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TOW PILOTS AND THEIR PLANES

Zema Fabio with Pilatus Porter Barbieri Nelson with Bidule Goletto Fiorello with Patchwork Vimercati Alessio with Piper Ungari Simone with Big Lift Mirri Roberto with Patchwork The "Gruppo Aeromodellistico Cremonese," led by the enthusiastic Marco Pattoni, organized the 2nd aerotow National Vintage Model Glider Meeting on Sunday September 25th, in the airfield of Annicco, near Cremona. This group is the most active group in Italy, as for building and flying vintage model sailplanes.

Thanks to the favourable weather, the meeting went off safely, exceeded the

success of the previous year for the number of participants and the variety of the model gliders.

Twenty five pilots, coming from different Italian regions with 32 models, were present, plus five skilled pilots with efficient tow planes.

Some of them, after having released the model, flew back to ground by performing aerobatic manoeuvres,



including inverted flight very close to the runway. Unbelievable!

Because of good thermals in the afternoon, some pilots flew their model at high altitude, enjoying long lasting flights.

All scale models were reproductions of sailplanes designed before 1960 and most of them built as the originals, with wood and fabric. Ready-made models were not allowed to participate, according to meeting regulations.

Difficult to rank the best looking models, a very embarrassing task! Many of them were reproducing sailplanes designed by the German Hans Jakob, such as the Weihe, Rhoensperber, Habicht, Sperber Junior, Reiher and the famous Meise, winner of the competition for the Olympic glider design of 1939. From Slingsby design, the Petrel and the Kirby Kite and from USA the SGS 1-26 Schweizer and the Super Albatross of Hawley Bowlus. This last one was built in 1:2 scale, guite big!

There was also a quarter scale model of the Maeda 703, designed by the Japanese Kennichi Maeda. The Borea of Teichfuss was the only Italian representative.

Not to disappoint anyone, I like to list all the other model sailplanes participating in the meeting: the Ka2, Jastrzab, Minimoa, Fafnir, SG38, ASK13, SZD Bocian, Pyonir, Lunak, Harbinger, Moswey III, Elf 1 and Macka.

Besides enjoying flying, the meeting in Annicco offered everybody the great opportunity of getting together and sharing the same interest in scale vintage sailplanes.

All have been quite happy of this meeting and agreed to meet again next year, possibly bringing more models of Italian design.

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Campana Marco: Kaiser KA2

Sacchi Massimiliano: Jastrzab

Facchini Tullio: Minimoa

Simeoni Carlo: Super Albatross

Cobianchi Carlo: Sperber Junior, Fafnir, Sao Paulo

Castelvecchio Pietro: Weihe, Fafnir

Benigni Tita: SG38, ASK13

Corno Stefano: Rehier

Sala Egidio: SZD Bocian

Pompele Nunzio: Schweizer

Gallani Alessio: Pyonir

Tenneriello Andrea: Minimoa

Crugnola Luigi: Slingsby Kirby Kite

Pellegrinelli Ovidio: DFS Olympia Meise

Arrigoni Massimo: Goppingen 1 Wolf

Rovida Roberto: Lunak, Habicht

Condotta Alessio: Fafnir 2

Mantovani Luca : Borea, Harbinger

Pattoni Marco: Moswey 3

Pattoni Giorgio: Minimoa, Foka 4

Pogliacomi Fabrizio: Schweizer SGS 1-26

Zubboli Leonello: Maeda, Slingsby Petrel

Panceri Carlo: Elf 1

Menozzi Francesco: Macka



Bowlus Albatross