

EUROPEAN MICROLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013
KAMENICA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, AUGUST 2013

CIMA MONITOR'S REPORT

Visit at Kamenica was arranged July 14 – 16 after appointment made in advance with Event Director Arnost Foff, the President of the Aero Club and Competition Director Vladimir Silhan.

1. Basic information :

General location and airspace: see map 1.

Aerodrom: Kamenica nad Cirochou, LZKC

Administrator: Aeroklub pod Vihorlatom o.z.

Coordinates N 48°56'12,66", E 21°59'59,50", elevation 176m / 577ft

Runway: 070° / 250°, 850m x 50m grass, max load 5 500 kg / 0,25 MPa

Radio: INFO Kamenica, 122,6 Mhz.

Road connection:

From Presov: road no 18 (E371) Hanusovce – Vranov – Humenne – Kamenica ca 8 km from Humenne, direction Snina.

From Svidnik: road no 73 Giraltovce – Hanusovce - road no 18 – Vranov – Humenne

Driving from Svidnik directly to Vranov and Humenne using secondary roads is not recommended, because those roads are in bad conditions and under reconstruction.

The aerodrome is surrounded by hills, mostly covered by forests. Number of power lines are obstructing fields and meadows at valley of Cirocha in direction of Humenne. Hills north of the aerodrome produces lee - side turbulence during north wind.

Flight overviewing the area using my trike, which I brought to Kamenica, could not be arranged for organization reasons.

2. Logistic

The aerodrome and adjacent installations have been presented by Arnost Foff.

Facilities of the Championships: briefing room, director's office, scoring office, jury office, registration office, canteen, will be located in one hangar, ensuring convenient access to all services. The hangar is actually under full reconstruction, works are running intensively and will be finished before Championships.

Marshals and other service staff will be accommodated in “sport hotel” capacity of 35 persons, located at the aerodrome, in the building ca 200 m from service hangar.

Camping, aircraft parking and car parking for competitors will be located on large area, side

by side along the road entering aerodrome. The road is rough, especially on railroad crossing part, and has to be improved, considering low suspended, long vehicles as caravans and trailers.

Five sanitary containers will be installed during Championships. Camping area, including service hangar, will be covered by WiFi internet. Self service workshop in hangar will help mechanical services.

The closest commercial fuel station is ca 8 km in direction of Humenne, but additional fuel supply will be served at the aerodrome.

Restaurant and well supplied market are in village Kamenica, within 1 km from the aerodrome.

3. Suggestions on organization of the event.

July 15-th we meet together with Arnost Foff and Vladimir Silhan and made review of actual status of preparation and some organization details.

My remarks and suggestions considered experience get recently on other FAI / CIMA events, where I have had an official function.

Following items were pointed out:

Information on Championship has been published on website www.emc2013.sk several months ago. Publication is well prepared and contains all most important data either on event organization and on tasks. Nevertheless, a bulletin, sent few weeks before, will be very helpful, including site plan of facilities at the airport, details on catering and other services, actual number of teams and competitors in each category, remind of registration procedure and required documents.

General briefing must be obligatory for all participants, checking list of presence on the beginning is necessary. Safety and discipline rules must be emphasized, including consequences of any violence.

Every next briefing has to be accessed by team leaders and no more than one assistant from every team only. Recording briefings will be recommended. Task sheets should be distributed within sufficient time before briefing, held in the evening a day before tasks. Duration of briefings should not exceed 1 hour.

Calling the second briefing on the same tasks, in the morning next day, happened on recent championships, should be an exception only.

Routes of navigation tasks should be planned carefully, possibly avoiding long legs above area where emergency landing would be impossible. Experience of other events, held in Kamenica recently has to be considered, particularly Open Slovak Nationals 2012.

Competitors and other team members must not have access to the scoring office. Scoring Team, Director, Jury and Stewards should have separate, protected internet network, to avoid

unauthorized access and, potentially, infection of computers. The only source of public information has to be open internet and printed scoring sheets, published currently on the board.

Competitors will be kindly requested do not submit questions directly to Director or Jury but ask their Team Leader or Steward.

Organizers do not plane airshow or any other accompanying event during Championships. Precision landing, the only task interesting for spectators, will be organized at outlanding aerodrome. Thus not many visitors are expected, better for safety reasons

Sufficient time margin between last task and prize giving ceremony is strongly recommended, to ensure sufficient time for scoring calculations and jury work on protests. One day would be optimal. Otherwise delay of closing ceremony will be very probable, what happened recently on the most of microlight Championships.

4. Final conclusion

Results of visit in Kamenica, 4 weeks before beginning of the event, show good preparation of the EMC 2013, either from organization and competition point of view. Presented status promises that all necessary works will be finished in planned time.

Tremendous amount of work done by Competition Director Vladimir Silhan and Event Director Arnost Foff must be emphasized, on preparation local regulations, task catalog, as well as all necessary logistic investment at the aerodrome, .

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