

Nostalgia -

FAI F2B World Champs podiums

From the very beginning to the present day

As we have to wait until next year to enjoy the World Champs in Poland I got the idea to write a nostalgic article about the previous 30 World Championships in F2B. I have chosen to present the individual Medalists and with the help of old Result lists, Magazines and the Internet it only took some days to gather all results from 1960 to 2018. Finding photos of these pilots took some more time but with the help of several pilots (see list below) I managed to get photos of almost everyone.

There's an impressive number of pilots who are at the top of the results lists year after year. They should really be admired for being able to stay at the top, especially when you know what it takes to get (and stay) there.

A bit surprising to me is that we haven't seen any flyer from Japan on the podium yet considering the high class of their pilots. At the last Champ their whole Team went to the Final flying and in the end won the Team Gold just before China.

Who is then the world's best pilot of all time? Depending on who you ask, you get different answers but if we count medals we get this "Super Podium":

1. **Han Xinping** 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze
2. **Bill Werwage** 3 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze
3. **Les McDonald** 3 Gold

I must say it was very interesting and entertaining to write this article and I hope it will give you readers the same joy reading it.

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Above: Josef Gabris, won the World Champion title in 1966 and 1968.

Left: Bob Gieseke and his world famous Nobler came in third in 1968.



Silver medal winner Jim Silhavy USA, at the World Champs in Swinderby, England 1966.