



F3A FAI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP AASH - Grandrieu



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Tuesday 23 July

Day three of the competition

The weather is far less pleasant this Tuesday. As the time of departure of the schedule, heavy rain was drenching the region, followed by a ceiling that was far too low. We had to wait until 9.30am before kicking off.

The calibration flight and the first five competitors had just completed their flights when, once again, the rain forced us to take a 15-minute break. The rest of the schedule was not interrupted and, inevitably, the day ended late.

In the early afternoon, a few rare breaks of sunshine appeared. Throughout the day, the wind will be constant and very strong, varying in direction from the runway centreline to the south-west.

A few sunny spells in the afternoon



Like reeds, beachflags bend but don't break



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At the end of the day

To present correct results, we will have to wait until Wednesday's flights are completed so that each pilot can be judged by the two panels of judges.

Being a judge is not an easy job, not only do you have to be constantly attentive for long hours, but you also have to put up with the vagaries of the weather.

To protect them from the wind, an improvised tent closure was installed.



Warm clothing and protection from the wind were welcome to watch the flights or wait for your turn to fly.



It was also more pleasant to assemble or dismantle one's model under the marquee.



Director of water management stewardship

Jean-Marie manages the water supply but, contrary to the tale 'water carrier', he uses his tractor to bring water to the AASH village.

A task he carries out as many times a day as necessary.

His jar (his barrel) is not pierced; this year, the weather is already taking good care of the watering us and the flowers copiously.



Head cashier

Also an important and not so easy task. Locked away under the marquee, **Annie** is constantly welcoming visitors and pilots, and when it's sometimes difficult to understand each other, the little sign comes in very handy.

On the left, **Rose-Marie** is one of the people who gives her a hand and replaces her from time to time.



The motto of Michel

The motto of Michel Lechat, one of our barmen and a man of many precious talents :

I don't have the time,
I'll do it tomorrow !
... or not



Top chef

Thiebaut is the son of Gérard, the competition organiser and chairman of the AASH RC.

Thiebaut preferred the culinary arts to aeromodelling, much to the delight of the pilots and public taking part in this championship.

TiBoCo is the name of his company, base in the Avesnois region of France, just over the border.

He uses traditional techniques such as fermentation, salting and smoking and work closely with local producers to offer top-quality home-made products.



On Tuesday, lunch had an **oriental flavour**.

Houmous - chickpea spread, sesame oil, lemon

Falafel - chickpea dumpling, flat-leaf parsley, coriander, cumin deep-fried

Tatziki - Greek yoghurt and cucumber

Lamb with lemon confit

Lebanese Taboulet - flat-leaf parsley, fresh mint, bulgur, tomatoes



A kitchen is always like a busy beehive. As soon as the day's meal is finished, preparations for the next day begin.

The work is organised like a production line. In the photo on the right, in a frenzied circle around the table, we see **Stephane Mary** in the foreground, **Babou** (Benoît Dierickx's wife) to his right and, of course Thibaut.

Michel Dupond, at work, preparing a piece of meat : a chuck of beef to be used to make a shredded beef for the banquet.

By virtue of his profession (is now retired) he is an extremely experienced cook and the organisation of this kitchen allow him to pass on his experience, tips and advice to Thibaut. Michel is also a very talented musician.

