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1/8 IC Off Road Buggy 2009 report

The Season 2009 has passed, and I have to thank everyone for their collaboration on the well running of the Section.

Some correspondence received immediately after the past AGM in regards to entries and allocations with some adjustments and then some on technical matters over the tire dimension, compulsory from next January, and about mufflers as usual. The sharp eyes of Mr. Griffin detected a mistake on the handbook and I took all responsibility about the confusion made.

As you all know the EFRA 2009 Season consists on 2 EFRA GP, Austria and Portugal and the 2 main events, the European Championships, A & B, plus 3 international races, Great Britain, Spain and Germany

The feedback received out of our races needs to improve, I have pointed out this the past year at my report and situation has not evolved positively.

While past year the Section Chairman Report was not a satisfactory one, this year I am much more satisfied.

Season started as per official racing with the EFRA GP of Austria, Warm-up of the coming European Championship A, hot and dry, with facilities prepared and some improvements required for the European Championship.

Again, the problem of the non-shows is there with a complicated list of entrants going over 160 names but finally with only 129 drivers present.

This is absolutely unfair for an organizer and for the rest of the drivers willing to attend so I will strongly recommend pre-payment as a confirmation system for the place at such events.

Next came the European Championship B at Gland, Switzerland, organized by the Buggy Club de la Cote and the Swiss Federation, my congratulations to them for a very good event. Personally I would like to thank Max Della Casa, the whole crew from the Buggy Club de la Cote and Jackie Aebi and the Swiss Federation. The event has been run over a non-permanent facility, with the advantages (equal, new track for everyone) and the disadvantages of such, investment involved. Thankfully this non-permanent facility can be used when big events come to the Club, and experience achieved will help them in the future.

138 drivers were present, again no-shows damaged slightly the event, and the victory went for the young Swedish driver of Kyosho David Ronnefalk followed by the Austrian driver Thomas Mayr and the French driver Rémi Riel.

After such a successful event we went back to Wölbling for the European Championship A.

To talk about an excellent European Championship will be a poor image of what we saw there, the MSV-Wölbling Switelsky did a tremendous magnificent work during the whole week and gave us one of the best Euros in my memories, and those are very long and came from Euros 1992 having been present at more than 40 different EFRA European Championships.

My congratulations are extensive as well to the referees of the event, and to the Race Director Mr. Norbert Rasch.

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180 drivers present with another 20 extra-drivers waiting desperately for a non-show at track, victory went to the Mugen-Rb driver Monsieur Renaud Savoya followed by another french driver Yannick Aigoïn and the Czeck driver Martin Bayer.

Last of the season was the EFRA Gp of Portugal at Guarda track where we are going to have the european Championship A next year.

I was present there on a terrible flash trip and have already suggested a long list of improvements to be carried out for the next EFRA event to be celebrated there next May 2010. I will be at your disposal for information over the venue and a well for the Valladolid venue of the next Euros B as far as I have been there as well late September. A similar letter has been adressed from EFRA to the spanish organizer.

Joined you will find the results from Euro A, Euro B and of the EFRA GPs of the year. You can find as well the list of the drivers not eligible for the European championship B 2010 .

This is all in regards of the racing Season.

Now the Deposits.

As per the EFRA rules this matter is the Section Chairman decision "9.- He decides if the deposits paid for GP and EC events maybe refunded and requests the Treasurer to refund any monies due" but I want to consult you, the member countries to make my decision.

The deposits we have to consider are the following ones:

EFRA GP of Austria (600 Euros minus 129 x 5; 645) = 0 Euros

EFRA GP of Portugal (600 Euros minus 47 x 5; 235) = 365 Euros

EFRA European Championships B at Gland, Switzerland = 600 Euros

EFRA European Championships A at Wölbling, Austria = 600 Euros.

My recomendation is to return all deposits in full.

As a conclusion I have to say that we still need to improve, all the reports must be received, on time, all the offers made by organizers must be accomplished, the enlistment for open races must be properly done and most probably with payment involved in advance, to show a real will of attendance.

In regards of rules, a common feeling regarding a world standardisation of constructional rules is needed, some minor improvements need to be done to achieve that target and we will vote over some of those later on.

With all my respect

Your Section Chairman

Carlos Gomez