

MANIAC REPORT 2024 SWEDEN

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NAC SWEDEN

The Swedish NAC is The Swedish Aerobatic Association, (SKFF) with delegation to represent Sweden from Swedish Air Sports Federation.

The Swedish Aerobatic Association (SKFF) 2024

Chairman: Lars-Åke Allerhed
Board members: Pekka Havbrandt, Kristin Nyberg,
Fredrik Widman, Nils Jönsson, L-G Arvidson.
CIVA Delegate: Pekka Havbrandt, (*Alternate Delegate L-G Arvidson*)
MANIAC delegate: Pekka Havbrandt
(*In his absence represented by Lars-Åke Allerhed*)

EIAC ROMANIA

The Nordic countries was represented at the European Championships. Sanna Hedin (Sweden) participated in Intermediate, Pekka Havbrandt (Sweden) was one of the Jury members and Sami Kontio (Finland) flew in Advanced. Sanna and Sami shared the same aircraft Extra 300. They flew it all the way to Romania from Sweden. After the competition they continued to Turkey for an airshow performed by Sanna.



More and more women are competing in aerobatics. This year there were six female pilots at the Championships. In the picture are five of the six participants. Sanna Hedin, Andrea Banesaru, Margaux Tahar, Laura Russel and Melanie Astles. Three with medals.

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Jyrki Laine is training with Romain Fhal and planned to participate in the EIAC. Due to a major order that his company received, these circumstances forced him to cancel the competition plans. He is now training at the Advanced level for next season.

GLIDER AEROBATICS

The Swedish Fox has been sold to Jason Thang in Australia. He is a recognized figure within the Australian gliding community, known for his expertise and contributions to the sport of gliding. Jason was coached by Pekka this summer before heading to the WAGAC competition.



WAGAC/ WGAC Opening Party at Oschatz in Germany. Nils Salberg (AUS), Pekka Havbrandt (SWE) Jury member at WGAC/WAGAC, Jacob Prior (AUT) and Jason Thang (AUS) the new owner of SE-URH.



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There is a growing interest in Glider Aerobatics in Sweden. Stöde Aeroclub west of Sundsvall is becoming a new Glider Aerobatics center in Sweden. Next year they will have an ASK21, a Puhaz and a Pilatus B4. In 2025 there will be initial training and competition training in Stöde. Basic and Sportsman level.

The annual aerobatic week in Långtora west of Stockholm was cancelled last year due to airspace problems in the area. We're hoping this will be solved by next season.



COMPETITIONS IN SWEDEN

For the moment there is a low interest to compete in aerobatics in Sweden. Even some of the practice events has been cancelled. UPAC tried to have an opening training weekend in the spring, but due to lack of participants they didn't follow through.

We had great plans for this year's Swedish Nationals in Borås. The competition was supposed to be for both power and glider. A lot of work was put into meetings, planning and airshow permits from the police etc. The event was cancelled since there weren't enough pilots registered for the competition

Instead, they arranged a training opportunity for those who still wanted to come. Peter Dorbel, Fredrik Widman and Anders Trygg put many hours of preparation work.



The season ended more positive at Uppsala Aerobatic Club (UPAC) with Elin Liliebrunner as organizer who invited all pilots to a playful "percent-competition event" in the autumn. The format is briefing on Saturday morning, flying two known sequences and everybody is free to leave the same evening. Even if there are few pilots in each class it makes it possible to arrange a competition since everyone competes against each other. Best percentage wins. For instance, it is possible for a Sportsman pilot gaining 72% of the maximum possible

score to beat an advanced pilot scoring 65% of his maximum possible score. Gustav Salminen won this year.

We have asked pilots what it would take to bring them back to competitions. A common answer have been; if you go to a competition it takes too much time and gives too little flying. To spend 4-6 days only to fly 3-4 flights is not interesting.

Maybe these answers are a hint that short weekend event is one of the keys for greater success to engage the aerobatic community.

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POWER AEROBATIC TRAINING

In Borås west of Gothenburg there is a rising activity within aerobatic flying. Fredrik Widman is teaching aerobatics in his Extra 300 and inspires new pilots to compete in aerobatics. He also organizes training events.



AIRSHOWS

Some of Swedens aerobatic pilots are also to be seen on the airshow arena.

Kristin Nyberg is flying airshows in her Yak52. Among her displays this year was for instance; Stegeborg, Eslöv and the Historical airshow at Brattforsheden.



Fredrik Widman is flying airshows with his Extra 300. One of his performances this year was at Gelleråsen motor stadium in Karlskoga.



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Henrik Idensjö has been flying aerobatics for many years. In June he flew his Pitts at the Stegeborg airshow.



Jonas Larsson is flying airshows with his Laser. The picture above is from Stegeborg, notice the ferrytank on the ground.

PR AT EVENTS

Kristin Nyberg has created a display monter about Swedish Aerobatics. This is shown yearly at the big events as Dala-Järna Airshow.

This year Lars-Åke Allerhed and Nils Jönsson participated with the monter at the historical airshow at Brattforsheden. The display monter has been very well received at the events. People find it interesting to look at and it has become a part of the PR that Swedish Aerobatic Association (SKFF) try to contribute with.



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COMMUNICATION

The communication between the countries has been done via mail and between the appointed MANIAC delegates from each country. Also with many other interested people joining the conversations.

In Sweden the Swedish Aerobatic Association and aero clubs have for many years communicated to the aerobatic community via the organizations Facebook pages and the Aearobatics Forum on Facebook, messenger and e-mail. When special events are planned invitations are sent via e-mail directly to known pilots and all aeroclubs, for instance IAC-22, Chalmers and UPAC etc. Many phone calls are made directly to pilots to encourage them to participate. This year all this did not help. We had to cancel our Nationals and we had no participants in the Nordics.

Two years ago there was a private initiative made by an aerobatic enthusiast to start a Facebook group for training events called the SNAG group. It was well received and many pilots joined. Recently the same person also took his own initiative to start a discussion group called MANIAC, however without being a MANIAC or NAC representative.

Formal MANIAC communications, such as approving new competition rules, coordinating competition and training camp dates and coordinating CIVA activities must take place between the delegates via mail. The chat groups are a good forum to exchange ideas and discuss how to get our sport to grow and prosper but not a forum for decisions. We also have a Facebook forum started by Hanna Rähä that can be used more.

<https://www.facebook.com/NordicAerobatics>

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SWEDEN PROPOSAL

There has been discussions about how to clarify the MANIAC role. Sweden has in the past revised the Nordic competition rules. Since we have no other formal document we suggest to add a few sentences to the rule book about MANIAC.



Rules for the conduct of Nordic Aerobatic Championships for Powered and Glider Aircraft

These rules are annually approved by Meeting Annual Nordic Information And Coordination, MANIAC.

Originally approved 2019-04-28.

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MANIAC

Each NAC shall appoint one delegate to MANIAC. In the case of a voting, each country has one vote to be cast by the appointed delegate. In case of equal number of votes the suggestion is rejected. MANIAC should be held between 2 and 8 weeks before the FAI CIVA Plenary.

The country next in line to host the Nordic Championship will be the chairman and invite the other countries. The order is, starting from 2024, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark with hopefully Iceland joining us someday. Main topics for MANIAC is to discuss how to increase and develop the sport, inform each other of upcoming training camps and competitions, coordinate FAI CIVA topics, decide on Nordic competition rules, report and discuss safety issues as well as the impact of new authority regulations.