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INVITATION



19 JUILLET 2024
à 18h00



SIVRY
Centre culturel de Sivry-Rance

L'ASSOCIATION D'AÉROMODÉLISME DU SUD-HAINAUT
OBTIENT LE TITRE "ROYAL"
POUR SES 50 ANS D'EXISTENCE

Au programme :
Discours de M. Le Bourgmestre Jean-François Gatelier
Verre de l'amitié
Lancement de l'European Championship 2024

Friday 19th July
Fifty years old

The invitation from the Sivry municipal administration to celebrate the **'Royal' title** obtained by AASH for its 50 years of existence.

Reception at City Hall by Mayor and municipal authorities.



From left to right,

Freddy Dupuis, on whose initiative the AASH was founded in 1973,
Gérard Wérion, Chairman of AASH,
Jean-François Gatelier, Mayor of Sivry-Rance.

Speech by Mayor Jean-François Gatelier

Ladies and gentlemen, dear pilots, dear members of the aeromodelling club,

First of all, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the many national and international pilots who have travelled to Sivry-Rance to take part in tomorrow's championship. No fewer than twenty countries will be represented in the races. I wish everyone good luck and every success!

Welcome in our village and I hope you will keep good memories of it.

More than 50 years ago, in 1973, a team of aviation, flying, piloting and model-making enthusiasts embarked on





an exciting adventure: the creation of the Association Aéromodéliste du Sud-Hainaut in Grandrieu. The club had its first 12 members.

Two years later, a first competition was organised, much to the pride of the members and the delight of other Walloon clubs keen to meet new people. The first club house was built in 1976 to make the association more comfortable and to welcome visitors. The idea of staging a larger-scale show was already on the drawing board at the time. The first criterium therefore joined the programme of events in 1977. Subsequently, recurring competitions enabled the Grandrieu course to be included in the Belgian championship events.

As with many associations, it takes a lot of hard work and goodwill to keep an activity going. 50 years after its creation, this club has kept its dynamism of yesteryear.

Today, AASH is :

- a non-profit organisation with its own meetings, assemblies, projects and work,
 - an egg drop at Easter, much to the delight of families,
 - an aerobatics competition that is an integral part of the Belgian championship,
 - a European aerobatics competition,
 - courses for young people,
 - initiation days for schools,
 - anniversaries and retrospectives,
- and the list goes on ...

50 years of activity, a royal trail was all mapped out. What could be more natural than for La Maison de Sa Majesté le Roi to consecrate it with the coveted title of 'royal'!

In closing, I'd like to wish the AASH Royal Club of Grandrieu a long life and congratulate its president, Gérard Wérion, and the many members and volunteers who have helped it achieve this magnificent recognition.

A drink to friendship



After the speeches, it was time to enjoy a drink and some delicious sandwiches.

Team managers briefing



A short briefing at the Grandrieu local school, given by two experienced instructors (Gérard and Yves) to a very attentive audience.

A few questions about telemetry, model weighing and flight planning, etc.

