

Spitfire Mk. XVI & Messerschmitt Bf 109 at Jämijärvi airfield 10th - 11 th July 2010

Saturday 10th July 2010 will mark the start of a major air battle between United Kingdom and Germany exactly 70 years ago, which is known as "The Battle of Britain". The name of the battle comes from the speech given by Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the House of Commons on 18th June 1940: "The Battle of France is over. I expect the Battle of Britain is about to begin...". The battle took place during 10th July - 31st October and resulted in the victory of United Kingdom.

The parties, United Kingdom and Germany, will face each other during this anniversary year of air combat at Jämijärvi airfield at Jämi fly-in Air Show 10th - 11th July 2010. At the same time the Jämijärvi airfield is celebrating it's own 75th anniversary. The Aviation Museum of Central Finland will bring the wreck of a German Messerschmitt Bf 109, which crashed in Lapland in 1942, to Jämi Arena. That type of aircraft was used by the Finnish Air Force during the Second World War. Spitfire Mk. XVI, currently operated by Biltema, will arrive from Sweden, and it will fly at the Air Show.

Messerschmitt Bf 109 was a German Second World War lightweight interceptor with single engine, one-tier and single-seat, and was armed with a 20 mm cannon and a number of different caliber machine guns.

Supermarine Spitfire was a single engine and single-seat fighter used by the British Royal Air Force and many other Allied air forces during the Second World War.

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