

F7 (Aerostats)

ACTIVITY REPORT 2012

1-SC MEMBERS

- No change in 2012
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2-CIAM ACTIVITIES:

- Attendance of SC Chairman to the Plenary meeting (Lausanne, April 2012).
- F7 rule changes submitted by Subcommittee for decision at 2013 plenary.
- Implementation of World records for Hot air balloons and Airships (approved Plenary April 2012).
- French F7A championship and participation to numerous meetings (Hot air balloons and Airships).
- Blog RC-Group on RC Airships by J.EISSING (http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/rc_airship_regatta/).

3-COMPETITIONS AND MEETINGS:

- 2012 French Champion: Charles-Henry JOLY
- French MONTGOLFIER Challenge (best in the year): Bernard BARILLON. Will be awarded on June 2013 by the representative of the De MONTGOLFIER family.
- 3 official F7A competitions in France: Luxeuil (April), Annonay (June) and Vesoul (September)
- International meetings: Reims (France), Brigachtal (Germany, 50 competitors, 6 nations).
- Hundreds of meetings and public presentations of Hot air balloons and/or Airships worldwide: Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, UK), North America (USA, Canada), South America (Brasil)

4-KEY POINTS:

- France leading for Hot air balloons, Germany for Airships.
- Huge development of meetings involving size and model balloons.
- International meeting (size and model) scheduled in CHAMBLEY (France) early August 2013
- No official international competitions implemented.
- Ongoing survey of F7 pilots (using websites and web meetings reports).
- Contact to be made with NAC's to push for the creation of "Aerostats" working group.