

AIR-CLUB OF SWITZERLAND

2003 YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT

In 2003, our commission had to face a lack of support from the National AirClub office.

They should have provided us with all the legal bases, informations and services to enable us to launch some projects (ex. Junior Club, itinerant exhibition, etc.). However, we will try again in 2004.

THESE ARE THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2003

1. ORGANISATION OF THE NATIONAL ART CONTEST

- In 2003, we "only" had 411 entries at the National Art Contest (546 in 2002).
- The theme was most probably the responsible of the difference in number of entries.
- A special day for rewards has been organized. Every winner received a couple of presents and went for a 30 minutes flight over the Alps (Gruyères).
- The 2004 Art Contest has been launched.

2. A DAY VISIT OF AN AIRFIELD

- As usual, more than 600 students had the opportunity to spend a day on several Airfields throughout the country.
- During the visit, the children meet with the pilots, mechanics, Air controllers, etc.

3. YES PROGRAM - YOUNG EAGLES OF SWITZERLAND

- Some 200 children took part at the YES flight in 2003.
- Some clubs do organize up to 4 days flights with regional media coverage.

4. FLYING DAY PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS LOCATED NEXT TO AIRFIELDS

- Some 400 children living close by Airfields have been invited for an introduction to aviation speech and a 20 minutes flight over their school.

5. AVIATION OPTIONAL PROGRAM AT SCHOOL

- The participation to this program has been enlarged to 2 other cantons.
- Some 50 students in total are taking part at this program in Canton Neuchâtel, Vaud and Valais.
- Every student will make a YES flight at the end of the program.

6. YOUTH COMMISSION WEBSITE

- A basic website has been prepared and is ready to be included to the National AirClub website.

7. ON GOING REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO THOSE ABOVE MENTIONED

- St Moritz National Youth Camp with 170 participants
- Survey of the St Moritz Camp
- Local camps
- International Air Cadet exchange
- Aero modelling camps
- Speeches in schools and colleges
- Airfield / airports open doors
- etc

8. PARTICIPATION TO PROGRAMS PROPOSED IN 2003

a. Participation

All the projects/programs created and offered by our commission gave the opportunity to some 2000 children to take part at a general aviation activity.

b. Voluntary helpers

- To enable the commission to organize all the activities, some 500 voluntary helpers give their time and money.
- Without their support, none of the above mentioned project/program will take place.

c. Finances

- The commission's budget for 2003 was US \$ 1500.— including the direct costs of the commission, the organisation of the program, web site, painting contest, etc.
- We estimate the effective costs only given by the voluntary helpers at some US \$ 35'000.—.

PERSPECTIVES FOR 2004-2005

In case of real support from the National AirClub, the youth commission will attend to achieve the following goals in 2004/2005:

- Continuation and development of the on going activities, projects and programs
- Launching of the Junior Club
- Introduction of the youth commission web site
- Creation of a "Junior Club News" Journal.

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