

# 1982 - 1988



An 18 year old Tom Fluker  
USA won in Sweden 1982.



Pertti Salerma FIN.



Uffe Edslev DEN.



Roland Forstner BRD.



Neil Gill GBR.



Loet Wakkerman NED.



Fred Meijer NED.



Bjarne Schou DEN.



Nikolay Necheukhin USSR.

So in 1978 it was time for the World Champs in Liverpool, Great Britain, and what was more appropriate than two Englishmen flying the final? Great Britain had dominated the combat scene for many years so it was only natural that Mick Tiernan should be the first to lift a World Champs Trophy in F2D.

The rules you flew by in the 70's and a bit into the 80's, helmets were required for the mechanics, but the pilots only needed to have a helmet if they ran out to the model. Judges and other officials also did not have to wear helmets and nets around the circles did not exist while spectators could gather only meters outside the flying circle. The lines were 0.3 mm thick and the engines did not need to be fitted with silencers. Eventually, several rule issues were discovered that needed to be rewritten or clarified and towards the end of the 80's a major revision was made. Then it took until 2010 before the next major revision was made and the rules that came then are more or less the same as today.

What has been introduced over the years is a minimum line diameter of 0.385 mm, 4 mm venture intake, muffler with 6 mm exhaust, mandatory helmet for all involved, safety strap, safety nets and safety distance to the audience, mixing of synthetic oil in the fuel and shut-off device to be triggered if the model flies away. Several regulations that have come have focused on increasing safety and reducing noise levels.



Boris Faizov USSR.

## 1982 Oxelösund Sweden (47)

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| 1 Tom Fluker     | USA |
| 2 Uffe Edslev    | DEN |
| 3 Pertti Salerma | FIN |

## 1984 Chicopee USA (42)

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| 1 Loet Wakkerman  | NED |
| 2 Fred Meijer     | NED |
| 3 Roland Forstner | BRD |

## 1986 Pecs Hungary (46)

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| 1 Nikolay Necheukhin | USSR |
| 2 Alexei Beliaev     | USSR |
| 3 Bjarne Schou       | DEN  |

## 1988 Kiev USSR (42)

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| 1 Boris Faizov       | USSR |
| 2 Neil Gill          | GBR  |
| 3 Nikolay Necheukhin | USSR |