

FAI World Championships 2013 for Multi Task Gliders

Nardt, Germany

4th to 10th August 2013

This FAI World Championship for Multi Task Gliders was organised under the leadership of the Deutscher Aero Club (DAeC) by the Förderverein Modellflugsport F3B e.V. and Aeroklub Hoyerswerda e.V.

Venue

The competition took place on the airfield Nardt near Hoyerswerda. The airfield is normally used for full size gliders and ultra light aircraft. Part of the area is devoted to model flying. During the competition the flying field was closed for full size aircraft. Still some full size gliders and ultra light aircraft started and landed on the side of the runway. The main runway in the east-west direction is about 1000 meters long and 200 meters wide was used during the Championship for competition flights. The surrounding fields are flat; the nearest building of the village was about 500 meters apart. Therefore it was possible to fly without any restrictions. Close to the main runway, on the grass area there were erected a big tent (10 x 45 m) for teams and another tent (6 x 18 m) for catering.

Participation

The Championship was entered by 50 senior competitors from 17 countries and 4 junior competitors from 4 countries.

Organisation

The World Championship was well organised. Contest Director was Mr. Armin Hartzitz, The Event Director was Mr Reinhard Dylla. For timekeeping and signalling the organisers invited also experienced people from other countries. The number of staff allowed smooth running of the competition flying.

For practicing of timekeepers and pilots a two day international open competition Nardt Open was held before the championships.

The organisers used the timing and signalling equipment owned by the Munich Model club; an equipment used successfully at many championships and international competitions.

The good organisation and rather good weather allowed completing 8 rounds within the expected number of days.

International Jury

Tomáš Bartovský, CZE – president

Raymond Pavan, LUX – member

Ralf Decker, GER - member

Accommodation and catering

Many competitors and helpers used the camping possibility on the airfield. Some participants stayed in neighbouring hotels (4 to 7 km apart).

Breakfast, lunch and diner were served in the hangar on the airfield. It was also possible to buy refreshment in a kiosk on the field. The meal was good and in sufficient amount. Breakfast for hotel guests was served in the hotel.

Weather

During the competition days any kind of weather was experienced. At the beginning the start of the first flight was delayed because of fog. This delay was not serious and allowed smooth preparation of winches. Flying then

started at about 10.30. Later during the day it was sunny, highest temperature 28°C. At the second competition day it was sunny and the temperature reached 34°C. In the evening it was very wet. During the night the strong wind tor some shades. The third competition day was again foggy in the morning. Thursday and Friday the weather was sunny. The rain again started during the closing ceremony.

Safety

There was not serious safety problem during the World Championships. The safety areas were clearly marked.

Processing

For all model gliders entering the championships the nose radius and the correct marking were checked. No problems appeared during the processing. The organisers supplied stickers for marking the processed parts of model gliders.

As a service for competitors the organiser offered to all of them the possibility to compare their winch measuring instruments with the reference one.

Opening and closing ceremony

The opening ceremony was run on the airfield. At its beginning three parachute jumpers brought the flags of FAI, of DAeC and of the Championships. At raising the FAI flag the FAI anthem was played. The teams were introduced to the ceremony area by small children in regional costumes. Short speeches were held by the Mayor of Hoyerswerda and the representative of DAeC. Mr. Gerhard Wöbbing in his speech stressed out the contribution of Ralf Decker to the progress of F3B class in Germany and in the World. Unfortunately at one half of the ceremony the rain started.

The closing ceremony with awarding of medals and diplomas took place on Friday afternoon on the airfield. Because of heavy rain it was arranged in the big tent. The ceremony included also dancing of the Lausitzer folklore group.

On Saturday the organisers prepared a sightseeing walk at Dresden followed by a river cruise on the Elbe, with target point at Bastei (Saxon Switzerland). In the restaurant it was prepared a festive diner and the second part of the closing ceremony.

Protests

There was 1 protest submitted concerning penalty for landing in the safety area at speed task. The protest was refused because it was submitted with unacceptable delay.

Technical Meeting

On Thursday 7th August 2013 was held a technical meeting with free entrance for all participants. There were presented some data from the analysis of task quality and also discussed rule changes which will apply from 1st January 2014.

The Jury also organised a survey concerning the opinion about the number of winches and batteries for teams with different number of members. Conclusions of this survey will be used for the rule amendment.

Conclusion

In the opinion of the FAI Jury, this was a very successful World Championship carried out in a friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

Nardt 10th August 2013

Tomas Bartovský
Jury president