

TOUR DE FRANCE 2007

In early September 2007, we realized two weeks expedition flight around the France with our Faeta, piloted by Petr Volejnik - its designer, test pilot and Atec owner. We flew about 6000 km in 32,5 hours with 365 L of total fuel consumption. It was a great opportunity to test this plane and prove its flight characteristics and performance, which could be useful for its next development and inspiring for next improvements. One summer morning we took-off from Nymburk (Czech Republic) with a direction to Bordeaux in France. We only made two stops during our route in order to refuel and pass the customs check in Klatovy (CZ) and Dijon (F).



After six hours of flight (in total) we landed in Bordeaux to meet with our French and Belgian friends and owners of Atec planes. We had spent almost one week in this mysterious part of France making various amazing flights along its „neverending“ Atlantic coast and over the gulf of Arcachon.



One of our routes was heading to a small island called Ile d'Yeu situated in the Atlantic ocean. There was a surprise waiting for us. When approaching its small local airfield, we noticed the only aircraft parked there. It was one of the first Faetas imported to France at the time of beginning of its production. What a surprise to meet this lonely colleague just there!



From Ile d'Yeu we continued to Blois in order to participate in the famous airshow and meet with many our friends and owners of Atec planes. At this opportunity we could see many chateaux situated on side of Loire river.





After the airshow, we overflew to visit our friends in Paris. They guided us around this French capital city to show us its most attractive places, monuments and surely famous Eiffel Tower, which was well visible also from our Faeta despite of long distance we had to keep from city centre.



Our next route was to Chambéry. We could discover beautiful Alpine lakes with its luxury resorts and amazing massif of Mont Blanc.



Following Rhona valley, along large Alpine mountainsides we continued to Mediterranean Sea to visit friends in Avignon. We landed in Nimes and travelled around the Provence region to explore its antique monuments.



We enjoyed flying along the Mediterranean „ Côte d’Azur" and across Camarque region, watching wild horses and flamingos flying below us. Finally, we landed at the mediterranean beach in Camarque for a small picnic and sea bathing.



Our return flight to Czech republic was not easy. Ahead of cold front, with a strong wind and rain, we successfully landed at our home airfield in Nymburk.

We would like to express our BIG thanks to all our French friends and owners of Atec planes, who supported us on our adventurous trip and we hope they enjoy flying with Atec planes not only in their homeland, but also on their expeditions abroad. You are welcome to visit us in the Czech Republic!

Petr and Klára from ATEC team