



Huge popular success at #LMAB15

More than **400,000 visitors** in ten days. Eight flights on nineteen programmed. **1127 pilots and co-pilots** from **47 nations**. [Lorraine Mondial Air Ballons® 2015](#) closed its 14th edition with a magnificent flight of 148 balloons on Sunday on the Chambley Planet'Air airfield , also called the **International Balloons Airport**(Meurthe-et-Moselle / Lorraine / France).

Main partner, the **Regional Council of Lorraine** and the **175 LMAB partners**, offer parking and the entrance to the visitors (60% of Lorraine, 27% French and 13% foreigners in 2013). For the organizers "*The weather was not usually favorable, but the flights were always magical.*" A single incident (power line hit by a British pilot) and a glider accident (without gravity for the pilot) were recorded during the ten days. **World record of aligned balloons over 6 km** was formalized by a court bailiff on **Sunday, August 26th at 08.30 a.m. with 433 balloons**, followed the following Wednesday by a record of **62 hot air balloons lined for exceptional night swelling** (which had never seen in the world).

An edition "*Nowhere Else*"

More than a **thousand aircraft movements** were recorded by the control tower during the event with the outstanding arrival of **twin-engine Beech 18** (1952) coming from Bristol (UK). Thousands of first flights were conducted aboard microlight, airplane, helicopter, glider, smooth sailing and of course hot air balloons. Animations, exhibitions, workshops about aerial sports and sports in general have been taken over by an interested in air world public. Park lots were not enough to accommodate the crowd, even on rainy days. Saturday 1st and Sunday, August 2nd, the audience parked more than 8 km away from the site to join the event,



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generating many traffic jams of several hours.

"*Hat off to the 150 volunteers and permanent team*" wishes to point out Philippe Buron Pilâtre, President and founder of **#LMAB15** wishing to connect in the circle of his thanks 175 partners, suppliers, institutions and communities which supported the event.

During the 8 takeoffs, 3 have been specially made as part as **three challenges**. The winner of **#LMAB15** is the German **Benjamin Eimers** who succeeds to Dutchman **Paschal Noor** (2013)

Here is the challenge's ranking:

14th LMAB® 2015 Trophy

1. **Benjamin Eimers - Germany - 1898 Points**
2. Stéphane PONGE - France - 1811 points
3. Gregory ANDREW - England - 1805 Points
4. François WINCH - France - 1790 points
5. John RUSSON - England - 1765 points

"Passing the Burner" Challenge

Winner: **Robbie MANSFIELD - England - 1000 Points**

"Very Old Burners" Challenge

Winner: **Jean-Pierre DILLE - Belgium - 800 points**



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