



13th European Championship for Radio Control Helicopters

Competition Report

By Horace Hagen

The 13th FAI F3C R/C Helicopter European Championship was organized by the Romanian Modeling Federation in cooperation with the City Hall of Cisnatie (Heltau), City Hall of Sibiu (Hermannstadt), the local council, the "Aripile Magurei" Aero Club Cisnatie and the Romanian Aero Club.

Every FAI affiliated National Aero Club/Federation (National Air sports Control - NAC) was invited to enter a team of 3 competitors, 1 Team Manager, supporters and helpers to participate in the 2010 F3C Helicopter European Championship, to be held on 15. thru 25. July at the "Aripile Magurei" private airfield near Cisnatie, Romania. The 2008 F3C individual F3C European Champion was also invited. The competition was run according to the 2010 FAI Sporting Code, Section 4, as well as all applicable amendments. Each competitor was required to have a valid 2010 FAI Sporting License. Competition information was provided in Bulletins 0, 1, 2 and 3 which were also available on the FRMD web site. The competition took place from 15. to 24. July, 2010 with 28 competitors from 10 countries registered.

The competition officials, FAI Judges, FAI Jury stayed at the "LIBRA" headquarters hotel in Sibiu. Most of the competitors stayed in several hotels located in Sibiu. Breakfasts were available at the hotels each day. Lunch was served at the flying site and dinners were available at the hotels and at many restaurants within the city of Sibiu.

The competition took place on the long grass runway of Aerodrome "MAGURA" belonging to the "Aero Club Aripile Magurei" about 5km south of the city of Sibiu (Hermannstadt). The city is situated in Transylvania about 274 km from Bucharest. The field is normally used by Ultralight aircraft. The flight line was oriented east-west across the runway to keep the sun out of the eyes of the pilots and judges. A large tent was erected behind the spectator line. One third of the tent housed the computer scoring system. The remaining two thirds housed the field lunch room. Canopies were used to shelter the individual teams. Lawn chairs and umbrella canopies were supplied to the judges.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday	15. July	Arrival
Friday	16. July	Registration and Model Processing
Saturday	17. July	Official Practice & Opening Ceremony
Sunday	18. July	Preliminary Round 1
Monday	19. July	Preliminary Round 2
Tuesday	20. July	Preliminary Round 3
Wednesday	21. July	Preliminary Round 4
Thursday	22. July	Reserve Day
Friday	23. July	Fly Offs 1 & 2
Saturday	24. July	Fly Off 3, Awards and Banquet
Sunday	25. July	Departure

Competitor registration and model processing took place in a shelter on the flying field on Friday 16. July. Each model was checked for FAI sticker, proper markings and compliance with F3C rules. All competitors used 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum radios so transmitter processing consisted only of verification.

The opening ceremony took place during the evening of Saturday 17. July in the small town of Cisnadia a few kilometers south of the flying site. Each participating nation carried its flag while their national anthem was played. The Mayor of Cisnadia welcomed everyone to the 13th F3C European Championship. The competition was officially opened by the President of the FAI Jury. A team manager's meeting was held later in the evening.

Official practice took place on Saturday 17. July. Two schedule "P" judges' calibrating flights were flown prior to the first preliminary round on Sunday 18. July. The preliminary rounds started at 09:00 and ended at approximately 16:30 hours each day from 18. to 21. July. The reserve day was used by the finalists for practice and served as a relaxing day off for everyone else. Two schedule "F" calibration flights were flown for the judges before the two fly-off rounds on Friday 23. July. The third and final fly-off round was flown on Saturday 24. July.

A limited award ceremony took place at the flying site to obtain good pictures. Only the FAI medals were presented to the team and individual winners by members of the FAI Jury. The official award ceremony took place in hotel "Libra" prior to the closing banquet. The FAI medals and certificates were presented to the winning teams and individuals by members of the FAI Jury. Trophies sponsored by the organizer were also presented to the winners.

The closing banquet took place in the restaurant of headquarters hotel "Libra". The FAI judges, members of the FAI Jury and competition staff received souvenir medals. The competition was officially closed by the president of the FAI Jury.

The organizer did an excellent job of providing food and shelter to the competition officials at the flying site. Thanks to the exclusive use of 2.4GHz spread spectrum radios the need for a transmitter impound was waived. Due to the somewhat remote location the event experienced limited media coverage from local newspapers and TV stations. For the same reason and poor access roads there appeared to be few local spectators. There was no separate competition web site. Instead, the European Championship was listed on the Romanian Modeling Federation web site. The computer scoring system provided by the organizer was inadequate. Thankfully Jury member Dag Eckhoff provided a scoring system that worked after some modifications made by Cristian Matica. To the disappointment of many, the organizer did not publish the traditional competition program.

