

JURY REPORT
THIRD FAI/F3C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
EIBERGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

ORGANIZATION: The event was organized by the Eibergen Model Airplane Club Eibergse Radio Model Vliegclub on behalf of the Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association. The event took place 14th thru 18th September 1988 with Tuesday 13th September serving as the official practice day. 15 countries were represented by a total of 36 contestants. The preparation for the contest was excellent. All information received prior to the event was timely and fully covered all aspects of the competition and travel arrangements.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The lodging facility for the contestants was the "t STIEN 'N BOER" recreation area in Haaksbergen which was an easy drive away from the flying site. The FAI Jury and Judges were accommodated at "Hotel Pierik" in Hengevelde. The food served at both places was of very high standard. Lunch packets were provided at the flying field.

FLYING SITE: The flying site was the ERMVC club field located about 2 km east of the town of Eibergen. The field preparation/condition was excellent with the F3C course laid out to favor the prevailing wind direction. A very high emphasis was placed on spectator safety with chain link fencing separating the flying and spectator areas. The club house located on the field was very much appreciated and used by contestants and officials alike.

COMPETITION: Contestant registration and model processing took place on Tuesday 13th September in a very large tent located on the flying field. The tent also housed a fully equipped metal workshop. Each model was checked to assure compliance with FAI regulations. As in the past, some of the contestants still did not have the FAI model specification certificate or the appropriate model sticker. This shortcoming must be addressed by each national aero club. The contest was started at approximately 11:00 am 14 September with the first competition round ending at 18:00 hours. The second, third and fourth rounds were flown on 15, 16 and 17 September. Some rain interrupted the third round and a few complaints were heard but the round was completed before nightfall. There were no protests filed. The award ceremony took place at noon on Sunday on the flying field followed by a 2 hour airshow. A closing banquet was held at the "t STIEN 'N BOER" restaurant and was enjoyed by all.

COMMENTS: During a pilots briefing after the first round a complaint was made that the competition organizers failed to control overflights of the prohibited area as specified in the rule book. The organizers corrected the problem immediately. A problem was uncovered in the computer program during the second round and this was solved by providing a printout with all scores and one with the lowest score set to zero.

CONCLUSION: It is the unanimous opinion of the FAI Jury that the third European FAI F3C R/C Helicopter Championships was run in a professional, fair and friendly atmosphere. The Eibergen Model Flying Club is to be congratulated again for a job very well done.

The FAI Jury: Horace Hagen - USA (Chairman)
Francis DeProft - Belgium
Tony Aarts - The Netherlands