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The 2016 Season, a good one

My dear sportfriends:

At home after a long racing season, I just want to recapitulate, in brief, about the whole season, for a more extensive information after each main event please find my letters at the EFRA website under the Section News headline line.

The 2016 Season started with both warm-ups, B and A, and both were useful enough to let us know improvements to be made in order to achieve good events. Both main events were fully booked although attendance at track was slightly lower due to NO-SHOWS.

The NO-SHOWS are not good for the Sport, the organizer will get their full booked money (it can not be other way), but not communicating those block the spot to be covered by another driver with the situation going worse in terms of IFMAR World Championships were we have not been able to cover more than 6/7 unused EFRA spots due to the very late announcement of people not attending. (IFMAR rules are very strict over such), so, - please, member countries & drivers be much more DILIGENT over it, so as soon you know you are not going please inform your Federation.

Both Main Events of the European Season, the XIII EC B & the XXXVI European Championship A, had been excellent ones and we have discovered 2 excellent tracks for bigger events, probably Freixedas as a good facility for EC A and Redovan as the new magnificent Cathedral of RC Off Road Racing suitable to host an IFMAR World Championship with his 1 minute lap track and the ensured good weather.

Obviously, things can be improved at both facilities and things can be done better, but that is why we are here for, to improve and give the best possible races and venues to our drivers and member countries.

The lack of knowledge of the rules of a so called "pro" driver, it is never the first time of him and others, lead to a conflict that was "eased" with some help from other EFRA officials.

During the year we keep on our fight to get more entries for the European Drivers for the IFMAR World Championship at Las Vegas, our first movement raised the limits to the ones achieved at Charlotte giving us 53 fixed starting spots,, exactly the initial guess of your Section Chairman at past AGM. As it was obvious it does not suffice to our member countries and drivers we keep on with the fight and put forward a rule change in order to do a pre-qualifying race allowing to enlist more European drivers in order to bump up to the main event, initially 10 spots which ended as I said over the 20 spots finally track side.

14 European drivers enlisted for such race and all presents but 1 made it to the main event, excellent result, so finally we did had 67 spots, no less that what Europe & EFRA deserve,

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During the EC A we did take noise measurements and at our attached documents you can find the readings ordered either by muffler or by db. level, a lot yet to be done here in order to be more environmental friendly..

After the EC A we did have the Swedish GP at Eskilstuna, a kick-off event in order to have an excellent Euro A this coming year 2017.

Next in our calendar was the Electric EC at Malaga Spain, another excellent event with wonderful weather a good media coverage and victory for David Ronnefalk with the new kid Juan Carlos Canas as runner-up, track lay/out has been found very fun and interesting to drive from all present drivers with excellent comments for the venue, track and restaurant, also rooms in a rather affordable price had been appreciated, another future candidate for an EC B?

After Malaga, the EFRA Show moved to Croatia, Velika Gorika, by Zagreb Airport, a new for our Class facility which is improving but yet to be there, we run there our EC +40 with a low attendance figure with victory to our warrior number 13 Michael Watcher from Germany escorted by Cardoso and Nironi on the prize giving podium.

Just 4 days after Croatia we were to go USA for the IFMAR Worlds in Las Vegas, although we tried to help to make it a good event from our point of view, the event was run to an excellent level from a standard American event while it was at a very poor level from the European point of view. Team Managers and/or Responsible coming from all blocs were critic with organizational aspects of the event, running without a timetable, numbers, chairs, tables, technical inspection, results, rules, charging for passes, lack of security etc etc etc...

Focussing on the race, we did enjoy a pre-qualifying race with all European candidates but 1 progressing to the main event, as it was our plan, later on we did have the free practice and then the controlled practice valid for reseeding, after some controversial points like too much or too few water for certain heats the event was finally a 1-2 for Europe with the Canadian in 3rd place at the USA backyard garden Many thanks to David Ronnefalk and Robert Batlle for showing the rest of the world how we race here.

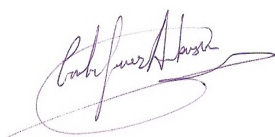
Proposals for the AGM , application for races and some decisions to be made.
Among those decisions conformation of next year events, were we must seriously consider or future Electric Event.

But before that, we have to consider the deposits, It is ruled that it is a Section Chairman decision but I have always followed the advice of the floor, the Section Meeting. For ALL the European events I am in favour to pay back all deposits in full, but for the IFMAR World Championship I do suggest to make the recommendation to IFMAR to retain at least 1/3rd of the deposit due to the lack of observation of IFMAR rules during the event.

We have to decide as well over 2018 venues and over to start with designated tyre for the 3 days events, but, always thinking for the best of the sport

Please, find enclosed as pdf files the results of the different events of the 2016.

With my best regards
Yours in the sport



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