2015 activities report

2015 has been a busy year for AOPA Luxembourg. In addition to the implementation of regulatory texts (e.g. part FCL, part M, etc), the pricing for services provided by our CAA causes much concern.

We also have been busy lobbying in order to keep our activities going. Our main operating base is the Luxembourg International airport, which brings about a number of advantages but also restrictions. First and foremost we were successful to remove the GA area from the tightly controlled so-called international security zone. We now have access to our facilities with a minimum of access control through a reserved local GA gate which is access card controlled .

Hangar space has become an issue with the plans of the land owner to request horrendous prices for renting the space allocated to us. If we had to pay the price asked for, which is 600 times as high as what we have been paying so far, local aeroclubs would go broke. The battle is ongoing but there are signs that we will be able to negotiate an acceptable rate for all parties.

We are faced with the threat that one large state owned hanger will be demolished, making a number of privately owned aircraft homeless. Currently there is no replacement in sight.

As you can see a lot still remains to be done!

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