

Nostalgia -

FAI F2C World Champs podiums



Maybe it all started at the FAI meeting in London in 1946 when the Scandinavian countries proposed that the focus be shifted from record setting to a total review of the rules to facilitate international competition exchange. Unfortunately, it was rejected as these views were not shared by the majority and the same was repeated at the meetings in Stockholm and Geneva. But at the meeting in Paris in 1948, among others, Belgium had swung and the proposals were heard. Now Control Line also received official recognition and was included in the FAI rules.

As early as 1949, the first international Criterium was held in Belgian city of Knokke (see Lina 2-2020) to be followed by competitions at the same place in both 1950 and 1951. In 1951, the speed competition was also announced as a World Champ. During the 50's, several Criteriums, European Championships and World Championships were announced, but as far as Team Racing is concerned, it is doubtful if any of the competitions had official World Championship status. In the available sources, different information abounds and it is difficult to draw any definite conclusions. In any case, it is clear that at a meeting in the late 1950's, FAI decided that all three classes would be run at a joint event and that all classes would receive official World Championship status. And that the first event with these rules would be run 1960 in Hungary.

The year before contest in Hungary F2C got some new rules. From previously running two qualifying heats, whereby the best three with the combined time from the two heats went to the final, it now became the case that you still had 2 qualifying heats, but that the 3 teams with the 3 best individual times went to the final. Likewise, the rules regarding whipping and high flying were tightened.



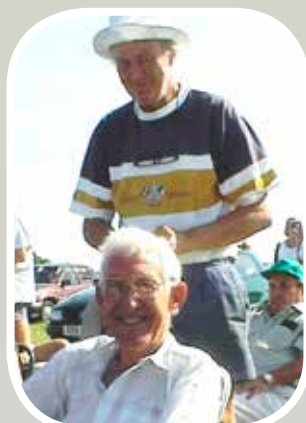
Herb Stockton and Don Jehlik.



Don Haworth and Dick Place



Kjell Rosenlund and Miss FAI.



Charlie Taylor and Gordon Yeldham some 40 years later.

1960 - 1968



Nery Bernard.



Pietro Fontana and Franco Amodio with their Picus Horridus model.



The 1962 USSR Team of Boris Shkursky, Boris Krasnorutsky, Yuri Sirotkin, coach Vasilchenko, Alexander Babichev, Ivan Radchenko and Victor Zhelman.

1960 Budapest Hungary

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| 1. Nery Bernard/Georges Lietzman | BEL |
| 2. Nils Björk/Kjell Rosenlund | SWE |
| 3. Gordon Yeldham/Charlie Taylor | GBR |

1962 Kiev USSR

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| 1. Yuri Sirotkin/Boris Shkursky | USSR |
| 2. Viktor Zhelman/Ivan Radchenko | USSR |
| 3. Lajos Purgai/Sándor Katona | HUN |

1964 Budapest Hungary

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| 1. Dick Place/Don Haworth | GBR |
| 2. Jiri Trnka/Milan Drazek | CSSR |
| 3. Pietro Fontana/Franco Amodio | ITA |

1966 Swinderby United Kingdom

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| 1. Herb Stockton/Don Jehlik | USA |
| 2. Günther Hohenberg/Helmut Turk | AUT |
| 3. Valentin Shapovalov/Ivan Radchenko | USSR |

1968 Helsinki Finland

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| 1. Herb Stockton/Don Jehlik | USA |
| 2. Karl Plotsin/Valery Timofeev | USSR |
| 3. Hans Gürtler/Herbert Baumgartner | AUT |



1964: Drazek, Trinka, Place, Haworth, Amodio and Fontana.