

Balsa Beavers Model Flying Club



Consolidated Contest Report - 2006

This report contains a consolidation of contest reports from 2006.

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Spain, F2D Combat



This is the highest any Canadian has ever placed since the World's started. This is a team event and all the Combat lads should be congratulated for a great effort!!!

Event	Pilot	Place
F2D Combat	Ivan MacKenzie best finish for Canada	3rd
	Pat Mackenzie	19th
	Dave Lovgren	19th
F2A Speed	Paul Gibeaul	25th
F2B Stunt	Kim Doherty	56th
	Bill Konduros	66th



Here is a Picture of Ivan's Medal and Certificate. There was an unfortunate SNAFU at the World's this time, and our guys were not notified that the awards presentation happened 2 hours after the last contest was finished, at the flying site. Traditionally the awards are given at the banquet at most World Championships. When the lads arrived at the banquet hall no one had brought the awards for them, so Ivan had to wait for just about 2 months to receive his medal in the mail.

The Spanish organization claimed that this was the procedure that they had followed for several European Championships previously hosted and assumed that everyone was in the loop on this detail.

Ivan is not one to sweat over these details and is still elated about his 3rd placing, and is happy that his medal has finally come to Papa!!!



Dave Lovgren - Ivan MacKenzie - Pat MacKenzie



Dave Lovgren - Pat MacKenzie - Ivan MacKenzie - Team Manager Brad Lapointe
preparing for a well-deserved banquet

References - unfortunately these links no longer work:

Here is the official Spanish site with results for all the countries involved:

<http://www.safa-grial.com/wc2006/Index.html>

Go to the section that says: PAGINA DEL MUNDIAL

Here is a site with an exhaustive collection of Stunt plane photos from the 2006 World Champs, great action photography by Claudia Kehnen:

<http://www.vicstunt.com/Aerobatics/World/World.htm>

2006 FAI Control Line World Championships

Our Canadians in F2D Combat
July 17-24, Valladolid, Spain
by Stunt Stu Henderson



Here are some photos of some of the action in the Combat pitch at the World Champs in Valladolid. I myself was only present for about two and a half days, as I was doing the tourist thing in several cities with my wife and mom with short time to do it in, including - Madrid, Valladolid, Valencia and finally Barcelona. I only had time to watch combat, but it was well worth it as our guys were having a bit of a hey-day this time around, with some lucky breaks here and there and some great close and extremely exciting bouts, with the best of the best from all over the world. It is a shame that I was not there to see Ivan for his next 4 matches, and that he ended up losing by DQ (streamer failure), because the Russian junior yanked out his streamer pin and all. In a strange previous twist our own Dastardly Dave Lovgren ended up winning a match (against a Mexican I think) in quite the same fashion... easy come, easy go!

I can only imagine the noise all our Anglo allies (Kiwi's, Yankee's, Brit's, Aussie's) were creating while rooting for Ivan during his last few matches against the former iron curtain competitors - too bad I missed that!

Also sorry I did not get to spend more time with Bill Konduros and Paul Gibeault - time flies faster than the planes at these big contests! Next time I hope to have all week to see all the combat and the rest of the events, and catch up with my Homeys!

There will be many reports from all the different websites, like Stuka Stunt, Goran Olsson's site..., Magazine reports from Flying Models, Model Aviation (AMA mag),

Model Airplane News, etc... Some of those web links are posted on our Beavers site in the Links section.

I will post a link to a site that has extensive photos of all the Stunters also, very shortly.

Again congrats to Ivan and the crew for a great performance and a fabulous show for all us spectator/tourists and competitors alike!



Our own Dastardly Dave takes on this massive Ukranian type. The Ukranian guy was one of the smaller ones on the team!



The Australian's have a whole family entered.



The Brits took a beating at this World Champs. Former WC Mervyn Jones slapped one of the French pitmen and was quickly DQ'd from the whole event. No doubt there was some good reason for this that we may never know. One of the French competitors gave the finger to the Brit gallery and he was DQ'd also from the whole event...! The Spanish and organizers running the show were putting up with no Bull...!



Our Kiwi friend Bryce Gibson had a mixed bag of Luck and No Luck at this World's... 'nuff said!



Canadian Team Manager Brad Lapointe (right) helped his team in the biggest way by drinking all their beer at night so the lads could stay focused... Now that's what I call dedication!



The view from our Canadian Tent where I spent most of my time hiding from the crippling Spanish sun!



Assorted combat wings. It is said that the Russian World Champ had planes that were armoured with Kevlar and Carbon, and that opponents were frying their props in the air when they were hitting Igor Triffonov's planes...!



Some pictures of our lads in assorted action.



Ukrainian Junior in center. These are some tough kids they grow in their model Aero clubs. Not the smiles and chuckles types...



The lovely Laura Leino from Finland gives the eyes a much needed break from so much testosterone at the Worlds.



Photography: Stuart Henderson & Brad Lapointe



A picture of a portion of the Hotel La Vega that we stayed at during our Valladolid leg of our vacation. You could not ask for a better place to stay in the city, although it was about a 25 minute drive from the flying site. It has many features including: Elegant dining rooms, incredible room decor, a great vista of Valladolid and an indoor swimming pool to cool off in, after a hot day. I would highly recommend it to anyone going back to Valladolid in the future.