

Records Subcommittee:

Art Greenfield (USA), Chairman, noted that other members of the Records Subcommittee are Marcel Meyer (Switzerland), former FAI HO employee in charge of all records, and Chris Booysen (South Africa). The subcommittee met earlier in the year via e-mail.

Effective with the January 1, 2013 edition of Section 2, Electric propulsion was introduced as a new group (Group VI) for record setting. The committee has since become aware of concerns with one particular rule that was introduced at that time, as follows:

PRESENT WORDING:

3.1.13.2 Solar panels used to replenish electrical energy shall not be considered refuelling equipment.

Over the past year, some people expressed concern over various ways that energy might be transmitted to those solar panels. For example, it might be possible to use a second aircraft, flying near the aircraft attempting a record, to reflect sunlight using mirrors to concentrate the energy—or to use laser energy. The committee felt that these types of energy transfers should not be allowed and proposed that new wording be adopted, as follows:

NEW WORDING:

Onboard solar panels when used only to collect energy directly from the sun shall not be considered refueling equipment.

UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

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