

Step by step, the Youth Commission of the Swiss Airclub is growing up.

In 2004, more than 2500 young swiss took part at the different events proposed by the Youth Commission.

THESE ARE THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

1. NATIONAL ART CONTEST



BEST
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- 2004 has been the most productive year ever, as we received 896 entries.
- A special day for rewards has been organised in Ecuwillens at the annual Old Timer Day.
- The 2005 Art contest has been launched.

2. A DAY VISIT OF AN AIRFIELD



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- This event has also been a hit in 2004 with some 950 Children visiting airfields throughout the Country.
- During the visits, Children were able to meet with the pilots (civilian and air force), mechanics, Air controllers, etc...

3. YOUNG EAGLES OF SWITZERLAND – YES PROGRAM



- Around 150 Children took part at the YES flights in 2004.
- A special day for transplanted children took place in Sion in September 04. Some 10 of them enjoyed the 30 minutes flight over the Alps. The event was reported on TV and in all swiss medias.
- 2005 will be a special year for YES as we will reach the 1000th YES flight in Switzerland.

4. FLYING DAY FOR SCHOOLS LOCATED NEXT TO AIRFIELDS

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- Clubs have given to 650 students the opportunity to enjoy a 20 min. flight over their School and area.
- It is a specific Public Relation Program.

5. AVIATION OPTIONAL PROGRAM AT SCHOOL

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- 3 students have chosen an aviation activity as official subject for their graduation. That was the first time ever at a college Level. It has been a success.
- Some 30 other students took part at the aviation optional program in secondary Schools.

6. COMMISSION'S WEBSITE

NEW

- The AéCS Youth Commission launched its website under :
www.aviation-jeunesse.ch
- The website is translated in 2 languages, French and German and is linked to the FAI, AéCS, Sphair, sites
- Further links are under organization.

7. ITINERANT EXHIBITION

NEW

- A complete set of exhibition panels representing all the federations plus of course a special youth activities have been created.
- This set is now available for any exhibition in Schools, airshows, clubs, etc...

8. SPECIAL CAMPS

REGULAR

- a) The well known national Youth Camp with 170 participants (3 languishes) is taking place every year the 3rd week of July in St-Moritz with a great success.

b) This year an International Aeromodeling Junior Camps in Switzerland will be held in August as follows :

- Date : August 21 to 26, 2005 (entries still open)
- Place : Sport Center Linth Arena Näfels
- Age : 14 to 18
- Language : English + German
- Participants : min. 12, max. 30
- Accommodation Cost : EUR 300.—
- Entry : closing on June 30th, 2005

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

usual usual usual

- Survey of the St-Moritz Camp
- Local Camps
- International Air Cadet Exchanges
- Aeromodeling Camps
- Speeches in Schools and Colleges
- Airfields et airport open doors
- etc...

10. COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT BETWEEN THE SWISS FRENCH AND THE SWISS GERMANS

As a matter of fact, the Commission members are mainly French speaking. To improve Communications, we have now our website and all our documentation available in French and German.

This is the result of our survey :

PARTICIPATION PER AREA	TOTAL	GERMAN	ITALIAN	FRENCH
YES Flights	127	54 (42 %)	1 (1 %)	72 (57 %)
Art Contest	896	62 (7 %)	36 (4 %)	798 (89 %)
Airfields visit	950	0 (0 %)	834 (88 %)	116 (12 %)
School Optional Program	33	0 (0 %)	0 (0 %)	33 (100 %)
Flying day	450	0 (0 %)	0 (0 %)	450 (100 %)
TOTAL	2456	116 (4.7 %)	871 (35.5 %)	1469 (59.8 %)

A special effort will have to be made to improve Swiss German motivation to take part at the different projects.

11. FINANCES / PARTICIPATIONS



- a) In 2004, some 2500 youth did take part at one of our projects. This represents more than 10 % of our Aeroclub Members.
- b) Voluntary helpers
To enable such program, we do need voluntary helpers, helping, teaching, taking care of our youth. Without their help, we wouldn't be able to conduct our programs successfully.
- c) Finances
The work made by the voluntary has a cost. We consider their help at, at least, CHF 50'000.— (real costs only).

The Budget of the Commission agreed and confirmed by the National bureau is of CHF 6'000.—. This is far too low for what we would like to do.

12. PERSPECTIVES 2005 – 2006

The Commission's perspectives are :

- Continuation and development of the on going activities, projects and programs.
- Launching of the Junior Club.
- Creation of a "Junior club News" Journal.
- Finding a press officer.
- Improving the lack of participation in the German and Italian Areas.
- Creating new Links and synergies,
- Search for new ideas, projects.



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