

# F7 (Aerostats)

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## ACTIVITY REPORT 2011

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### 2-CIAM ACTIVITIES:

- Attendance of SC Chairman to the Plenary meeting (Lausanne, April 2011).
- Plenary meeting approval for creation of F7B-Airships category.
- F7 rule changes submitted by Subcommittee for decision at 2012 plenary.
- Proposals for implementation of World records (Hot air balloons and Airships) submitted (November 2011).
- DVD available on request with an English brochure on RC Aerostats (Hot Air Balloons and Airships).
- Organization of the French championship and participation to numerous meetings (Hot air balloons and Airships). Germany strongly active on airships under J.EISSING involvement.
- Blog RC-Group on RC Airships by J.EISSING ([http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/rc\\_airship\\_regatta/](http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/rc_airship_regatta/)).
- Airships Workshop in Aachen (Germany).

### 3-COMPETITIONS AND MEETINGS:

- 2011 French Champion: Charles-Henry JOLY
- French MONTGOLFIER Challenge (best in the year): Charles-Henri JOLY. Will be awarded on June 2012 by the representative of the De MONTGOLFIER family.
- 2 official F7A competitions in France: 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), South America (Brasil)

### 4-KEY POINTS:

- Need to implement official international competitions (Germany, France and USA as key countries) leading to upgrading the Aerostats class to official class.
- Need to update the survey on name and address of RC pilots (using websites and web meetings reports).
- Contact some of these pilots to push for the creation of "Aerostats" working groups in their own NACs