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The year of change for Bailleau International Contest

The 36th International Contest and the 13th Friendly Contest will be held in Bailleau from August 1st (Arrival Briefing) to August 13th (Prize Ceremony) www.cvve.org/2010/english



2010 is the year of change for Bailleau International Contest:

It is indeed a great innovation that is looming for our 36th International Contest ...

Like every year, a working group was formed during the winter period, to think about possible improvements on general organization of the contest. During previous years, we mainly focused on improving the reception of our pilots, their family or their attendants. But concerning the tasks, there's been no real change for a while! The last one was the end of the use of binoculars to examine line crossing, which was first replaced by the introduction of "phototime", and more recently by the generalization of the use of GPS loggers.

This year, we focused on the tasks: some of us wanted to keep the genuine "Bailleau spirit" initiated by Robert Le Maon who always wished to maximize the distance. While the others had a real envy of bringing real changes to the tasks. So, since we had different ideas, but the same common aim to innovate and improve Bailleau International Contest, we finally decided to do both!

So this year in Bailleau, you will no longer have to choose in which class you compete according to the type of the sailplane you pilot, but rather according to the type of tasks you prefer...

Finally choose the gliding you like in a Soaring contest!

Fly the way you like: Bailleau is giving you the opportunity to emphasize rather Speed, or Distance, regardless of the wingspan of your sailplane.

How that? The gliders will be divided into 2 classes: one for Long Flights, while the second one will be more oriented towards Speed.

- In "Long Flights" class, we will keep the spirit that initiated Bailleau International Contest: long flights, as much as the weather allows it. For this reason, "Long Flights" sailplanes will take off first, as soon as convection starts, and the tasks will be optimized to take the best advantage of the day... but without exhausting pilots, and striving to avoid "multiple outlandings" tasks... This "Long Flights" class is primarily devoted to sailplanes having a coefficient equal to or larger than 108.

- For pilots looking for a more "rhythmic" gliding, we introduce the "Speed Race" class: take offs will occur after the "Long Flights" class, when lift and ceiling conditions are established. "Regatta" starts will be favored and the tasks will be sized in order for the pilots to fly during the best part of the day, when the weather conditions are the strongest. Although the "Speed Race" class is primarily designed for hard-line race champions, putting forward direct confrontation between pilots, it also involves a wider range of pilots: for example those who want to fly further than they would do in the Friendly contest, or those who'd like to rub shoulders with talented pilots, in order to increase their experience... and also their average speed ! Isn't that innovation?



CONCRETELY, HERE ARE 2 EXAMPLES OF PLAUSIBLE TASKS

- D1 :** 4/8 Cu, 1500m ceiling, 2m/s average vertical speed, convection start: 12h00, convection end: 19h00.
- Long Flights: take off at 12h00, line opening at 12h45, 520 km task.
 - Speed Race: take off at 12h30, Regatta start at 13h15, 400 km task.
- D2 :** Blue Thermals, 1200m ceiling, 1.5m/s average vertical speed, convection start: 13h00, convection end : 19h00.
- Long Flights: take off at 13h00, line opening at 13h45, 360 km task.
 - Speed Race: take off at 13h30, Regatta start at 14h15, 260 km task.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In both classes, the usual coefficients will apply.
- 2010 Bailleau International Contest consists of 2 classes: "Long Flights" and "Speed Race".
- A second innovation will enhance the competitive spirit in a friendly atmosphere: in addition to the usual ranking, we will conduct a team ranking. Teams may be formed either by nationality, or by club. We want you to participate to this decision, so please tell us what you'd prefer by check the appropriate checkbox on the online registration form: www.cvve.org/2010/english
- Please be our ambassadors! We are now all convinced of the real benefit of promoting this new formula for the 2010 contest: it has the advantage of changing nothing to what we all like in typical Bailleau International tasks, but in the same time, it offers a real alternative with the new "Speed Race" class. So it should satisfy all types of pilots, whatever their skills level (for the "Speed Race" class). Therefore, we now rely on you to spread the word about 2010 Bailleau International Contest. The poster is available for download here : www.cvve.org/2010/poster

- The next newsletter will be sent during the first week of June. You will then discover other new aspects of the Contest, and some details about the "Speed Race" class.

FOR PILOTS ALREADY REGISTERED

First of all, we hope that this change will not disturb you, and that you won't cancel your registration. Keep in mind that if you don't want to change your habits, the "Long Flight" class is identical to the usual International Competition. You will soon be given the opportunity to specify the class you want to compete in: we're going to send you a link (by email) that you will use to select your class and your preference for the Team Ranking, and leave us a message on your intentions, your comments ...

