

JURY REPORT
for the
1993 FAI F3C WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
VELDEN/CORINTHIA, AUSTRIA
SEPTEMBER 18 - 25, 1993

ORGANIZATION:

The 1993 FAI F3C World Championship was organized to run simultaneously with the F3A and F3D WCs as part of Aerolympics III. The F3C event was organized by the Aero Modeling division of the Austrian Aero Club, the Klagenfurt Flugsport Club and the Union Velden Club. Model processing was scheduled for Saturday 18th September. Official practice flying was scheduled for Sunday 19th September. Elimination rounds 1 through 3 were scheduled for 20th through 22nd September with two fly-off rounds following on Friday 24th September. 27 countries and 64 contestants were registered prior to the competition. All information received prior to the event was adequate and fully covered all aspects of the competition and travel arrangements.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The main lodging facility for contestants, judges and jury was the Pachernhof hotel which was located adjacent to the flying site in the village of Latschach. Due to the large number of participants a few teams stayed at the Lorenzihof hotel or in private homes near the flying site. All of the facilities were of excellent quality. Breakfast and dinner were furnished by the hotel. Special arrangements were made at the flying site for lunch.

FLYING SITE:

The flying site was located approximately 500m in front of the main hotel. The contest area was laid out facing north which permitted its use for the entire day without the sun getting into the pilot's or judge's eyes. The field preparation was excellent. A large tent containing tables for contestants' models was located at the edge of the field. This tent also contained the transmitter impound and frequency monitoring equipment. A second, smaller tent located at the other end of the field was utilized for the food concession.

MODEL PROCESSING:

Contestant registration and model processing took place on Saturday 18 September in the main tent. Each model was checked to assure compliance with FAI regulations. Some of the new contestants did not have the FAI model specification certificate nor the appropriate model sticker. These items were provided by the organizers.

COMPETITION:

A judges' briefing, complete with demonstration flight, took place on 18 September. This was followed by the first Team Manager meeting. A few points related to judging were discussed and clarified to the satisfaction of the Team Managers. On Sunday 19 September, the official practice day, each contestant was given a ten minute interval to test fly his helicopter at the official contest site.

Due to the large number of contestants, the first round of competition was started at 7:00am sharp on Monday 20 September and ended at approximately 6:30pm. With visibility marginal at 7:00pm the same schedule was followed for the second and third elimination rounds scheduled for 21 and 22 September. The weather for the elimination rounds was overcast with essentially no wind. Thursday was set aside as a rain day but was actually used as a day of rest. The two fly-off rounds were flown on Friday 24 September in sunny, calm conditions. The flying standard

observed during the entire contest was extremely high. The new F3C rules in the 1993 Sporting Code resulted in improved judging during the fly-offs where the ten best pilots were compared as never before. There were no official protests registered during the competition.

AWARD CEREMONY AND BANQUET:

In departure from the past there was no on-site F3C award ceremony. The closing Banquet for the combined F3A, F3C and F3D categories took place at 8:00pm on Saturday 25th September where the FAI Medals, individual trophy and team trophy were presented by officials from the Austrian Aero Club. The banquet was held in a very large tent located on the airfield in Nötsch/Gailtal with more than 1000 persons in attendance. Unfortunately, a severe thunder storm interfered with an otherwise memorable occasion.

COMMENTS:

Aerolympics III marks the third occasion for joint World Championships for the F3A, F3C and F3D competition categories. The F3C WC was the most successful WC since 1987 largely due to being separated (except for the award ceremonies and closing banquet) from the other two events. At least four competitors were allowed to participate who could not perform the entire maneuver schedule. In the future this cannot be permitted and every attempt should be made by the sponsoring national aero clubs to ascertain the capabilities of its team members. The very large number of participants indicates that future World Championships may require the use of two flight lines with the associated higher costs to the organizers.

To maintain tradition, spectator appeal and to take advantage of daylight for photo sessions, the FAI Medals should be presented at the flying field. The 1993 World Champion team received one trophy to be shared by the three team members. At previous F3C WCs each member of the winning team received an award (trophy/plaque) to commemorate the occasion. It is recommended that this tradition be maintained. The closing ceremony stressed the point that an award ceremony with more than 1000 persons results in an unmanageable crowd. It is the sincere hope of the F3C fraternity that future F3C WCs be organized to run solo.

SUMMARY:

It is the unanimous opinion of the FAI Jury that the 1993 F3C World Championships was well organized and run in a professional, fair and friendly atmosphere. The Aeromodeling division of the Austrian Aero Club, the Klagenfurt Flugsport Club and the Union Velden Club are to be congratulated for a job very well done.

The F3C Jury: Horace Hagen (Chairman)



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