

F7 (AEROSTATS) ACTIVITY REPORT 2013



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2-CIAM ACTIVITIES:

- No attendance of SC members to the Plenary meeting (Lausanne, April 2013) due to chairman accident and no opportunity to be replaced.
- Several rule changes submitted and approved by Plenary meeting April 2013.
- Several proposals for rule changes submitted by November 2013: World records (base definition for closed circuit record) and Hot air balloons (definition of contest officials and Jury).
- DVD available on request with an English brochure on RC Aerostats (Hot Air Balloons and Airships). 11 distributed free in 2013 (of which one to CIAM).
- Organization of the French championship and participation to several F7A meetings. Germany strongly active on airships under J.EISSING involvement.
- Strongly active blog on RC Airships by J.EISSING:
http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/rc_airship_regatta/

3-COMPETITIONS AND MEETINGS:

- F7A 2013 French Champion: Jérôme BILQUEY
- 2 official F7A competitions in France: Luxeuil (March and October)
- International F7A meetings: Chambley, Annonay, Grenoble (France), Brigachthal (Germany, 50 competitors, 6 nations).
- Several F7B regatta in England (annual symposium of British Airship Association) and Germany (Long Night of Science in Berlin). No information from other countries.
- Strong relationship with size balloons and airships and willingness to participation of models to size balloons meetings.
- Hundreds of meetings and public presentations of Hot air balloons and/or Airships worldwide: Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, UK). Other countries not reported.
- Three F7A world records achieved by Bernard BILQUEY (France): indoor flight duration (51mn04s), indoor stationary flight duration (1h49mn41s) and outdoor stationary flight duration (1h37mn29s).

4-KEY POINTS:

- Need for communication toward pilots/associations for implementation of competitions.
- No official international competitions implemented.
- Need to get information on F7 activities in supposed key countries (USA, Canada, Italy, Switzerland) and to broaden the SC working group.