



General:

10 days left until the first pilot will start the Viking Race 2010. Below the detailed information about planning, locations and required preparations.

The Viking Race will have two phone numbers:

Answering machine with latest information about the selected slope, or weather forecast. Please use this number exclusively:

Phone VR2010: +33 6 01 35 60 03

Information package:

Attached, you receive the basic information package with maps for the different locations, how to find the slopes, where to leave the cars and caravans on the slope, HQ location, phone numbers and addresses, planning details, pilots listing and frequencies plus the description of two slopes operation. As usual, all these information can be downloaded from our well known Internet site on the Newsletter page:

<http://vkr2010.free.fr>

Please respect the indicated parking areas and print out these pages.

Frequency management:

By intensive use of 2,4GHz systems, we have achieved to avoid double frequency, so we don't need to use a peg board. It is fairly obvious, but safety is one of our main worries so please make sure that all your models and radios are on the right frequency. You may use 2,4GHz for free flying but no other change is authorized.

Registration:

Please don't forget your FAI license that will be retrieved during registration process and given back after the contest (exchanged with the loose starting number from Graupner). We will randomly check nose radius as per FAI rules.

Airbus Visit:

As indicated with the last newsletters we are finalizing the details for a visit of A320 final assembly line in Toulouse. This event is planned on the Sunday 16th of May for those pilots who are still on the spot. We will meet around 10 o'clock in front of Airbus factory and we intend to finish with a group picture with our gliders in front of A380 prototype. Pilots will not be allowed to take pictures but an official photographer will be with us and pictures will be released later on for all pilots.

In order to plan that activity, please give me a feed back whether you intend to participate so that I can prepare this visit with the security guards.



Viking Race live:

In order to follow closely the activity we have already installed a Blog for the Viking Race. For the latest information, just have a look:

<http://vikingrace2010.blogspot.com>

Live-Camera:

In order to follow the flight directly, we are preparing a live camera for the slopes. Inter should work on the slopes through W-LAN connection.

Restauration:

For the dinner meals, we are actually preparing two proposals:

1. Restaurants

We have contacted basically two restaurants and they agree to propose a daily menu with special price for VR participants. "La Maison de la Blanquette" (known for quality and nice atmosphere) will propose a complete menu with Blanquette for "appéro" and vine. Similar agreement with "Auberge de la Corneilla" (known for good food) was achieved. The locations of these restaurants can be found on the maps. In order to propose interesting price, the restaurant will tell us in the morning the proposed menu and we have to announce during the morning the names of those who will come. So we will provide translation of the menu (English, Spanish and French) and prepare lists, to write in. Your Viking Race wind jacket will identify you as participants.

2. Slope BBQ

In case of appropriate weather conditions (temperature and wind), we would like to organise on some days a friendly BBQ either directly on the slope or at the town halls of St. Ferriol or Laurac. The organising team will install two big BBQ and a big table and as much seats as possible. In addition lighting will also be put in place. All food, drinks and necessary "tooling" are under pilots responsibility but supermarket are not far away and you will have the chance to buy what ever is needed.

Pilots who want to share such nice moment on the slope should prepare as much as possible with foldable tables and seats, dishes, glasses and fork/knife and lighting system. We will dispose 220V on slope when ever needed but not all the time.

I suppose, that such slope BBQ will be followed by a nice "night flight session".

Logistics support:

In order to help pilots that are travelling from fare (by plane), we will prepare some logistics support in order to reduce the necessity the carry heavy material. In reasonable amount, we can help with:



- Repair shop with resin, super glue, carbon- and fibre glass.
- Electronic repair (soldering iron) and heat shrinkable sleeves, servo connectors, cable etc.
- Mechanical repair (drilling and sanding)
- Charging stations for NiCd, NiMh and LiPo accumulators
- Some foldable camping seats and tables

As we are also limited in transport capacity, we ask pilots who come with car to bring what they can in order to sufficient number of seats on the slope. Mark you material with names on it.

F3K Contest on Sunday 16th of May:

In parallel to the Airbus visit, colleagues from our region asked me to inform about their local F3K contest that will be held on the 16th of May in Mazamet (Tarn department), 70km/50 miles from Limoux.

You are welcome to join this contest on Sunday May they would be happy to spend a most pleasant day together with Viking Race pilots.

If you wish to register or for further information, please contact:

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Merlin Race:

Several pilots have recently purchased this nice little foam kit and we will certainly find some time to organize a small race session with these funny planes. My best time was 47 sec but with room for improvement. Be prepared ;-)

We will keep you informed.

Andreas and the Viking Race Team



Wind vane for the Viking Race.