

## **Real Aero Club de España. Report 2006.**

During 2007 we have again set up the Young Artist Contest although we have not been able to reach out to other regions of the country that did not take part last year. Catalunya, Valencia and the Basque Country are the regions that are on our aims for the following year.

We have again been backed by our sponsor Aena.

The prizes were enhanced by being given away at one of the flying displays of Fundación Infante de Orleans last December.

At the 2006 contest we have had just over 300 paintings, the number diminishes during the last two years and it looks like we would need some new idea to revitalize the contest.

We continue keeping a digital collection of the winning paintings at our headquarters.

Aviación en las Aulas has built up into an Association, which keeps the program going strong and is developing new programs to make Aviation better known by the general public.

We have started a program to subsidize the fuel for member pilots who invite youngsters to fly with them and also pay their landing fees for the event.

We have made stickers, hi vis jackets and are looking at the possibility of making sweatshirts and T-shirts, and have prizes for the pilots with more contributions to the program.

Also the Association has opened the only three axis ULM school on the Balearic islands and has started teaching.

We carry on with the School visiting program and will continue to do so. Now we have set and also upgraded our web site called [aviacionenlasaulas.com](http://aviacionenlasaulas.com) to support the ground program with information and downloads.

This site also facilitates support for the EAA's Young Eagles in Spanish language with several downloads and has links to other Associations and Aviation related sites.

The Aero Club of Menorca continues with their Aviation program with the islands youths.

The Aero Club of Malaga is carrying out Young Eagles flights on behalf of EAA and also helping out a lot with the Young Artist Contest.

Also three schools have visited the aerodrome during 2007 and at least one has done so in 2008.

The FAM, also at Son Bonet is carrying out a School visit program with over 34 school visits during 2007 and an Art Contest of its own.

The Museo del Aire also has a program of guided visits for schools and groups of adults led by volunteers from the Asociación de Amigos del Museo del Aire.

The Real Aero Club de España is still working to set up a IACE Camp near Madrid. The main problem is time availability for the people working on the project and getting a connection to the Spanish Air force.

Linked to this project directly was Antonio Quintana and as you all must know the president of the RFAE and also Director of the RACE died on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2008. That very sad event has set a halt on the activities of both institutions and time will be needed to restart.

Antonio was a personal friend and a very special key person in Spanish Aviation. It will be very difficult to find somebody suitable to partly replace him.

The RACE is also setting up several courses to upgrade pilot knowledge with a beginners aerobatic course, tail dragger course and probably a mountain flying course. A Decathlon and an Extra 200 are now operating for that purpose.

Only at Son Bonet over 3000 youngsters have come to see the aerodrome and its aeroplanes during last year.

The Association and the RACE also help, in making possible the aerodrome's open day for youth and families at the end of May.

Also the Air Force is using their transport C-212 Aviocar to give away first flights to children and their parents at several events through out the country.

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