

SSA Region 5 – Board Report

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2018 Contests in Region 5

The contest season is ready to start with Seminole Lake and Rich Owen working extra hard this year, hosting three events.

Seniors

FAI SGP

18m Nationals.

Perry and Cordele are both on schedule for R5N and R5S.

R5N has 79 entries currently, with four classes:

18 Meter, Open, Sports, 15M/Std FAI

R5S at Cordele is also on schedule for the normal June event with four classes:

Standard, 15 Meter, 18 Meter, Sports

The GTA team has updated their website with external links for the 2018 schedule and other information.

13 events

28 race days

9 contest sites

2018 Sequatchie Ridge Camp

Sarah's 2018 ridge camp is scheduled for 20-29 March in Jasper, TN. The ridge camp is always a great event. John Good also supports the ridge camp each year providing rides and instruction. Due to the demands of running the Chilhowee gliderport and other soaring activities, Sarah and Jason have decided to begin alternating between their wave camp and ridge camp beginning this year. The Mount Mitchell Wave Camp in Marion, NC is currently planned for 2019.

Initiatives

(Training, XC/Contests presentations, weekend contests, Junior's programs)

Many of the clubs have initiated new programs over the winter, including intensive three or four-day weekend flight training, cross country and contests seminars, and also local club contests. There is an emphasis on training and mentoring juniors at many of the clubs, consistent with the national activities. Major efforts over the winter were spent in getting tow-planes and trainers back in service for the 2018 season.