

Control Line Newsletter 2/2016

Dear Friends in Control Line

When we named the last C/L event of this year's season „we-fly“, this is typical for our flying activities in 2016. Competing in many F2 classes at home and abroad, demonstrating what we are doing in air-shows, teaching at promotion days, instructing at training courses and, first of all, a lot of flying for the fun of it.

Last year, we held two major international open events: The C/L Speed Cup and the C/L Scale & Semi-Scale Contest. The **Speed Cup** was an unique event where various



classes of international speed flyers met at the "Schwalbennest" Breitenbach site for a speed only contest. Excellent weather, happy competitors from several countries and spectacular flying attracted many spectators

taking home lasting memories. What more could an organiser expect to achieve?

Just two weeks after this, **Control Line Scale** builders and flyers met at the Untersiggenthal "Hard 2000" site. The contest took place for the second time in a row and we are very happy to report twice as many competitors than in 2015. Full blown F4B specialists as well as Semi-Scale pilots from several countries took part and spent a beautiful, sunny weekend to remember.



By end of September weather was again ideal and the **Swiss Nationals** in Breitenbach turned out to be a very successful event where numerous participants recorded excellent results, highlighted by Guy Ducas' European record mark of 262.3 Km/hr for F2G electric speed.

Competing in a number of major **European contests**, our Swiss C/L flyers brought

home very good rankings. Achieving top three ranks in classes Stunt, Speed and Team Race resulted - and in F2F Team Racing Gina and Christine Saccavino earned in Pepinster, Belgium, very well deserved gold.

The excellent results of the Swiss C/L flyers did not come for free. A real lot of intense practice flying combined with a several days training week on the former SAF airbase of St. Stephan proved to be of great value.



Gina and Christine Saccavino – our Number 1 in Team Racing F2F

And what about our young talents? Clubs like MBZB and Breitenbach, as well as the C/L Committee of the Swiss Aeromodelling Association SMV, have been organising two aeromodelling **summer camps** for newcomers. And the "we-fly" day for the whole family has concluded a successful season, promoting C/L at its best.

As the end of one season marks the beginning of new activities for the next year, we fixed some of the **event dates for 2017** already: The traditional C/L opening in Mühlethurnen will take place on April 8th with the first interregional contest to follow April 29/30. Finally the Swiss Nationals will be flown in at the weekend of September 23./24.

Once more and for the 23rd time in a row, the international open **Jura-Cup** in Breitenbach will be organised in 2017 too. While so far held every two years, a new format will allow the running of the competition every year. As we have one circle only, the contest will alternatively be open for Speed & Team Race in one year and for Stunt in the following year. Initially in 2017, the Jura-Cup is to be held as open international contest for Speed and Team-Racing on Mai 27/ 28.



Carried by the very positive feedback from competitors, the Swiss C/L community will in 2017 once more invite Control Line Scale flyers to come to the F4B Scale & F2 Semi-Scale Contest in Untersiggenthal.

When it comes to support and promote control line flying, enough is never enough. Consequently, a number of further activities, such as building the Swiss Team for the 2018 F2 World Championships in Landres, France, and supporting events for newcomers, will take place in 2017.

For ongoing information on what is going "round" in Switzerland, check www.fesselflug.ch

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