

Faust Parker represents the U.S. at the World Free Flight Championships in Embalse, Cordoba, Argentina

The U.S. sent a team of nine (3 for each event) fliers to compete in F1A, F1B and F1C at the World Champs in Argentina. These teams were selected at the Team Selection Finals held at Lost Hills, California in September of 2010. In addition to the fliers a team manager, assistant manager and seven supporters made up the U.S. contingent. Faust and Julie traveled from Houston, to Miami, to Santiago and finally to Cordoba. The lodging facilities on a lake in Embalse were a 2.5+ hour trip via rent car. The flying site was about a half hour from the World Championship headquarters.

F1A is the towline glider international class, while F1B is the rubber powered class. Faust and his team mates (Mike Roberts and Randy Secor) competed in the F1C (.15 engine) power event. Prior to the World Champs, there were several days of test flying and a World Cup event sponsored by the Federation Argentina Aerodelismo, who also organized and ran the World Champs. The flying site was a series of soybean fields near the town of La Cruz and the cooling lake for the Embalse Nuclear Power Plant.

The World Championships consist of an Olympic like schedule that included : opening ceremonies in a stadium setting, an opening banquet, model processing, three days of flying the official events, awards presentations and a closing banquet. The three events are flown on consecutive days, starting with F1A and ending with F1C.

In F1A the U.S. failed to medal individually, or as a team. The F1B team placed third and got a second in the individual standings. Faust finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the world in F1C and received a Silver Medal as a member of the second place team. The U.S. team was a very cohesive group that worked well together and as a result had a very successful World Champs.