



Report on behalf of Deutscher Aeroclub e.V.

General situation

As you can see from the numbers below the numbers of valid licences for the „traditional“ types of microlights are slightly decreasing. But on the other hand Gyrocopters becoming more and more popular. However we were not able to force even one of the 658 pilots to join the excellent organised European Microlight Championships in Sywell this year.

On the other hand the number of members in both organisations (DAeC and DULV) are constantly increasing by approximately 4 % a year to 7.500 in 2010. But there is still a big group out there who is not interested to be represented by a federation.

Competitions

The number of pilots interested in competition is very low since the last four or five years. After a break for two years the DAeC organised in 2010 a national championship but with no big success (5 teams). Next year we will start a/the last attempt and we will definitely include the Gyro class, because Gyros are recognised in Germany as microlights.

Problems arising

As in all European countries we suffer a bit under the new rules set by EASA. As most of you know microlights are for the time being excluded from the regulating frenzy of EASA but the national CAA try to convert some rules into our sport.

There is a unclear situation whether or not microlight pilots need to pass a language proficiency test or not, if there are flying across borders. In Germany so far there is no need to hold even a radio licence but more than half of the pilots did. Due to deregulation since many years a microlight licence is issued by DAeC or DULV. The LPT accredited normally in your pilot licence issued by the government. We as sport organisations can not add things like this in the licence document.

Accidents

Until August this year we had 9 accidents with 5 fatalities and one injured crew member. Until now we had registered some more accidents, but there were not ratified so far. We expect the same figures as last year, with 12 accidents, 12 fatalities and 8 injured.



aircraft with valid permit to fly

	Stand:	01.11.2010	2009
3axis		3.609	3.264
Trikes		710	973
Gyro		343	267
PPG trike		93	76

valid licence for

	Stand:	01.11.2010	2009
3axis		15.997	16.664
Trikes		1.505	1.551
Gyro		658	477
PPG trike		176	152

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