

Annex G

Electrically (Battery) Powered Aircraft

Dear Sachie,

Thank you, and many congratulations to this team for their achievement.

As you will have seen from my previous message, we don't at present have any special rules for world records in such aircraft. Section 13 concerns only Solar-Powered Aeroplanes. However, the fact that this flight has been achieved now clearly makes this a matter we should be looking at more closely.

With best regards,

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Dear Max,

This is to advise you that the team Matsushita and the Tokyo Institute of Technology succeeded to fly dry cell batteries (UM3) powered plane with a man on board. The flight was exposed in various media in Japan including TV and newspaper.

Date: July 16, 2006
Place: Honda Airport, Saitama Pref. Japan
Distance: approx. 390m
Power: 160 UM3 dry cell batteries

This is only the first notice to you.
More Details to follow.

Regards,

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Dear Sachie,

I hereby pass your message to the President of the CIACA, Pierluigi Duranti, who may wish to comment. The Code is not yet quite in its final form. It depends when Matsushita is planning to make the flights. I cannot give you a precise date for the introduction of this part of the Code yet, but I would certainly hope that it will be no later than the beginning of next year.

With best regards,

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Dear Max,

I understand that Solar-powered aircraft and Electrically -powered aircraft are now categorized in Sporting Code Section 13. I checked the FAI web site but cannot find Section 13. Please advise when Section 13 is planned to be uploaded in the FAI web site.

Just for your information, a Japanese major electronic company, namely Matsushita (Panasonic), is planning to fly a plane powered by dry cell batteries (UM3) with a human being on board. And we need to know what the definition of electrically-powered aircraft is. Do you think this challenge might be ratified as World Record?

Regards,

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