IGC Gliding Weeks - IGC Celebration event for the FAI Centenary

Based on the feedback from the IGC Plenum at the February 2004 meeting in Lausanne, the IGC FAI Centenary sub-committee (Bob Henderson, Tor Johannessen, and Eric Mozer) developed plans for the gliding portion of the celebration, IGC Gliding Weeks.

For IGC Gliding Weeks glider pilots around the world tracked their kilometers flown during specific two-week periods in each hemisphere. Pilots submitted their flights via a link on the IGC website http://www.fai.org/gliding/. The total numbers of kilometers flown was reported at the October 2005 FAI Centenary celebration in Paris, France.

The On Line Contest (OLC) at www.olc.eu.com and the French NetCoupe were used to log and record the flights. The total distance flown was an astounding 2,511,421 kms, achieved with a massive 5,224 flights. This is equivalent to 62.5 times around the Earth! IGC/FAI Centenary diplomas were awarded to the pilots from each hemisphere that made the longest flight in any of the FAI classes of gliders.

The summary of the winners:

Northern Hemisphere

- Club Class - Total kms. flown = 370,083.1; total flights = 883; best flight = 811.06 kms. Thomas Köcher (DE) Bopfingen FG Bopfingen LS 1-d
- Standard Class - Total kms flown = 415,181; total flights = 933; best flight = 1009.49 kms. James Garner (US) Moriarty Albuquerque Soaring Discus 2
- 15 Meter Class - Total kms flown = 303,388; total flights = 430; best flight = 1105.03 kms. Martin Eiler (US) Caracole Soaring ASW 27
- 18 Meter Class - Total kms. flown = 509,737; total flights = 633; best flight = 1272.41 kms. Daan Pare (NL) Amsterdamsche C v Zweefvliegen Ventus 2cM/18m
- Open Class - Total kms. flown = 381,600; total flights = 730; best flight = 1120.56 kms. Carsten Lindemann (DE) FCC-Berlin ASH 25M

By addition of the above, the total kms flown in the Northern Hemisphere portion of the FAI/IGC Centenary celebration is 1,979,989 kms. The total valued kms flown in the Northern Hemisphere = 1,120,258 kms.
**Southern Hemisphere**

- **Club Class** - Total kms flown = 4,447; total flights = 8; best flight = 544.92
  Sven Olivier (ZA)   Worcester   Cape Gliding Club   Astir CS 77
- **Standard Class** - Total kms flown = 13,170; total flights = 11; best flight = 958.34
  Alan O'Regan (ZA)   Worcester   Cape Gliding Club   LS 8
- **15 Meter Class** - Total kms flown = 6,534; total flights = 6; best flight = 820.29
  Peter Farrell (ZA)   Worcester   Cape Gliding Club   Ventus 1
- **18 Meter Class** - Total kms flown = 18,338; total flights = 16; best flight = 845.53
  Ernst-Otto Dumke (DE)   Corowa   FSC Aschaffenburg   DG 800/18m
- **Open Class** - Total kms flown = 16,945; total flights = 16; best flight = 1004.15
  Hans Georg Scheerer (DE)   Chapelco   Akaflieg Freiburg   Nimbus 3DM

By addition of the above, the total kms flown in the Southern Hemisphere portion of the FAI/IGC Centenary celebration is 59,434 kms. The total valued kms flown in the Southern Hemisphere is 29,030 kms.

By all accounts, the IGC weeks were an interesting project with stunning results and participation. The efforts on behalf of IGC by the OLC group, in particular Axel Reich and Oliver Rennert, was tremendous and the IGC should give them a huge thank you.

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