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**Swiss Open Helicopter Championship
SOHC 2024
Mengen-Hohentengen (Germany)
EDTM
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Preamble

On the night of February 17, 1962, when hurricane "Vincentte" and the highest level of the Tiede met in Hamburg, the Elbe was measured to rise to 5.70 m above sea level within a short period of time. The hurricane brought winds with gusts of over 110km/h. The dikes could not hold back the water. The entire southern part of the city was flooded. 34,000 people were directly affected. 8,000 people had to be brought to safety, of which 2,000 had to be rescued because their lives were in immediate danger. Unfortunately, 315 people lost their lives, including 5 soldiers and helpers.

«finden - trouver - trovare - find»

Even the approach towards Hamburg-Fuhlsbüttel and Wittmundhafen was an adventurous undertaking in this wind. From midday on February 17, 1962, 8 helicopters took off for reconnaissance flights (navigation). The investigations revealed that hundreds of people were still stranded on individual pieces of dike, standing on the roofs of their houses, or waiting for rescue in the roof trusses of the washed-out houses.

«versorgen - fournir - fornire - provide»

Many thousands of people had to be provided with the most necessary things in life until they were rescued. 62 light and medium-heavy helicopters flew out 1,300 tons of supplies in a short time (fender rigging). They also had to fight their way through a jungle of antennas (Slalom) to reach those waiting on their roofs and hatches (Dogg House).

«retten - sauver - salvare - rescue»

In a total of 1225 flight hours, 1117 people were rescued from imminent danger to their lives. The precise maneuvering of the helicopter by the helicopter crew was and is still of central importance today (Precision Hover).

The exercises in these regulations should be seen in this context. Further catastrophes, up to modern times, have shown that nothing has been lost in the relevance of these exercises.

In this sense, I warmly welcome all participants to Mengen, Germany.
I wish all crews, judges, and helpers an exciting and above all safe SOHC 2024.

Kurt Häusermann
President of the Organization Committee SOHC 2024



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Invitation

Organizer

The Swiss Helicopter Federation SHeV, a division of the Aero-Club of Switzerland, with the great support of the German Helicopter Club (DHC), is organizing the event at the Mengen-Hohentengen Regio-Airport (EDTM) from October 10th, 2024 to October 13th, 2024

Swiss Open Helicopter Championship (SOHC).

Predeterminations

The event only takes place if there are more than 8 participating crews. As part of this SOHC, the evaluation for the “Swiss Helicopter Championship” takes place.

Awards/Titles

The titles are awarded in the following categories:

- Senior citizens
- Ladies (if there is sufficient participation)
- Juniors (< 250h PIC)

The top 3 crew members will receive prizes. All other participating crew members receive a commemorative plaque. All participants receive a certificate.

The winner of the SOHC carries the title “Swiss Champion in Precision Helicopter Flying”.

Competition

The competition consists of navigation, a precision hover, a fender rigging and a slalom event.

Competition rules

The rules and further information will be published in Bulletin 2 and can then be downloaded from www.swishsheli.ch

Participants

Pilots must have a valid flight license and a valid medical certificate.



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Flight Safety

The participants undertake to comply with

- the rules of air traffic,
- the requirements of the German Aviation Office,
- the regulations applicable to the competition,
- the operating procedures explained in the briefings and
- the instructions of the host airport.

Operating fluids and lubricants

- AvGas 100 LL, Jet A1 and Super Plus are available.
- 80, 100, D80, D100 and 15W40 are available.

Insurance

It is mandatory for each competing helicopter to have third party insurance policy for an amount of a minimum of 1.850.000. - € (Euro or equivalent), for the whole duration of the SOHC, including the training days and flights over German territory.

An individual health insurance is required for each participant.

Customs/passenger clearance

O/R 2 HR Customs, O/R 3 HR Immigration, passenger transport in non-commercial, or non-scheduled traffic only. Announcement only via online form: www.regio-airport-mengen.de

Registration

Please register by August 8, 2024 at the latest using the registration form published on the homepage (www.swissheli.ch)

The entry fees are transferred via the invoice issued by the SHeV financial administrator.

Entry fee

The entry fee per crew is CHF 500,-.

This includes take-off/landing and parking fees, competition maps, opening aperitif, 3x lunch and the closing banquet.

Registered judges/assistants have to pay catering expenses of CHF 80,-. This includes the opening aperitif, 3x lunch and the closing banquet.

Accompanying persons are responsible for their own expenses. Participation in the closing banquet is CHF .80.- per person. For the opening aperitif and 3x lunch the price is CHF 60.- per person.



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Doping controls

As in previous years, we expect a delegation from NADA to carry out doping controls on the instructions of the German Aero Club (DAeC). Participants who have to take medication on medical advice require a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption), which must **the participant must apply for at least 2 months before the competition.**

If you have any questions, please contact **the Advisory Board for Doping Control:**

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Airfield

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Frequency: Mengen Info 135.175 MHz EN/GE

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Accommodation

Each participant is responsible for selecting and booking accommodation.

The organizer offers participants support with booking.

There are a limited number of RV parking spaces available at the airport. The power connection is available. Fresh water supply and wastewater return is guaranteed.

Don't forget the booking code: **"SHeV Helicopter Championship 2024"**.

Rooms are blocked at the following hotels:

Hotel list rooms blocked

Hotel zum Fliegerwirt, Flugplatz 34, D-88512 Mengen/Airfield

Phone: +49 (0) 7572 760340

www.zum-fliegerwirt.de

Single room = € 77; Double room = € 101; each with breakfast

blocked until September 11, 2024

Hotel Donaublick, Bahnhofstrasse 21, D-72516 Scheer

Phone: +49 (0) 7572 76380

www.donaublick.de

Single room = € 84; Double room = € 129; Double room as single room = € 94; each with breakfast

blocked until July 31, 2024

Hotel list rooms unblocked

Gasthof Engel, Bahnhofstrasse 1, D-88518 Herbertingen

Phone: +49 (0) 7586 9217720

www.engelherbertingen.de

MEN Hotel, Kanalstrasse 20, D-88512 Mengen

Phone: +49 (0) 8261 769591

www.men-hotel.de



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Best regards

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