All participants thank the Romanian Modeling Federation and the entire competition staff coming from different parts of Romania for running the 13th F3C European Championship in a fair and friendly atmosphere. And finally, a big "Thank You" to the FAI Judges for their hard work.

The competition staff consisted of the following:

FAI JURY:

Horace Hagen – USA, President
Dag Eckhoff – NOR
Marius Conu – ROM

FAI JUDGES:

Frits van Laar – NED
Giovanni Lo Furno – BEL
Juerg Schmitter – SUI
Bruce Naylor - GBR
Walter Freymann- AUT

COMPETITION DIRECTOR:

Manfred Dittmayer (AUT)

COMPUTER SCORER:

Cristian Matica

COMPETITION ORGANIZERS:

Marius Conu (ROM)
Mihail Zanciu (ROM)

A pictorial directory of the competition staff, competitors and Team Managers is provided on the following pages. The final individual and team results are also provided.



Horace Hagen
(USA – FAI Jury)



Dag Eckhoff
(NOR – FAI Jury)



Marius Conu
(ROM - FAI Jury & Organizer)



Frits van Laar
(NED – FAI Judge)



Giovanni Lo Furno
(BEL – FAI Judge)



Juerg Schmitter
(SUI – FAI Judge)



Bruce Naylor
(GBR – FAI Judge)



Walter Freymann
(AUT – FAI Judge)



Manfred Dittmayer
(AUT - Competition Director)



Cristian Matica
(ROM – Computer Scorer)



Mihail Zanciu
(ROM – Organizer)



Bernhard Egger
(AUT – Pilot)



Andreas Kals
(AUT – Pilot)



Wolfgang Worgas
(AUT – Pilot)



Johann Egger
(AUT – Team Manager)



Anssi Aunola
(FIN – Pilot & Team Manager)



Juha Heikkila
(FIN – Pilot)



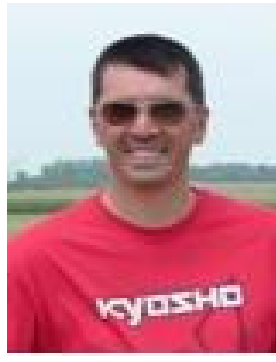
Ari Holmstrom
(FIN – Pilot)



Pascal Brianchon
(FRA – Pilot)



Laurent Lombard
(FRA – Pilot)



Arnaud Poyet
(FRA – Pilot)



Freddy Theurel
(FRA – Team Manager)



Uwe Keisewetter
(GER – Pilot)



Michael Mueller
(GER – Pilot)



Stefan Wachsmut
(GER – Pilot)



Stefan Wolf
(GER – Team Manager)



John Antoniadis
(GRE – Pilot)



John Psomas
(GRE – Pilot)



Dimitrios Tetrados
(GRE – Pilot & Team Manager)



Aviv Levy
(ISR – Pilot & Team Manager)



Alessandro Del Lungo
(ITA – Pilot)



Fabio Livi
(ITA – Pilot)



Stefano Lucchi
(ITA – Pilot)



Claudio Dorigoni
(ITA – Team Manager)



Hans Emmenegger
(SUI – Pilot)



Marc Emmenegger
(SUI – Pilot)



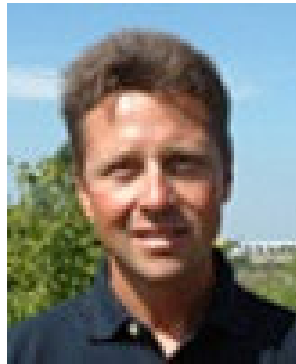
Ennio Graber
(SUI – Pilot)



Peter Oberli
(SUI – Team Manager)



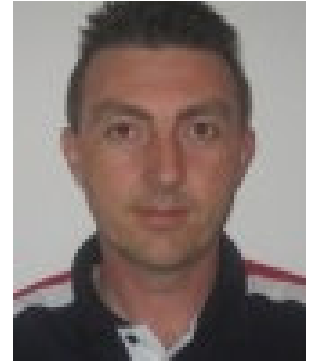
Mark Christy
(GBR – Pilot)



Dave Fisher
(GBR – Pilot)



Steve Roberts
(GBR – Pilot)



Scott Marshall
(GBR – Team Manager)



Oleksii Gogin
(UKR – Pilot)



Mikhaylo Makhnytskyy
(UKR – Pilot)



Oleksandr Romanov
(UKR – Pilot & Team Manager)



FINAL TEAM RESULTS 2010 F3C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

CISNADIE, ROMANIA

Place	Country	Places			Total places
		Pilot 1	Pilot 2	Pilot 3	
1	Italy	5	6	7	18
2	Austria	3	8	11	22
3	Switzerland	1	15	19	35
4	France	9	13	14	36
5	UK	10	12	16	38
6	Germany	4	16	20	40
7	Finland	2	18	21	41
8	Greece	23	24	25	72
9	Ukraine	26	27	28	81
10	Israel	22			22