

Report on microlight flying in Hungary in 2012

Presently in Hungary there are four organizations dealing with microlight and paramotor flying. There are 994 microlight pilots flying in 62 microlight clubs with 483 microlight aircraft, and there are 371 paramotoring pilots flying 362 PM devices. From among the four organization there are two bigger organizations which are official member organizations of the Hungarian Aeronautical Association.

Competitions are organized only for microlights and only by the bigger microlight organization. As in other countries classic competitions attract in our country also only a small number of pilots. The National Microlight Championship 2012 was run commonly with Czech and Polish participants on the scene of the WMC2013 in Slovakia. Besides this championships there were two traditional competitions run in Hungary.

Hungary took part on the WMC in Spain. only with one aircraft.

At about ten years ago Hungary restarted running team competitions (with two aircrafts and four persons per teams). The tasks were created under the concept of being easily understandably both for spectators and media and being enjoyed by the participants from the beginning to the end. Differently from the classic competitions until the beginning of the present economic crisis there was a constant increase in the popularity of such competitions and a continuous growing in the number of participants. In the past ten years we were running special competitions, also with great success with flying being the main kind of activity, but autos and jet skies are participating, too in these events. By now it has become a tradition that this kind of competition attracts the biggest interest from both the media and the participants.

Concerning our connection with the CAA it is a good news that autogyros has gained acknowledgment and the registration of pilots and aircrafts has begun. Bad news are that sportflying has been suffering under the tremendous pressure of the CAA who is intending to draw back those rights already acquired by the Association.

In the year investigated we suffered three accidents, from among there were two with personal injuries only and there was one with aircraft damage, luckily. There was no fatal accident in the period investigated.