

Report from the F2 Subcommittee November 2008

This year marked an epoch when Laird Jackson, affectionately called “Doc”, stepped down from the chair of the F2 Subcommittee after 32 years leadership! I will humbly try to continue his leadership to promote control line flying.

The Control Line World Championships were held in Landres, France, with a very good turnout of competitor and countries. It was run on a very good site with several purpose made asphalt circles and grass circles. Good training facilities were also provided within close distance for F2B, F2C and F2D. With the present flying schedule in F2A, there was ample time to practice in the official circle in F2A. The Organiser, the local club F2CMBL with support from FFAM, did a good job over the entire Championships which ended in a very nice Banquet. One notable feature was the use of a visual display of the speed of the F2A models – per lap – and the final result per flight!

In the Control Line World Cup, the number of competitors and countries participating has been on about the same level as previous years. With the exception of one competition held in South America, all competitions have been held in Europe. I would like to inspire the NACs from other continents to organise World Cup competitions as they will attract interest from more continents than just their own. It will also increase the interest to compete in FAI classes within their own country.

With the new rules for Control Line in force from January 1st 2009, the F2 subcommittee will now concentrate it's work on noise issues, junior participation and performance issues in F2C. Possibly, seminars on these issues will be held at the European Championships 2009.

The F2 Subcommittee has submitted three proposals to the CIAM Plenary Meeting in March 2009.

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