

Recap of the F3A Team Interview

By Don Szczur

Team introductions: Who is on the Team? Andrew Jesky (team captain), Jason Shulman (12-time world team member), Peter Collinson (1st time team member), Greyson Pritchett (Junior team member) and Jenn Kimball (female team member). Kal Reifsneider is invited back as the returning Junior World Champion and Joseph Szczur (past team member and WC invitee) round out a total of 7 U.S. pilots that will be competing.

Q: Will all the pilots be flying biplanes at the World Championships? A: Three regular (senior) team members yes, Junior team member yes, Female team member (Jenn) probably monoplane. Joseph plans to fly the Gemini, his new design which was done in partnership with CK Aero, and several others collaboratively. It's a monoplane to be powered by a Contra system.

Q: This is my favorite Q. Jenn, what got you interested in Pattern? A: Read the 2005 Model Aviation article on the U.S. Team and the 2005 World Championships in France. She then named the team members, location and described how it made her feel- she thought-- I want to do that some day! She was 10 years old at the time. I remember when I was 10 years old reading model aviation (1976 Pattern TOC) and that inspired me at that age- that same exact age.

Q: Electric or glow? A: All pilots indicated they would likely be flying electric. Andrew indicated that he likes to try other aircraft so the door is always open.

Q: When and where are the World Championships? A: Muncie, Indiana on 10-19 July 2021. AMA NATS will follow the World Championships.

Q: Joseph, what is it like competing against your dad at the team trials? A: We support each other. Joseph gave a really nice shout out to me, and articulated that as we just both made the finals at the team selection contest, it was very special for him. The feeling is mutual. He has been waiting a very long time for that to occur. Joseph tells me that is the first time that has ever happened, where a father and son, or even two relatives making the finals together at the US team trials or NATS. This ranks up there as one of those top special modeling memories for me. Dave, I want to specifically thank you, Don Manson, Ken Bassett, Bill Holsen and the others in the FARM club pattern group that helped coach me all Summer. I folded up all the cardboard boxes and counted 10 (40 gallons burned) just since the middle of June. I don't know how many additional flights I got on the Pegasus earlier this year but it was a lot.

Full interview at: <https://www.facebook.com/timjanet.pritchett/videos/10158408142765861>

Also, recaps are on the AMA Vlog site several days last week.

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