

# F7 (Aerostats)

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## ACTIVITY REPORT 2009

### 1-SC MEMBERS

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We still need to get experts from key countries (USA).

### 2-CIAM ACTIVITIES:

- Attendance of SC Chairman to the Plenary meeting (Lausanne, March 2009).
- "Lighter than air" replaced by "Aerostats"
- Proposals for reshape of the F7A rules, including minor modifications, submitted and accepted.
- French brochure on RC Hot Air Balloons (to be translated)
- Preparation of provisional RC Airship rules and proposal for creation of a new class (F7B = Airship)
- Organization of the French championship and participation to numerous meetings.

### 3-COMPETITIONS AND MEETINGS:

- 2009 French Champion: Bernard BARILLON
- French Montgolfier Challenge (best in the year): Bernard BILQUEY
- 2 official competitions in France: Vesoul, Bagnols sur Ceze
- International competitions: Reims (France, 15 competitors, 3 nations), Brigachtahl (Germany, 55 competitors, 6 nations). These competitions are implemented each year since 16 and 23 years respectively and should be considered for moving status of F7 from promotional to official.
- Numerous meetings in France (Praz sur Arly, Les Saisies, Annonay, Reims, Chambley), Germany (Brigachtal, Kirchberg im Tirol, Leipzig, Bad Durrheim...), UK (Llangollen, Bristol), Switzerland (Schnottwill).
- Numerous Web sites for RC ballooning.
- On several meetings, accent was made toward contact with Youth (meeting in Health centers, RC balloon sensitization).

### 4-KEY POINTS:

- Proposal for F7B rules (airship), class to be created. J.EISSING (ZEPPELIN Airships GmbH) strongly active for the promotion of this class in Germany and key expert for airships.
- Request to move from provisional to official class for F7A (Hot air balloons).
- Several minor proposals to the F7A rules submitted by November 2009.
- Excellent relationship with pilots of size balloons. The participation of the RC Balloons enlarges the interest of the public in balloons meetings.
- Huge interest of Youth and other RC pilots and huge communication support by the RC balloons.
- Need to implement official international competitions (Germany, France and USA as key countries)