

Paramotoring in China

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General

As a sport or used for commercial purpose, paramotor was introduced to China 25 years ago. The great changes took place after China participated in the World Air Games PPG Championship in Spain in 2001. Currently, Chinese pilots are using almost the same engines and wings with European pilots.

As one of the air sport in China, Paramotoring is under the administration of Aero Sports Federation of China(ASFC)—the unique air sports control body in China and the active member of FAI. ASFC carries out PPG theory and flying exams for new pilots and issue license each year.

Clubs and pilots

There are about 50 registered paramotor clubs in China, some of them do both paramotor and paragliding. These clubs conduct the preliminary training for new comers. Surely, they also organize pilots to fly small commercial activities.

The total registered number of PPG pilots in China is about 800, and they are all over China. The active pilots are about 300. These pilots are mostly flying paramotor for commercial purpose and can make a good income to support their activities, family and purchase new equipment. Part of the pilots are flying for fun.

Activities

Paramotor activities in China is not as popular as in Europe, but there are some events in different ways:

- Clubs and provincial paramotor events: these activities organized and conducted by a club or a provincial air sports school. Pilots are from nearby places;
- National events: organized by ASFC and supported by local sports bureaus. For example, China PPG championship or cup, etc;
- China International Air Sports Festivals: PPG flying is one of the event with all other categories. Normally, pilots will be paid for their travel and

accommodation;

- International PPG event: ASFC cooperated with CIMA/FAI conducted the WPC in 2007, and the PPG event in 3rd Asian Beach Games in 2012. ASFC organizes pilots to participate in the FAI world paramotor championships.

Future

Paramotor is not only a sport, but covering many knowledge, like machinery, weather, etc. ASFC is now strengthening the management on paramotor safety, training, licensing and legal flying. At the same time, ASFC will create more chances for pilots to participate in international PPG events, and encourage local clubs to do exchange programs with neighbor country clubs and pilots. So that gradually to improve the overall level of the paramotor activities in China. Surely, ASFC welcomes PPG clubs from other NACs to cooperate with us to conduct PPG training, seminars and mutual exchange programs in the future.

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