



Indoor-MTR



We've had a great weekend. A pity that it went by so quickly. On Saturday actually 12 Mini-Race-teams showed up; even Peter Gründel with Katja Ritter had undertaken that long journey to participate. Quite noteworthy for a practice weekend in December! But all of them were quite curious to see the hall - and they were mighty impressed how big the hall actually is. From the photos you cannot really judge the size. We had got some pre entries, but we had never expected that so many people finally arrived. A big Thank You to you all, it was lots of fun.

At 8 degrees C the temperature was bearable, good food was readily available, so all teams could practice as much as desirable without stress. During breaks Christoph Holtermann showed everybody how to perform aerobatics in a hall. This was somewhat exciting for the spectators; not to mention for the pilot. On Saturday it was decided to run a contest on Sunday, so some improvising was necessary. Helle Wakkerman spontaneously took the contest director's job, Norbert Schmitz used his pirate flag to serve as circle marshal, timers and lap counters were easily found. The heats were run in two up races since we had some pilots with less than extensive experience, but the final was a three up affair.

After the final Norbert had a flight with his F2A model. This was quite impressive for those spectators who had never seen a speed model. The sound in the hall was mindboggling enough. Also the Dutch team Olijve-Schot had a practice flight with their F2C model. They were so enthusiastic about the facilities that they decided to come back for more practice soon.

This weekend was great fun, and we'd like to repeat it. Maybe we should think about the date. Temperatures in December can be much lower than what we had, which might cause some problems with the engines.

We'd like to express our most sincere thanks for the donations. With additional support from the Aero Club the cost for maintaining the hall was almost covered. We'll try to improve the facilities of the hall by and by.