



Annual report to CIMA from ISRAEL delegate

Introduction

Israel is CVFR airspace (Controlled VFR) which means that most flying areas are under control of a flight controller. As such, the Microlights and Ultralights are able to fly in a designated flying "bubbles" which are no-control zones limited by a 700 feet ceiling. Above that height and outside the "bubbles" the Microlight and Ultralights are controlled exactly the same as other aircrafts. In recent years, the Micro/Ultralight fleet has increased significantly due to improved regulations, additional airspace and "bubble" areas and improved aeronautical infrastructure (such as airfields, repair shop etc.).

Activity

The main activity is organized by the Israeli Light Sports Association, which is a non-profit organization that is aimed in promoting safety, sports activities and development of the hobby in Israel. Under the umbrella of the ILSA are 450 pilots, operating about 150 airplanes in different categories (Microlight, Ultralights, LSAs). The ILSA association holds periodical competitions in the areas of navigation (cooperation with the GA association), precise landings and short landings/takeoff. Other activities include formation flight shows (independence day), teaching flight lessons to teenagers and other community supporting activities.

The ILSI organization took upon itself to promote international collaboration with other sports flight clubs in other countries.

As our internal conclusion we decided to try and aim for a future Israeli venue but to do so by bringing in the meanwhile, as many foreign pilots as possible creating a deeper knowledge of the possibilities of flying in our country.

ILSI is looking to invite more delegates from other countries to fly into Israel and enjoy the ILSI hosting which includes many special flying surprises.

Both guests and local pilots had a fantastic flying experience.



Significant issues

In the past few years the ILSA has been heavily involved with the Civil Aviation Authorities to adopt the LSA regulations and update the Israeli aviation law (dated to the 1920's) to a current one. In the last year, a significant progress was made when the Israeli Transport ministry has accepted an updated law regulation frame that includes several issues, one of which is an updated aviation law.

Also, few months ago the CAAI published a new maps that let the ILSA pilots fly almost all over the country freely especially at weekends. It is a great achievement because Israel airspace is very busy.

Part of the motivation for this new law approval was the fact that Israel was reduced to a Category II safety level, few years ago, by the FAA and is now improving its entire aviation infrastructure and regulations to be brought back to Category I.

Accidents

We had one fatal accident this year .In that case 2 pilots were died.

There were few other small incidents that nobody hurts.