

Royal Danish Aeroclub Competition Director Report

Report on the 14th World Rally Championships
And the 16th World Precision Flying Championships

July 14th – 25th, 2004 Herring Airfield.

BIDDING

At the GAC meeting in Zagreb 2001 gave Denmark bid for having the 16th World Precision Flying Championship in 2004. At the GAC meeting it was decided to try having double World Championships, and Denmark agreed to have a bid ready for the GAC meeting in Moscow 2002.

Denmark came up with a bid that suggested having the Precision Championships first, and after a day not reserved for competition to carry on with the Rally Championships.

This suggestion was overruled at the meeting, and it was decided to have the Rally Competition first and cut down the number of days so that there was no extra day between the two competitions.

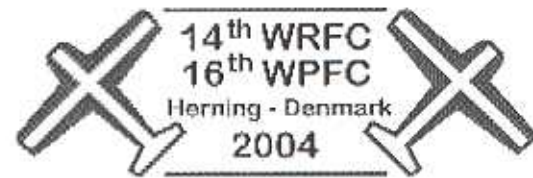
The offer made by Denmark included a large reduction in price for taking part in both championships. The fee was very difficult to calculate due to uncertain factors such as number of participants for either or for both competitions.

Local rules were finally agreed upon in Luxembourg 2003, and the contract with FAI/GAC was signed.

PRELIMINARY

Invitations were sent out to all FAI General Aviation members. For Rally the organizers received preliminary entry from 21 countries with 68 crews, 13 team managers, 13 international judges, 0 observers and 13 supporters. Three months later we received the final entry from 15 countries with 50 crews, 9 team managers, 5 international judges, 0 observers and 10 supporters. For Precision preliminary entries were received from 18 countries with 76 crews, 12 team managers, 10 international judges, 2 observers and 8 supporters. Three months later we received the final entry from 15 countries with 70 crews, 8 team managers, 2 international judges, 2 observers and 10 supporters. Taking part in both competitions were 41 crews.





FINANCES

The entry fee was calculated from participation of 60 crews and 160 full paying persons in Rally and 70 crews in Precision, and we calculated that 30% would participate in both championships. This estimate was not met, and without the support from Herning municipality, (who has sponsored opening and closing ceremonies and souvenirs) and AIR BP, Danish Civil Aviation and other sponsors, we would have suffered a financial loss.

HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Hotel Eyde is located in the middle of Herning city, 8 km from the airfield and has rooms for most participants. The transportation was made by bus of our own. Bus service was established from Saturday 11th to Sunday 25th.

RUNNING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Most of the teams arrived during the week before the championships. Most of the requested aeroplanes to teams from long distance were ready on the airfield when the teams arrived.

The opening briefing for Rally with the introduction of the key persons took place in the tent on the airfield. Daily briefings also took place in the tent.

The opening ceremony of Rally took place in the city of Herning on Wednesday the 14th of July. The deputy mayor of Herning, welcomed all to Herning, the President for FAI/GAC Pierre Portmann wished all of us a good championship and finally the honourable Count Michael Ahlefeldt Laurvig-Bille declared the championships open.

One official training route on Thursday the 15th and three official routes on the next three days were flown in good weather conditions, although one day we had two hours delay due to low clouds.

The Closing ceremony for Rally took place in Herning in the square outside the Town Hall and was immediately followed by the opening ceremony for Precision. In the afternoon there was a reception for all participants at Hotel Eyde. In the evening there was dinner in the tent at the airfield.

Precision start with one official training route on Tuesday the 20th and two official routes an one landing day on the next three days were flown in good weather conditions, although one day we had three hours delay due to low clouds at the eastern part of the route.

