FAI CHAMPION DARYL PERKINS SIGNS WITH TEAM FUTABA

Team Futaba has added another jewel to its crown with the signing of five-time FAI World Soaring Champion Daryl Perkins to its impressive pilot roster. Internationally recognized as one of today's top soaring pilots, Daryl has won almost every major contest multiple times. His move to Futaba, one of the most respected manufacturers of R/C radio systems, will enable him to continue his dominance among sailplane competitors.

For those like Daryl who compete at the highest levels of flying, knowing your equipment is dependable provides essential peace of mind. That trust is a huge advantage anytime, and especially during events such as FAI RC Soaring.

Daryl is also a noted sailplane designer and a full-scale pilot, like his father — who he credits with introducing him to R/C. Now in his early 50s, Daryl has been flying models since 1986 and has netted a long list of honors. They include over 20 National Championship titles in F3B, F3J, Two-Meter, Hand-Launched Glider and Unlimited; numerous Southwest Classic Soaring contest wins; and several Lee Renaud trophies, awarded to the pilot earning the highest combined Nats total.

In a March 2010 interview for Model Aviation magazine, Daryl discussed his preference for demonstrating flying skill over taking prizes. “Every win is always special for one reason or another, but I always feel bad when I fly poorly and win,” he explained. “I actually feel better when I fly well but get beat by someone flying better.”

That unassuming mindset, along with his versatile background in model design and global competition, makes Daryl a valuable addition to Team Futaba. Hobbico and Futaba are excited to welcome him into the lineup of dedicated professionals that form Team Futaba!