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2005 Chairman's Report - 1/8th Off Road

We have achieved another successful year of racing and competition.

My first attendance this year was the GP in Reims, France, over the weekend of 12th – 14th May. This was the warm up for the European Championships 'A'. As expected the French Federation and the Reims Club had provided excellent facilities. The only problem encountered was the very wet weather, which of course no one can control. But we all looked forward to a dry and warm Euros A.

Next I moved on to the Euros B in Germany. This was the 2nd year we have held the 'B'S and returned to the track in Bistensee where the Euros A had been held previously. The Matz Family again made us all most welcome and provided the high standard of organisation along with the DMC. 108 drivers from 14 countries attended and enjoyed 3 days of good racing with no breaks for rain, although it was quite cold and windy. There were 2 out of the top three drivers being under 16 years of age.

My last outing was back to the Reims Club in July for the Euros As where 150 drivers competed for the title of 1/8th Off Road European Champion. It was well supported by the trade and the local authority took a great interest in the whole event. Once again the weather played its part and an afternoons' round of qualifying had to be postponed until next day, but we still managed to run all 5 qualifying rounds, thanks to the efforts of the Reims Club. All the finals were run in the dry, with the final day turning out hot and sunny

My thanks must go to everyone who has helped organise and run these events this year, without their dedication my job would so hard.

I have had some problems this year, which must be redressed and discussed at this year AGM. Countries must submit their entry list by the due date. (I think you all know who I mean) Very late entries make the Chairman's job difficult, and is so unfair for the organisers, your drivers and any re-allocations. It may be that next year if we do not resolve this issue, a proposal could mean a country being refused entry.

As this is my final year as Chairman I would like to just list the achievements and improvements I have been part of. In 1995 I was unexpectedly asked to take on the role, especially as I was in the middle of organising the next years IFMAR World Championship, which I wanted to be the best, I did so reluctantly. There cannot be many people who have run the best and what I thought was the worst World Championship, but of course on reflection if it was not for the dedicated team that came with me from the BRCA there would have been no Las Vegas Worlds.

I have also pioneered round by round qualifying, which now has been adopted by nearly all sections. I have also made sure, by listening to Drivers and organisers to make our Section a fair and friendly playing field for everyone.

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Finally I would like to thank everybody for their co-operation in making this the most successful and friendliest section in EFRA yet again.

The following pages show the result for European 'B' Championships, European 'A' Championships, and a list of Drivers who are not eligible to enter the European 'B's 2006.

May I wish you all a successful years' racing in 2006

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