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CHAIRMAN REPORT EFRA European Championship 1/8th IC and 1/10th IC 200mm HAMM (Germany) and IR 1/8 electric stock and modified

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Dear sportfriends,

Another EFRA European Championship +40 in the books. Back home, it's time to put on paper some thoughts and facts of what happened past week in HAMM. The Organiser club, AMC HAMM has done an excellent job with the small support of the DMC Federation, and gave us a real good demonstration event during the 3 days of the event. The club commanded by Mr. Daniel Thiele helped by an extended role of crew people with key persons like Robert, has put in place a high standard of organizational capabilities and made possible such a big race.

With more than 115 drivers enlisted finally the show ups track side had been 110 drivers, which together with their mechanics and supporting crew had made nearly 250 people present at the region to enjoy its weather, food, lodging and life.

Statistics

- 110 drivers present in EC +40 1/8th and 1/10th 200mm come from 9 countries. 61 drivers in 1/8th, 35 drivers in 1/10th 200mm, 10 drivers in 1/8 electric stock and 4 drivers in 1/8 modified.
- In 1/8th, Germany as a organizer country got 54% of the entries, followed by Switzerland with 22%, Netherlands with 12% and Austria with 5%.
- In 1/10th, Germany again was best team with 40% of the entries, followed by Switzerland with 27%, Netherlands with 12% and Slovakia, Sweden and Hungary with 6%.
- Regarding Brand Cars, in 1/8th was Shepherd lead statistics with 32% of the cars, followed by Mugen with 20% and Serpent with 15%. In 1/10th was XRAY was more represented brand with 40% of the cars on the track, followed by Shepherd with 36% and Serpent with 12%.
- Regarding engines in 1/8th Picco reached 27%, following by Os with 17% and Novarossi with 12%. In 1/10th Orcan got 34% of the engines, followed by Novarossi with 21% and Picco with 15%.
- Finally regarding fuel brands in 1/8th Runner time was fuel brand must used with 49% of drivers, followed by Orcan with 21% and Brilliant with 15%.
- More than 1600 sets of tires from Shepherd were used during race week.

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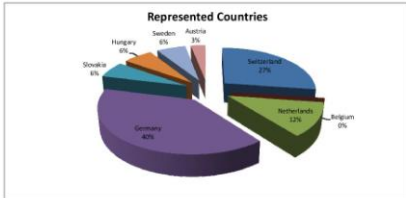
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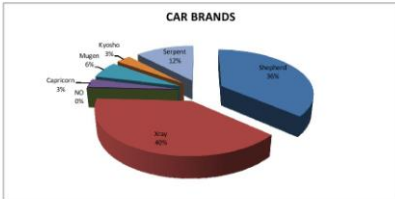


EFRA EC 1/10th 200MM +40 STATISTICS

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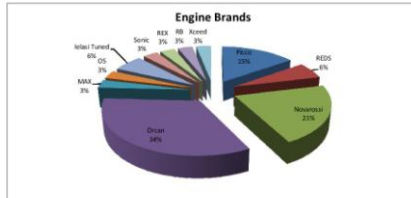


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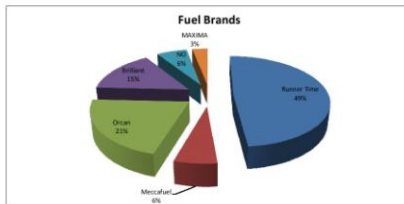


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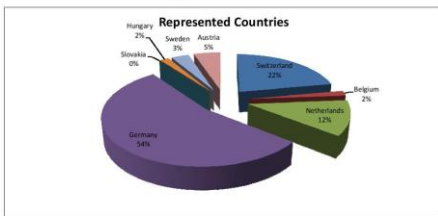


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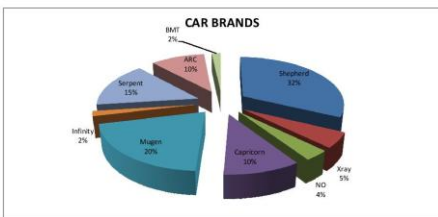


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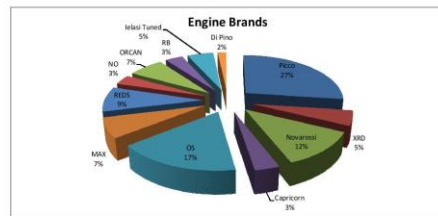


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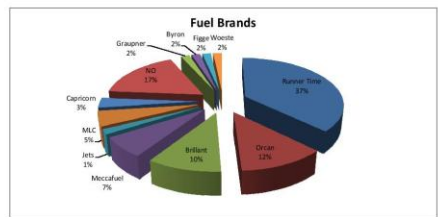


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Weather

The weather has respected us, with good average temperature about 27 degrees, and we have had a great time at the venue. As a lot of german drivers told me, it's not normal temperature in Hamm in september. It was just another challenge that the drivers had to deal with, together with a high grip that HAMM track got during all race week .



