

JURY REPORT
for the
1992 FAI F3C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
KRAIWIESEN, AUSTRIA
AUGUST 30 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 1992

ORGANIZATION:

The 1992 FAI F3C European Championship was organized by the Austrian Aero Club and the Modellflug Club Salzburg. Model processing and official practice was scheduled to take place at the contest site on Monday August 31st. Competition rounds 1 through 4 were scheduled to take place Tuesday through Friday with Saturday as a rain day. The preparation for the contest was excellent. All information received prior to the event was adequate and fully covered all aspects of the competition and travel arrangements. The opening ceremonies took place on Sunday August 30th in nearby Eugendorf with the FAI flag delivered by a sky diver landing right over the rooftops.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The lodging facilities for the contestants, supporters, judges and jury consisted of a number of excellent guest houses located in the neighboring town of Eugendorf. Breakfast and dinner were left at the discretion of the participants. Lunch was served on the field in a tent with meal tickets furnished by the organizers.

FLYING SITE:

The F3C course was laid out on the grass, at the end of the runway of the Modellflug Club Salzburg flying field in the village of Kraiwiesen. The course was oriented east to west with the judges facing north which was ideal for the pilots and judges. The field preparation/condition was outstanding. A large tent, containing tables for contestants' models was located next to the permanent Clubhouse and Tower. A second larger tent was situated behind the permanent facilities and contained the kitchen and seating arrangement for lunch. The permanent club house was utilized for the transmitter impound, frequency monitoring equipment, Team Manager's meetings and computer scoring.

MODEL PROCESSING:

Contestant registration and model processing took place on Sunday 30 August. Each model was checked to assure compliance with FAI regulations. Some of the contestants did not have the FAI model specification certificate nor the appropriate model sticker. There were also a few models without the aircraft nationality registration (ICAO) marks. These deficiencies were corrected by the organizers.

COMPETITION:

15 countries were represented by a total of 41 contestants. A Team Manager's meeting took place Sunday evening. A briefing session for the judges, with demonstration flight, took place on Monday 31 August just prior to the official on-site training. Because there were two newly participating countries a short pilot briefing session was conducted. Since the maneuver description for the autorotation maneuver was recently rewritten, it was discussed to ensure that everyone knew what the maneuver should look like. A severe wind/rain storm hit the flying site Monday night and resulted in one of the large tents being destroyed.

The rain storm continued on Tuesday and consequently, the first round of competition had to be delayed until Wednesday. After the first round some criticism was voiced about the scores for the autorotation maneuver. Another training flight was organized in an attempt to rectify the situation. An official protest was submitted declaring that the competition should not carry the title of European Championships due to inadequate judging. This protest was not upheld by the FAI Jury because the scoring difficulties concerned only one maneuver and the high and the low scores per maneuver are dropped in any case. The weather for round 1 was excellent and for rounds two and three the weather turned colder and windier. Unfortunately, the fourth round had to be canceled due to heavy rain. The flying standard observed during the entire contest was very high.

AWARD CEREMONY AND BANQUET:

The award ceremonies took place at 7:00pm Saturday 5th September just prior to the banquet with officials from the local government, the Austrian Aeroclub and Modellflug Club Salzburg presenting the FAI certificates to the individual winners and winning teams. Large trophies were awarded to the top three individual winners. Commemorative "Igo Etrich" medals were awarded to the individual and team winners. The closing Banquet, with 150 people in attendance, and live music, was enjoyed by all.

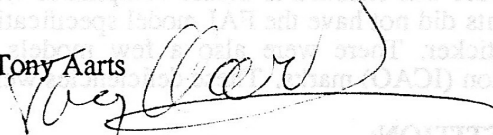
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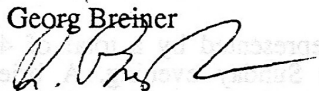
The Kraiwiesen flying site was the envy of every pilot present. The amount of equipment that was available makes this an ideal site for a future F3C World Championships. Although some larger than normal differences in the scores for the autorotation maneuver were in evidence it is the unanimous opinion of the FAI Jury that the proper rank ordering of pilots was achieved. Some team managers and pilots suggested that organizers of competitions at this level must select judges with international experience. The CIAM approved list of F3C judges attempts to achieve this goal but perhaps a qualification system should be instituted to assure a judge's credentials prior to CIAM approval. The suggestion was also made that the final judge's panel for a European/World Championships be approved by the F3C Subcommittee.

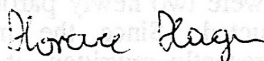
CONCLUSION:

It is the unanimous opinion of the FAI Jury that the 1992 FAI F3C European Championships was well organized and run in a professional, fair and friendly atmosphere. The Austrian Aeroclub, the Modellflug Club Salzburg and the folks in the town of Eugendorf are to be congratulated for a job very well done.

The FAI Jury: Tony Aarts


Dr. Georg Breiner


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