

Panoptikum Aeromodelling 2018

The Varied World FAI Aeromodelling Championship Classes

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Variety offers major opportunities

On the other hand, we have to take into account social requirements which weigh more heavily than difficult PR and higher costs. We are living in an increasingly unified world where cities, workplaces, dwellings, schools, means of transport, media, etc. are becoming more and more alike. Digitalisation and high-speed information technology only accelerate this process. The variety of aeromodelling is one of the small freedoms that can

be preserved from a young age and into adulthood. This variety lets each individual find his or her ideal scope of activities according to their abilities and preferences. While one aeromodeller may be obsessed with speed, distance and time, another may be more interested in achieving silent gliding in harmony with nature. Competitive flying is a major challenge but also highly satisfying and requires in-depth involvement, concentration and

tenacity. Those that have learnt to cope with the inevitable set-backs will have gained valuable strength of character. We all know numerous tinkerers who will employ the latest scientific discoveries to optimise their model. Creativity and innovative strength cannot be standardised. This is likely to be one reason why manned aviation repeatedly benefits from developments and ideas in our field. Last but not least, the camaraderie and teamwork in a club should not be overlooked.



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F1C



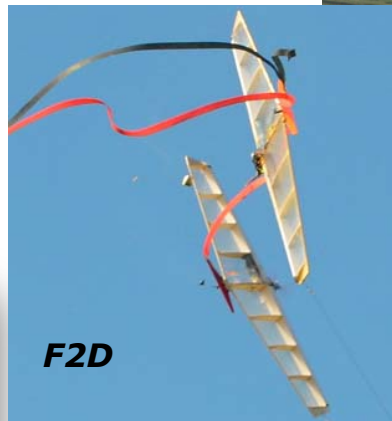
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F1 Freeflight



F1E

F2 Control Line



F2D



F2A

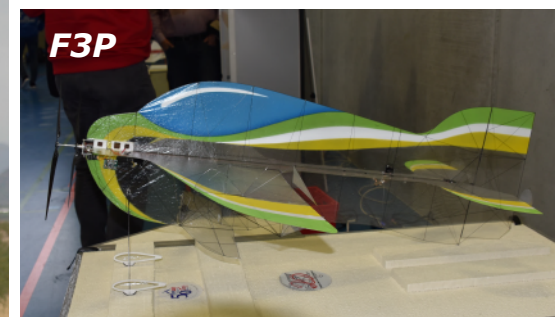
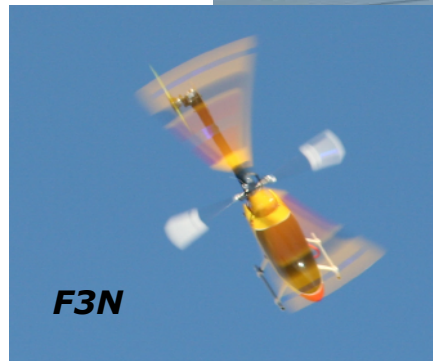
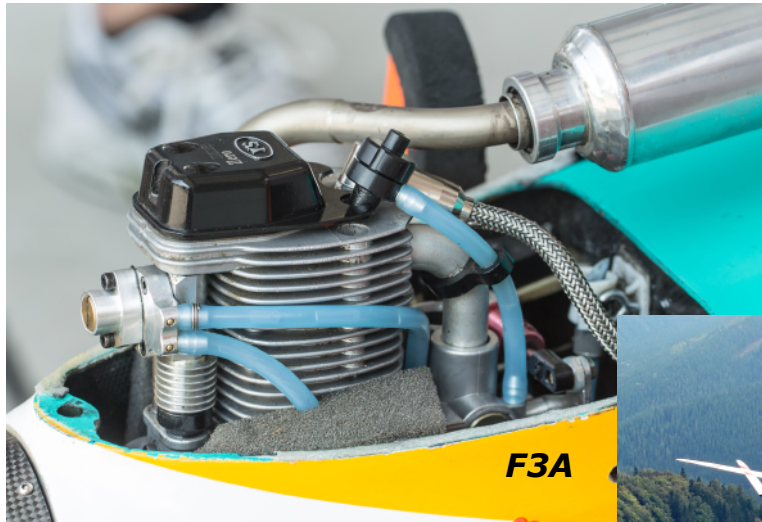


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F3 Radio Controlled Flight



F4 - Scale Model Aircraft



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F5 - Radio Control Electric Powered Aircraft



F7 - Radio Controlled Aerostats