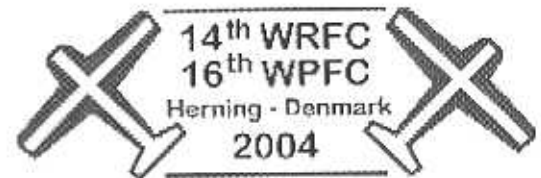
The closing ceremony for Precision was also held in Herning at the Congress Center with dinner afterwards. Unfortunately a lot of participants left before the dinner without notice.

SCORING

Both competitions used loggers for timing. Video was in use for landings in both competitions. For the landings in the Precision Championships the Swiss Landing Measurement Equipment was being used, but was of little use for accurate measurements and of no use to the Chief Judge.

All scoring during both Championships was carried out by Martin Hrivna and Eva Trchonova. This was done very skillfully, quickly, and without problems whatsoever, and we owe them great thanks for the friendly and expertly way they handle the data processing.





PR AND WEB

The web-page and PR was in the hands of Arne Panduro, who did a great job with the Championships Magazine and with the contact to Danish newspapers and Danish Television. Representatives of the press from Switzerland, Germany, France and the Czech Republic were also present.

Michel Frère, France, was helping out on publishing the maps on the web-page.

ORGANISATION

Competition Director:	Vagn Jensen
Secretary:	Annegrete Zobbe
PR/WEB:	Arne Panduro
ATC:	Palle Christensen
Local Aeroclub	Kirsten Klerke Hansen

The international jury consisted of:

President of the jury:	Howard Cox, GB
Members of the jury:	Ottar Theigland, Norway Jiri Dodal, Czech Republic

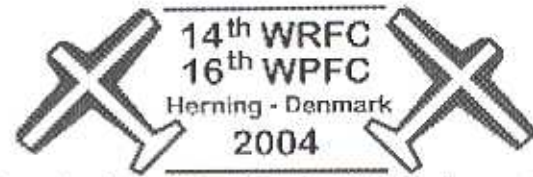
Chief Judge for Rally:	Heinrich Linkogel, Germany
Chief Judge for Precision:	Andrzej Osowski, Poland
Route planner:	Oluf Skov/Alex Hansen, Denmark
Local chief judge Rally:	Carl Erik Mikkelsen, Denmark
Local chief judge Precision:	Peter Andersen, Denmark
Technical director:	Henning Andersen, Denmark
Landings chief judges:	Knud Nielsen/Carl Erik Mikkelsen, Denmark
International judges Rally:	5 persons
International judges Precision:	3 persons
Local judges:	7 persons
Helpers:	15 persons

JUDGEMENT

RALLY

The Chief Judge for Rally, Heinrich Linkogel, had been in Herning during our National Championships one month prior to the World Championships to check the airfield, hotel, route planning and the organizers. One Week before the





beginning of the championships all of the routes had been sent by mail. Before the championships, the Chief Judge and route planners checked all routes and all mistakes had been corrected.
Four protests were received, three were awarded to the competitors and one denied.

PRECISION

For the Precision Championships the above-mentioned points apply:

The International Chief Judge for Precision, Andrzej Osowski, arrived ten days prior to the Championships. Mr. Osowski checked everything in connection with the championships and made the photos for the first and second navigation tests together with the route planner.

The Jury received 5 protests for landings. Two protests were awarded to the competitors and three denied.

CONCLUSION

From our point of view the 14th World Rally Flying Championships and the 16th world Precision Flying Championships were a full success.

We express our thanks to all participating teams for their fairness and good cooperation.

Thanks to the Jury and both Chief Judges and to the international judges and observers.

I would also like to thank Herning Motorflying Club and all other members of the staff for doing such a very good job. Finally thanks to Herning municipality, AIR BP, Danish CAA and all other sponsors.

Vagn Jensen
Competition director

Recommendations for future combined Championships:

We strongly recommend that the Precision event be held first to meet the training demands from the Precision pilots, especially for the landing practice.

An extra full day between the competitions without any official function should also be fit in.

The landing measuring equipment did not function according to our requirements. We would like to suggest that future precision spot landing tasks be recorded with high-speed digital video cameras.

