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EFRA GP F1 & TC ZAGREB / Automodelarski Savez Club - CROATIA From April 28th to May 1st 2011

Thursday April 28th:

Few number of Drivers were arrived. Weather was very cloudy, but no rain. Some of them did small runs all along the afternoon to adjust their cars to the track, and find the best set up.

The signatory took advantage of it for:

- 1) Ask and obtain copy of the certificate of insurance, on behalf of the Organisers. (validity till June 26th, 2011)
- 2) The check of all the committed Drivers EFRA Licences was done from home, before departure to save time. With the guide sent last year by EFRA, we have registered on the EFRA Website, all the Croatian Drivers for Large Scale.

Friday April 29th:

TC : 10 Drivers are engaged..... 1 no show, but excused, and 1 Croatian more arrived on Saturday morning before the third qualification round.

F1 : 10 Drivers are engaged.....1 no show, but excused.

This Grand Prix, called **Ayrton SENNA** Memorial, is the second one of the season. It is situated a little bit far, and it's difficult for the LS Chairman & Referee to understand how the Delegates (during the AGM) can vote for an EFRA GP for such that of Zagreb, to have all in all only 20 registered Drivers. It is a regrettable situation for the Club, and for the sport.

Rain falls early in the morning. Track is wet. Few Drivers are here (what is coherent!) and only some of them did some laps with rains tyres.

It is so much the better for the Drivers who made the movement, among whom 2 Norwegians, 1 Belgian, the rest of the plateau being constituted by Croatian Drivers, of whom **Marta STEGMAYER** who drives (very well) its Formula 1.

- 2 o'clock pm : rain is still there. Nobody drives.
- 4 o'clock pm : no more rain. Track is still wet, but a little sun is coming and very appreciated.
- Drivers for both categories (at the same time, track allowing this without any problem at all) are doing some runs, coming out and in, trying to find the best compromise, because meteo forecasts are not so optimistic.

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- 15' past 5 pm : rain is again here. Everybody into the pits. This is regrettable because due the poor number of committed Drivers, those present should drive a maximum, but unfortunately, weather decides, and nothing to do with this.
- The track of Zagreb being subjected to hourly opposite, the track was closed at 6 pm.

The confirmation of the commitments (and physical check of the Licences) was made during the afternoon, in the restaurant room.

Saturday April 30th: 10 AM.

Night has been rainy. The sky is very cloudy, and it seems that the day will be the same as yesterday (Rain, no rain, rain, etc.)

All Drivers are arrived. As already written, one no show, but he has warned the Organisers, what is respectful.

We constitute the International Jury :

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

Norway.....: **Cato HETLAND**, these two first ones being regular "Customers" of EFRA GP's.

Croatia.....: **Hrvoje STEGMAYER.** (Marta's Brother)

Race Director.....: **Ante DUJIC.**

Time Keeper.....: **Luca JENDRASIK.**

Technical Controler....: **Zoran BUSAC.**

National Referee.....: **Milan DAMJANOVIC.**

EFRA Referee.....: **Francis BILLA.**

The Race Director made the decision not to have Transmitters impounded. The timing is also presented and approved.

Free practice till lunch break without any rain. Track is dry.

- 2 o'clock pm : 1 controlled practice by groups of 5 Drivers (we have time...)
- 3 o'clock pm : 2 qualifications heats in the same configuration.

We were very lucky ! In spite of the meteo forecasts, sun was there all along the afternoon. The 2 first qualifications rounds took place in the same conditions for everybody.

Tomorrow will be another day, and we will see...(normally, same meteo forecasts than today : Ok but the afternoon was scheduled rainy !!)

Sunday May 1st: 10 am.

Bad beginning day ! During the night the buvette / restaurant was visited : all beverages and other things without "big value" were robbed. The Police is there for investigations, to receive the Organisers's complain and verify what is possible to do. It's the fifth time that this happens in the last few days !!!

Weather is a little bit cloudy and cold. For the rain, we will see... no rain !

- 2 qualifications heats more, still in the same conditions for everybody.

Break lunch at noon.

- **TC Final** starts at 1 pm : here is the young Norwegian Driver **Nikolai HHEIM** (14 years old), whose is the birthday today. In an excellent atmosphere, each wishes him a happy birthday. This final, won by **Dario VESELI**, took place very well and in a very nice spirit.
- Same thing for F1 final (we were still lucky with the weather : no rain, and moreover sun giving a better temperature to the track for the grip). The winner was the same than in Spain : the Croatian Driver **Marko GRIGIC**, after a big fighting with mainly **Hrvoje STEGMAYER** before the refueling time, because up to this moment, we have seen a big fight with quite all F1 Drivers, whose **Jimmy**

POELMANS and **Cato HETLAND**, who had to face before the end of the race some technical problems on their cars.

A nice prize-giving took place, with photos, podium, delivery of cups, and very nice bags containing gifts from Croatia and Zagreb City for each Participant. End of this race weekend was 3.30 pm.

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

- **EFRA**.....: <http://news.efra.ws/index.php?id=383>

http://news.efra.ws/index.php?id=388&newsid=767&frompageid=383&start=0&p_f=25&e=0&c=0&s=0&y=2011-01-01

- **Organizer** : www.hams.hr

Sportily your,

EFRA Large Scale section Chairman,

Francis Billa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Francis Billa', written in a cursive style.

PS : have a look on the photos below please.

Below, both photos of the Podiums, **friendly** offered by **Jasenka JENDRASIK**, on my personal request.

Thanks a lot to her for its collaboration.

Formula 1 Podium



2 nd : Hrvoje STEGMAYER

1 st : Marko GRIGIC

3 rd :Marta STEGMAYER

Tourism Cars Podium



2 nd : Ivan MILAKOVIC

1 st : Dario VESELI

3 rd : Ivan MINKOVIC



Our Norwegian Friend, **Nikolai HHEIM**, whose Birthday was on May 1st.

Zvonimir MATOSIC, Club's President, is giving to him a bottle of local Champagne.