

## F3D/E World 2022 Championships 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Postponed from 2021)



After the uncertainty and restrictions placed upon civilisation by the Covid 19 pandemic it was very very welcome to have the 2022 F3D/E World Championships held in the USA at the AMA headquarters in Muncie Indiana.

### Preparation for the event.

The AMA are very used to holding World Championships and have a good infrastructure to support such events.

The management group for the 2022 F3D/E World Championships which was lead by Dan Kane, were in regular contact with CIAM via the F3 Pylon sub committee Chairman in the run up to the event. All issues and concerns were resolved in these discussions.

### The Championship.

The Muncie site was in a very good state of readiness as the International competitors started to arrive.

The International teams stayed at a variety of local hotels, which were reasonably priced. Naturally in the USA there was an abundance of restaurants and dining facilities to suit all tastes.

There were 29 entrants from 12 countries in F3D with just 1 junior, and 12 entries in F3E from 5 countries and no juniors. There were no female contestants.

The weather for the duration of the competition was pleasant and the wind direction remained on the course in the primary direction for the duration of the event, meaning the course remained erected in it's original state for the duration of the meeting.

The pitting and fuelling stations were well set out to support the event, fast food vendors were setup close to the car park for the competitors use during the event, no meals were provided as a supplement to the entry fee/package.

The organisers had elected to utilise a new course signalling and timing system for this event, this was the creation of Mr. Tom Melshimer, the system worked very well and provided enhanced levels of information for the contest organiser and jury members.

The CIAM jury were located by choice within the large marque that was also used by the competitors, this kept the jury very engaged with minute by minute happenings during the contest. The jury remained present on the AMA site during all times of competition flying.

The contest flights were very well run and we heard no complaints from the competitors.

14 rounds of competition flights were held for both categories, effectively a round of F3D was run and then a round of F3E, this being possible because the course layout and marshalling are identical for both classes.

Worthy World Champions are recorded as Emil Broberg of Sweden in F3D and Tomas Ciniburk of the Czech republic in F3E, Sweden won the team prize in F3D and the Czech republic won the team prize for F3E.

A very good closing ceremony was held on the competition site followed by a closing banquet at a conference centre in the City of Muncie.

### Summary.

At first sight the entry level for this meeting was low, but a number of major competitor Nations were still recovering from the economic impacts of Covid, so we would hope for better entries at these events as we progress in the next two to three championships.

The meeting was well run and well competed in, and up held the highest standards of International aeromodelling.

Barrie Lever

CIAM F3 Pylon sub committee Chairman July 2022



Emil Broberg receiving the Gold medal in F3D pylon 2022, from pylon racing legend Marion 'Dub' Jett.



Tomas Ciniburk on the top podium 2022 F3E World Championships.