

"Formula One French Championship 2003" - CD review

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"Formula One French Championship 2003" (EARHS 001), CD-ROM published by **Association pour l'organisation de l'European Air Racing History Symposium**, <http://earhs.free.fr>, 10 ter rue des Aulnes, 78130 Chapet, e-mail: earhs@netcourrier.com. Price: EUR 20.00 plus shipping.



This CD, published by the European branch of the **Society of Air Racing Historians**, documents the 2003 F-1 races at St Flour. It contains the following:

- € A short presentation of all the active French F-1 racing teams
- € The complete results of the championship race
- € A gallery including 268 photos and 3 videos
- € A gallery including 69 photos of the May 2003 Aviasport Trophy

- € A screen saver including 43 high-resolution (1024x768) photos

This is an attractively packaged documentation of Europe's most significant pylon racing speed event. To large parts it duplicates the information contained on the APAF website, but you don't have to wait for long downloads (which can be a problem on that site). The photos include lots of walkarounds and detail shots, which will be of interest for modellers - when kits of Cassutts and Shoestrings come on the market... The videos show some practice laps by different pilots, all at rather long distance.

The CD is for PC only and stated to be best viewed with Internet Explorer. You can choose to view it at different resolutions, 1024x768 or 1600x1200. It requires two (free) media players, the Macromedia Flash player and the Real One player, in order to run at all. This meant I can't run it on my work computer, which only has boring programs. The screen saver works well under Windows XP, but it constantly made my old Windows ME computer freeze (but that happened with a lot of other applications too...).

Conclusion

This is a relatively simple, but quite complete production, which could serve as an inspiration for other race organisers. It is perhaps significant that it is produced by a historical society... With a little more text added it could almost be a modern counterpart to the Reed Kinert series of books from the 1960s and 1970s, but with a lot more photos and in colour - a great idea! I hope there will be a follow-up from this year's races.

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