

2024 8thBuggy Correspondence & Season Report

A short resume of Correspondence received was presented the following way:

Correspondence received among this 2 AGMs, last & present:

Hello my RC friends, here is the recap of the correspondence held during this year.

We did started with the usual flow of e-mails adjusting the number of entries immediately after the AGM, lets say November 23.

Then December 23 we launched the bidding process for the very first time designated tyre, better to say wheel as we were looking for a complete set glued on the same rim.

January 24 we continued with the tyre process while we were receiving DEFINITIVE national figures for our complete season 2024.

We closed those figures for invoicing and in february we keep on with the tyre process with testing carried on at the club among the bidders.

Event Contracts were sent to the diverse organizers and we start to try to get the coverage of EC B to be done , in the mean of track side by AECAR Tv with a reasonable cost for EFRA, 1000 € per the signal.

Duirng March we learned about the Brazilean problems to host the IFMAR WC 1/8 IC Buggy later the year. Immediately at EFRA we reacted and offered the best venues possible among the different candidates that were offered to EFRA from various member countries, many thanks.

Basically at the IFMAR side they had a severe concern in terms of regulation, IFMAR rules 25 % nitro, and IFMAR will not accept any venue not able to run the event without following such rule. Threorefore out of 5 or 6 volunteer candidates only 2 were feasible, Barcelos and Redovan; we submitted both to the IFMAR Section Responsable, Mr. Sander de Graaf and the choice made by IFMAR was Redovan.

Same month, April we made the tyre decison and some explanations were made to the Non Designated, item more, I want to point out that strong suggestions were adressed to me by several brands over each brand designating a wheel for the event, this is something to be taken seriously on account in the future.

Obviously a lot of correspondence and meetings held in preparation of the different events, with some duly diligent clubs like MBM Montpelier and MC Welden e.V. Futschal some with some duly diligent national members, thanks a lot to AECAR and some not so diligent ones, that have lead later on to problems to be solved track side, shit happens and perfection is only reserved for God.

Ahead of each event the usual flow of cancellations and replacements and last minute entries and after all events no significant mails except for the applause of designated tyre at EC Masters+40. Last of the year has been, September, the venues bidders applications and the places requests ahead of this meeting with the IFMAR World Championship 1/8 IC Buggy.

I must highlight that, despite what has been written at social media, NO ONE has adressed EFRA after the EFRA EC at Sacile 2024 in regards of tyre diameter ahead of the IFMAR WC. I do not endorse FALSE or UNTHUTH aseverations, and I can not be loyal to our EFRA members if I do not mention it.

This is my Correspondence report in full.

Next to that the Section Report was presented the following way:

Hello my RC friends

We have had a very good racing year.

We started with the IFMAR World Cup in Guarda, well organized but not so good atended being too early in the year and with a low value as an international title.

Nevertheless it helped to learn that the track and facilities had improved at Guarda and that they are

ready to host good European Events.

Later we keep on with the Electric Scene going to Montpelier in June, excellent race at MBM, good ambience, only bad point was the lack of battery supply track side in event of battery pack damage. Joined are the results with the victory for the Associated driver Davide Ongaro from Italy.

Later on we went to Spain to Sax, another excellent event with a superb broadcast done by AECAR Tv in collaboration with EFRA Media, it worked perfectly and it is a recommended way to work when possible from the Section Chairman point of view.

Winner was young spainard from Mugen & Ultimate Racing David Todd (brits. blood on his veins).

Next we went to Sacile 2024, Ongaro home, the curse of the organizer was there, and Davide did not win; some small last minute problems there, finally arranged to let us keep on with the race.

Winner was, 2 in a row, JC. Canas with his Sworz Reds powered.

After Sacile, summer holidays, and then, the Masters+40 at Germany, Futschal; the best event of the year, the ambience, the facility, the spirit, the system, the Local Media coverage with the announcer, economically partially supported by EFRA by the Tire process. etc etc etc, winner was, again 2 in a row, Martin "Otto" Forthmüller, aka Martin Karner in the past. Mugen again.

We closed the racing EFRA season with the IFMAR Worlds at Redovan, Alicante, Spain, Europe. Another superb event done by the RC Redovan club and AECAR. Thanks them again. Victory went, and that is 3 in a row, never achieved before, to Davide Ongaro and his Associated OS powered car.

I must thank all our REFEREES, all our TEAM MANAGERS, all our Organizers, all our Lap Counting responsables, all Media and all volunteers around all Europe

After this report I must ask the approve of the AGM Section floor, or not to, over a decision I made. I realized track side that the image of EFRA was nearly invisible on this IFMAR event, basically only an EFRA banner under the drivers podium and some flags.

International Media contacted me in order to know if EFRA can collaborate in their coverage, InfoRC and RCspecial.com, so we ensured 2 EFRA logos at all their production, its cost has been 400 Euros in total. I have paid it out of my pocket against 2 receipts.

Do I have the permission of the floor of the AGM to pass that cost to EFRA?

I will leave the meeting for you to vote on secrecy over that.

Permission was granted from the AGM Section Meeting following a secret votation.

Together with this report you can have as pdf files the Results from the 4 European Championships held 2024 and out of the IFMAR World Championship, also you can find the list of Drivers not eligible for EC B 2025 .

Many thanks for your kind attention

yours in the Sport

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