



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES

Report of the EFRA Off Road GP Race in Marianska Lazne

The Czech EFRA Off Road Grand Prix was held in Marianske Lazne, in the Northwest of the Czech Republic, near the German Border. The City of Marianske Lazne is well known as a Spa, a lot of mineral springs make this village to be the second largest in the Czech Republic. In 1866, the declaration to be a city was done, after that until the first world war the most important buildings are done in a neo-Renaissance or in the art nouveau style and in this time the city was top ranked in the European spa centers.



So at the weekend of August, 8th -10th 2008, the Off Road community met themselves there close to the described city above at a camping place, beside there was established the track. At first I had to mention that it was a huge camping area, enough space for all the tents and Motorhomes of everyone. The possibility to rent a wooden house was there, some of the drivers do it, it is like a hotel room at the trackside. A big restaurant serves food and drinks, beside the track was a smaller sausage stand, for fast food and coffee. The track is direct beside the camping area, up to 6 Meters wide and 360 Meters long,



with 13 left hand and 12 right hand bends. A lane of bushes protect the camping area from dirt and dust. I never seen before such a huge track for the Off Road, the organizer had some small equipment to prepare the track every evening and also before the main final. The problem off he large scale cars ist he torque, they are real digging and shoveling hard and in a short time the track is changed dramatically. At Friday evening, a rain shower come and then all was in the mud. But last not least the weather get better and better, so on Sunday it began to get dusty.



Here in Off Road, Marshals had to be on their points and in every heat it need some time to get the positions ready. A discussion was done regarding the safety rules of the protected pipes according the rules, the local people have not carefully read the rules (including Tech inspection), but this problem was solved by the team managers in a meeting.

The results are:

01.)	Hartmann Petr	CR	Elcon	41 laps	30:32:805
02.)	Renze Brink	NL		40	30:34:687
03.)	Kess Michael	D	Hörmann	39	30:20:729
04.)	Cocquempot Pascal	F	Hörmann	39	30:37:712
05.)	Bizjak Roc	SLO	HPI	38	30:42:674
06.)	Elst Van der Tim	NL		37	29:42:972
07.)	Walkiers Ken	NL		33	25:21:629
08.)	Vater Dusan	CR		33	25:37:868
09.)	Schiller Pavel	CR	FG	30	24:33:673
10.)	Kuipers Rene	NL		17	13:10:140

It was a surprise that the Slovenian driver Roc Bizjak came into the main final, it was possible by his smooth driving. Also the Czech Champion, Pavel Schiller show an excellent show with his FG Baja Buggy, a rear tire explode, so he had to resign.

