

F7 (AEROSTATS) ACTIVITY REPORT 2014

1-SC MEMBERS

- Johannes EISSING (Chairman, Aeronautical Engineer, RC Airship builder and pilot, NAC = DAeC, Germany) Johannes.eissing@gmail.com

- Experts:

- Johannes EISSING, see above.

- Contacted Olaf SCHNEIDER from <http://www.modellballone.de/>. He is very active in RC Hot Air ballooning, but not member of the NAC. Started to figure out how to get a DAeC membership for him in order to propose him as a F7A expert. He is willing to contribute to CIAM activities.

- Contacted Michael Bölling from <http://www.modellballoneboelling.de/>. No response yet.

- Contacted former member Andy BOOTH (Project Manager, CAMERON Balloons, UK) andybooth@blueyonder.co.uk. No response yet.

- Contacted former member Patrick DEKOCK (RC Balloonist, Belgium) patrickdekock@hotmail.com. No response yet.

2-CIAM ACTIVITIES:

- Former Chairman Marcel PREVOTAT resigned for health reasons. On his proposal, Johannes EISSING was elected Chairman of the SC F7 at the Plenary meeting Lausanne, April 2014.

- Germany strongly active on F7B Airships.

- Strongly active blog on RC Airships by Chairman: http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/rc_airship_regatta/

- Facebook group "Airship Regatta / Luftschiffrennen"

<<https://www.facebook.com/groups/184553295643/>> is run by German airship modelers. The group is promoting proposed model airship races.

3-COMPETITIONS AND MEETINGS:

- The Chairman is not aware of F7A activities. This will hopefully change by keeping contact to above proposed specialists.

- No F7B competitions in 2014.

- There will be a model airship Competition in Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 18.2015. The British Airship Association will hold the International Airship Convention together with the German DGLR Branch "Lighter Than Air Systems" in scope of the International General Aviation Fair "AERO" in Friedrichshafen, see <http://www.airship-association.org/cms/node/271>. A "Regatta" will be held in the Aero hangar where "Drones" are on display. Hence a large international audience is expected. Chairman requests advise on how to make this event an official F7B competition.

- Chairman proposes to use this event to start an international "Hugo Eckener Trophy" for F7B Airship Regattas. Hugo Eckener has a page within the FAI "Livre D'Or". He was CEO of Luftschiffbau Zeppelin, Airship Pilot, cosmopolitan, and received three ticker tape parades in New York. Chairman hopes to receive an airship artifact for the actual trophy from the Zeppelin Museum Friedrichshafen.

- Additional to this "Airship Regatta", the Airship Association announced a prize for the winner of a "Weight Lifting Competition", as practiced during two former Airship Association events in England. Chairman organized these competitions and is encouraging the Airship Association to approach the British NAC's specialist to propose such competition being part of the F7B Sporting code.

- Additionally Chairman requests advise on the feasibility of a F7B speed world record attempt in scope of this event.

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.