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EFRA GP F1 & TC **ALMUSSAFES / AUTET Club - SPAIN** **25 th to 27 th / 03 / 2011**

Thursday March 24 th:

Bad weather. Cold and a lot of rain. No cars on the track all along the afternoon, excepted some brave, but for some laps only. A very few number of Drivers were arrived, and some of them were at the hotel, sleeping after a long trip. Good and wise decision.

The signatory took advantage of it for:

- 1) Ask and obtain copy of the certificate of insurance, on behalf of the Organizers.
- 2) Connect on the sites of various Federations and in the EFRA, to verify the validity of Licenses (EFRA or National ones), which number of engaged Drivers has not received yet.

Friday March 25 th:

TC : 50 Drivers are engaged..... 4 no show.

F1 : 21 Drivers are engaged..... 1 no show. 1 decided to participate only in TC.

This Grand Prix is the first one of the season, it is situated a little bit far, but in a region where the weather report can be considered quite nice, what finally will not turn out completely true. Indeed the weather was not still perfectly brightened up, but especially there was a still cold wind for the season. On Thursday afternoon it rained only, and the wind dried well the track for the rest of the competition.

It is so much the better for the Drivers who made the movement, among whom 1 Norwegian, 4 Dutch people, 1 Belgian, 3 Germans, 1 Croatian, 8 Portuguese, the rest of the plateau being constituted by Spanish Drivers, of whom a 10 year-old Boy (David PEREZ PEREZ, already seen in semi-final at the last European championship to Slavkov (Czechoslovakia)), who will reach again semi finale.

All the day is dedicated to total free practice for both categories. In the afternoon, number of Pilots having arrived (around 50), we have allowed 15 Drivers in TC only at the same time, track and facilities permitting, as per point 2.3a appendix 5 from the rules. We have managed it. When the one came down from the Rostrum, the other one rose, and everything very well took place.

- 40 minutes free practice for TC,
- 20 minutes free practice for F1, and it alternately.

The present Drivers were able to give themselves to heart enjoyment, because of their "little" number, but also thanks to an excellent organization. The track of Almussafes not being subjected to hourly opposite, the last ones to return to pits made it at about 7.30 pm, and drove practically till the falling night!

Very nice initiative from the Organisers. Meteo forecast (hour per hour) for the day and Saturday were on the board with the event schedule. It will be done same thing for Sunday.

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The confirmation of the commitments was made during the afternoon, in the time-keeping room.

Saturday March 26 th: 9 AM.

Sun is there. Track is dry. A small (cold) wind blows.

We constitute the International Jury :

Belgium.....: **Jimmy POELMANS**

Germany.....: **Jimmy POELMANS**

Netherlands....: **Cor ROSKAM**

Norway.....: **Laslo GALL**

Croatia.....: **Laslo GALL**

Spain.....: **Sergio Miguel SANCHEZ**

Portugal.....: **Miguel FAZENDA**

Race Director : **Alfonso PINEIDA**, AECAR President.

Time Keeper...: **Javier LLOBREGAT**. AECAR General Secretary.

Autet Club.....: **Enrique ESTEVE**, President.

EFRA Referee: **Francis BILLA**.

The Race Director made the decision to have Transmitters impounded.

The schedule plans 3 rounds of controlled practice by groups, followed by 3 rounds of qualifications, with 45 ' of lunch break at 1.50 pm. Yes, we are in Spain - it is late - but an excellent paella served to the buvette, will be there to remind us this.

The Technical Inspection will be managed by Club's Members to whom I made a small briefing, and some drawings, for a good application of EFRA rules.Thanks to them for their will, and kindness.

The afternoon perfectly took place, rounds were quickly linked, and the end intervened in 7.10 pm.

For this day, 2 unrelenting Drivers wanted nothing to share, and appropriated, each in their category, all the rounds, that they are of controlled practice or qualifications: **Hessel ROSKAM** in Tourism Cars, and **Clark WOHLERT** in F1.

Sunday March 27 th: 9 am.

As planned sub finals and finals will be runed without interruption, even no small lunch break, as it is the habit in Spain! This will not be applied of course, for the 2012 Euro.

A lot of foreigners Drivers were very happy with this, because at 4.30 pm everybody was gone (sometimes for a very long trip).

No particular problem to indicate.

In **Tourism Cars**, **Hessel ROSKAM** remained king by taking away splendidly finale.

In **F1**, the fight was more indecisive between **Clark WOHLERT**, who led the race, but entered little late in pits for its refueling. He did not have practically any more of fuel, and its engine stalled. Since the beginning of finale, the following one as its shadow, **Marko GRIGIC**, whose refueling strategy turned out better than that of Clark, took advantage of the long stop of this last one, to take 2 laps beforehand.

In spite of all his efforts Clark cannot return any more.

A nice prize-giving allowed the Spanish Federation to reward her Drivers, and then the prize-giving concerning the EFRA GP took place, with photos, podium, delivery of cups, before all this small world leaves back home, and meets to the next EFRA GP for some, in Zagreb, at our Croatian Friends.



For the complete results, refer please to the following sites:

- **EFRA**.....: <http://news.efra.ws/index.php?id=383>
- **Organizer** : <http://www.autet.com/euro/>

Sportily your,

EFRA Large Scale section Chairman,

Francis Billa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Francis Billa', is written over a light blue rectangular background. The signature is stylized and cursive.

PS : have a look on the photos below please.

Below, both photos of the Podiums, friendly offered by the **Time-Keeper, Javier LLOBREGAT** on my personal request.

Thanks a lot to him for its collaboration.



Formula 1 Podium

2 nd : Clark WOHLERT

1 st : Marko GRIGIC

3 rd : Antonio GIL MARTI



Tourism Cars Podium

2 nd : Jeffrey VAN WIJK

1 st : Hessel ROSKAM

3 rd : Carlos FERNANDEZ