate. Absolutely no parking or driving on grass surfaces.

Registration Form: 2018 BAM

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

E-Mail:

Daytime Phone #

Cell Phone #

AMA Number:

Comments:

Total Price: \$75.00

Please Indicate 1st channel choice:

2nd channel choice:

Payment Method:

PayPal Check

If you want to pay by PayPal just hit submit. This will take you to the PayPal login page where you will complete payment. Payment will made be to Payment@soarabq.org

If you prefer to pay by check, click on "Check", then Submit. (This will bypass the PayPal login page.)

Make the check out to:
Albuquerque Soaring Association
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Your registration is not complete until payment is received.