

European Report



Since 8/23 I'm in the lower Tatra mountains, Slovakia to fly in the F1E World Champs and to get away from the Arizona heat. It might interest some of you what is happening here therefore I copied a few short reports that I put on facebook.

Yesterday (8/25) we flew the Martin F1E World Cup in warm weather and light winds. About 75 flyers flew the first 5



rounds with mostly 5 min maxes. There were then 35 flyers who maxed out - including Bob Sifleet, Joel Yori (Jr) and I. For the 7 min fly-off we moved down the slope quite a bit. I had an amazing 7 min flight, 11 more flyers also made that one. For the 9 min fly-off we were nearly at the bottom of the slope with bushes and a corn field real close. I had a good flight and achieved 2nd place. The retrieval of the models was a walk of an average of 3/4 mile down the hills and then the same distance back up the hills was the hardest part. Today we have rain and the model checking in a large tent. In the afternoon we'll have the opening ceremony of the 2013 F1E World Champs.

Today (8/27) the 2013 Junior F1E World Champs were held here near Martin, Slovak Republic. There were about 22 juniors from 7 countries. 7 juniors maxed out flying 5x300 seconds. the 7 min fly-off close to the bottom of the slope was won by a Polish young man, a girl from France, Aurelie Trachez, was second. Our American kid, Joel Yori (Bob Sifleet's grandson) was 5th. Tomorrow the Seniors have their World Champs.

Today (8/28) The F1E World Champs (Seniors) got started on the same hill where we flew the Martin World



Cup. There were about 35 F1E flyers from 12 countries. The wind was close to 0 m/s. Bob Sifleet and I each had solid 5 min max flights in Round 1 and Round 2. Tom loerger dropped in both rounds. Most flyers maxed these 2 rounds except for 9. For round 3 the organizer moved the flight line down the hill to make maxing more difficult - but as we walked to this new launch position a steady rain started. The jury then decided to halt the contest and postpone it for Thursday, the reserve day. Leaving the field was difficult with cars and motor homes slipping and sliding and some getting stuck in the mud.

FLASH - the 2013 F1E World Championship for Seniors are concluded. Alain Roux, France, is the new World Champion and the

Team France won Gold. Bob Sifleet, USA, won individual Silver. Peter Brocks was 6th



and Tom loerger 8th individual. The Team USA won the Silver medal (Sifleet, Brocks, loerger). Flying today was very difficult with the wind coming from the side and wind speeds between 5m/s in the morning and 10m/s at the fly-off. Retrieval was very hard because of the long distances in the rough terrain, the corn and the trees that kept many models.

See you in the fall,

Peter

Congratulations Peter !