

Barron Hilton Cup

Report to the IGC Meeting in Lausanne 2006

During the last soaring season, we were able to hold another camp at the Flying-M-Ranch in the State of Nevada. Because of the shift of one extra year of the traditional FAI classes, we held a camp during June of 2004 and July of 2005. The next camp will then be during 2007, the regular interval.

Most of the winners were present, except two pilots had to attend qualifying contests in their home countries. In those cases, the pilot next in line was invited. Two of the current World Champions were also present. As with all soaring, weather plays a big roll in the success of such a gathering. The weather was certainly good by European standards, but it was not the record breaking type that is normally expected (no 1000 km flights). This camp did what it was intended to do: promote cross country soaring and strengthen the contacts of participating nations. Pilots from Australia, Czech Republic, Germany, New Zealand and the USA took part. A total of over 32,000 km was flown during this camp.

This current cycle of the BHC 2005-2006 is now almost half over and the response is still great. The next pilots to be invited will be chosen at the end of the 2006 season.

Respectfully,

Hannes Linke, Competition Director