Race

The event has geared up with a Team Manager Meeting at 19:30 on Wednesday morning followed by 2 rounds of free practice in groups during Thursday morning and 2 rounds of controlled practice used for reseeding . After this 2 rounds we had lunch break and Opening Ceremony, which had done with excellent atmosphere on the track.





After Opening Ceremony we continued with 2 rounds of qualification on Thursday evening.



Next day, Friday, we have 3 last rounds of qualifications, in total 5 rounds 3 to count. A good racing day with the help of our referee, Markus Winkler. In the third round the pole position was got by Michael Salven in 1/8th , who he didn't give any chance to others drivers. TQ in 1/10th was more disputed and finally swiss driver Traugott Schär took the honour to get number 1 in the main. Good point to remark was that, in 1/10th, more that 20 drivers had chance to participate in superpole, so it means that 1/10th qualification was so close.



Superpole come after lunch break with Remy Hasler, Luca Martinelli, Jürg Nydegeer and Frank Schewiola in 1/8th and Gerhard Kandelhart, Mirco Thalheimer, Andreas Weyhoven and Arndt Bernhardt in 1/10th fighting for a direct place in the final with fastest lap. Superpole has got, in las 2 years, to be a spectacular part of the race, one by one on the track trying to do his best with the aim to get their fastest lap. Finally swiss driver Remy Hasler in 1/8th and Gerhard Kandelhart in 1/10th beated to others drivers and they bookked place in the main. Friday finished with lower subfinals and first final in IR 1/8 electric cars.



Saturday, Finals day. Saturday started with perfect weather and everything ready to see who would be next EFRA European Championship +40. According to timetable, we had to race rest of finals since 1/4th finals in 1/8th and 1/10th. After a very interesting sub-finals, with drivers fighting for place in the main, Luca Martinelli, Arie Manten, Frank Schewoila, Michael Patz, Andreas Giesa, Peter Poldvere, Tamas Sagi and Armin Baier got their in the main final in 1/8th. Regarding 1/10th strong drivers in subfinals were Arnt Bernhardt, Andreas Weyhoven, Marcus May, Hartmut Rose, Mirco Thalheimer, Stefan Heisterkamp and Manfred Ebener. Highlight perfect semi final B for swiss driver Jürg Nydegger who finish in 1st place, but then was disqualified with problems in his fuel tank.

After semi finals, everything was ready for the finals in 1/8th and 1/10th.

Final Starting Grid 1/10th 200mm



Final Starting Grid 1/8th.



First, we started with 1/10th. In the beginning Traugott Schär, had perfect start with fast driving, which caused to get 3-4 seconds gap with second car. But, after 10 minutes engine problems come and he said goodbye to the EFRA title. Gerhard Kandelhart took head of the race and with safe driving and perfect pit stop together with his pit crew got to be new EFRA European Championship 1/10th.

Final race. Main final 1/8th. 10 drivers waiting in the starting grid with aim to get the title but before the start 2 favorites on the table. Michael Salven and Remy Hasler. In the beginning Salven set pace and got 5 seconds gap with second place Remy. Other drivers keep distance and we could see that Luca Martinelli never gave up



in first places. After 10 minutes, leader Salven chunked a rear tire in small mistake and loose gap with others persecutors. Remy with engine problems, said goodbye to the EURO title. Martinelli, continued with fantastic pace and, with any mistakes and perfect pit work, took the race leader. Salven tried to force his pace due tire issue and after 20 minutes, he got a mistake in the chicane and loose his options to get his first EFRA euro +40. Finally Martinelli, with safety pace and controlling every part of the race with his mechanics, cross finish line after 45 minutes in 1st place and swiss drivers won 2016 EFRA Euro +40.



IR 1/8 ELECTRIC

Hamm has been first contact with 1/8 electric cars with an IR. Due the big differences between cars, EFRA made the decision to race 2 classes: Stock and Modified. Race format was same like electric events, with 3 rounds of qualifications and 3 finals.

In stock class TQ and victory was for Joaquim Grauer with perfect driving during race week. In modified top driver Patrick Nähr was present in the event and took TQ and victory. Patrick also got lap time record with 14.762, so we can imagine that 1/8 electric modified cars will be done in a near future. It has been a good point to start. Now, it's time to work together with the aim to get a good sets of rules for 2018.

With this race, EFRA season in 1/8th and 1/10th has done. Now it's time to review all feedback got it during the year, prepare a good AGM in our section and keep us motivated for 2017 EFRA season.

See you in next events!



You can find results in:

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