2013 GAC – Air Navigation Race Report

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The ANR season started with the traditional Precision Flying Training Camp which took place in Donaueschingen (EDTD). Beside the precision flights the participants couldn't practice Air Navigation Race due to bad weather conditions. But nevertheless we had the chance to test the new satellite tracker software. The developer team made an improvement regarding the transmitting interval.

During summertime we found a map company in Germany which is able to produce maps from overall the world in the correct format for the ANR software. The map delivery is fast, approx. 1-2 days and the price for a map set is approx. 20 Euros. The address will be implemented in the ANR user manual.

At the WPFC in Bautzen we had the chance to present ANR. Due to the adverse weather conditions in the training week not many pilots took the chance to practice ANR. Nevertheless we were happy about the interest and the enthusiastic feedback from the participating teams. We could also test the newest satellite tracker software. It showed us that we're on the right way. The interval time is now in an acceptable range. During the winter time we'll now focusing on the ANR live software development. The main aim is to visualize the tracker tracks smooth and continuously on the screen with a certain delay.

Few weeks ago two of our French speaking friends organized an ANR event in the western part of Switzerland. After one hour ANR Training by Skype session they were able to run such an Event by their own!

The newest ANR Software and the user manual are always available on the FAI.org website. Please take up the chance to implement Air Navigation Race in your countries. This can be achieved by nominating ANR event managers which will set up regional training events and championships in your countries. Of course our ANR sub-committee is available to support initial ANR events, in person or as online support.

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