

Mr. President and Delegates

The year 2007 was the conclusion of one more of the worldwide biannual competition of the Barron Hilton Cup. This also brings to the winners of the different regions of the Cup the invitation to the Flying-M-Ranch in Nevada. During this weeklong gathering no actual competition takes place, only flying for pleasure and if the conditions allow, some records are attempted.

The Camp was attended by 8 of the 9 winners (one had to cancel for personal reasons) and two of the World Champions of the traditional classes. Invitations are also extended to some representatives of national and international organizations, who are there to give support and guidance. Every day, every pilot can choose according to a schedule his or her sailplane to fly. This summer's conditions were not quite as good as they can be in this part of Nevada. However, the primary objective of the Cup was achieved: the development of good relations and sportsmanship between all the participants, their friends and the many helpers that make this possible. At the end, two National records were broken.

As in the last two cycles of the BHC, the scoring of this competition was done with the use of the OLC. This has proven to be a very practical solution for this worldwide event.

EADS is the cosponsor of this competition. This support is a very important aspect of this venture. Lufthansa Airlines also supports the BHC with transportation.

The competition of the next cycle has begun on March 15, 2007 and will run through March 14, 2009. That year will then see the next camp at the Flying-M-Ranch.

Respectfully submitted,

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