Mr. President and Delegates,

The Barron Hilton Cup is the world wide competition that has as its goals the promotion of cross-country soaring and to strengthen the gliding contacts between participating nations.

The year 2008 was the in between year of the biannual Camp for the winners and invitees of the BHC to the Flying-M-Ranch in Nevada. Since 14 March, 2009 is the end of this competition cycle, the names of the invitees to the camp are not yet determined.

A new competition cycle will begin on 15 March 2009 and run through 14 March 2010. However, a few of the rules will change with the new contest.

Again in this cycle of the BHC, as the last three, the scoring and the verifications were accomplished with the help of the OLC.

EADS is the cosponsor of this competition. This support is a very important aspect of this venture. Lufthansa Airlines also supports the BHC with transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

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