

With due respect and a little pride, I am very pleased to give you some insight into my work and philosophy about my 25 Years as President of FEMA.

When I first started with model car racing in 1984, many of my business friends asked me “what - you are playing with model cars like a child?”

My answer was YES!

Thereafter, I explained to them all about the technical difficulties of this unique sport.

But the same friends kept on asking me some rather significant marketing question like:

- Where can we buy such a model?
- How much does a model car cost?
- What can you earn or win in a competition?

During my presidential years, elected in 1991, I have profoundly reflected on these questions trying to find an answer.

Apart from that, I concentrated on following tasks, trying to improve on the overall field of our model car racing.

1. Convincing Clubs to hold only one “international” race per track in the season.
2. Trying to keep the membership & license fees on a low level.
3. We stopped publishing the FEMA Magazine, saving postage cost.
4. In 1991 our cash flow was around DM 1800.- with support of DM 500.- for European Championship organizer clubs, - today we have Euro 14.000 and a benefit of Euro 2000.-
5. Daniel Kiechl, our long time Technical Secretary was attentive in updating the rules, which have been set up and will not change in a period of 5 years. English Edition is in preparation.
6. For easy communication we swapped from German to English.

7. Tonu Sepp has very well kept and managed the internet presence.

8. A new FEMA class of 3,5 cm³ for beginners was created for the younger generation, as I am convinced that they engage in practicing workmanship.

9. I supported some guys, offering models “ready to run” (M.Sepp & G.Picco) I have committed myself to continue this assistance in the future.

10. Through the political changes in Eastern Europe we have many more new countries participating, for example Estonia, Lithuania and Ukraine.

11. I created the Grand Slam, scoring for the best competitor of the season.

12. The Grand Slam prize - mostly airline tickets have brought us closer with new friendships in Australia and USA.

Finally, I wish to say Thank You to all who have joined me in making model sport what it is today - exciting, interesting and very international.

My respect to you all, I likewise honor the friendships where I was warmly welcomed worldwide.

Last but not least, I also wish my successor Michael Schmutz all the very best for the future.

Thank you very very much

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