

Jämi Fly In News Bulletin

JÄMI FLY IN GETS BIGGER AND MORE INTERNATIONAL THAN EVER

Jämijärvi Airport and Aviation Sports Center was founded 75 years ago as a result of a competition arranged by the Finnish magazine Suomen Kuvalehti and celebrates it's history with the Jämi 75 Years International Airshow during the Jämi Fly In weekend of July 10 and 11, 2010.

The airshow highlights are the show performance and sounds of the historic Biltema-owned Supermarine Spitfire Mk. XVI, expertly piloted by Pär Cederqvist and on the other hand the silent DFS Habicht E glider flown by the German pilot Christoph Zahn, who also performed at Jämi last summer - but this time he will surprise everyone with this additional, spectacular novelty: his aerobatic program is going to be flown in formation with an exact 1:2 scale DFS Habicht E scale model glider aircraft remote controlled by his countryman Bernd Vogt!

Solaris Aviation Group, based in Poland, will display their Luscombe Phantom II aircraft. Some twenty Fly In visitors from Luxembourg are to arrive with eight general aviation aircraft of their own, the largest group of private pilots who have announced their participation in advance. Aviators from Estonia, Russia, Great Britain, Holland, Belgium and Sweden will also arrive for the Fly In weekend flying their own aircraft and there will always be surprise visitors who haven't announced their intentions. It is a Fly In, after all and all aircraft are welcome, from any corner of the world!

Finnish Air Force history is ably represented by four different aircraft types from four different decades: the Gloster Gauntlet Mk. II, the Douglas DC-3, the Saab Safir trainer and both the Fouga Magister jets which are still registered in Finland and airworthy. Wartime history is also on display inside Jämi Arena: the Finnish Air Force Museum, located in Tikkakoski, shall exhibit the wreck of a Messerschmitt Bf 109F-4 which crashed in Lapland in 1942. The museum is assisted by the Army's Artillery Brigade in transporting the BF 109 since it naturally cannot be flown to Jämi.

The Finnish Aviation Academy (SIO) which trains airline pilot students in Pori shall bring several aircraft to the ground exhibition. SIO Chief Flight Instructor Jari Halttunen will fly an aerobatic display program with the high performance Extra 300 L aerobatic aircraft the Academy owns. Other training organizations taking part are Patria and WinNova.

As a grand opening ceremony, the Tampere Parachuting Club skydiver Jussi Sistonen is going to perform a spectacular parachute jump bringing the largest free-flying Finnish flag in the world slowly down to earth with him. All skydiving flights are to be flown with a turbine-powered Comp Air 8 which was built by Panu Kääriäinen and Janne Laurinen. Panu and Janne are also taking part in the Builder of the Year contest, which is a Jämi tradition, with this aircraft they built with their own hands. This contest is open to all experimental aircraft builders and the one selected by the jury on Saturday shall be rewarded with a prize.

An RC Freestyle model airplane competition is held before the Builder of the Year 2010 is selected. RC Freestyle pilots fly choreographed 4 minute display programs which are set to music. The Flying Circus model aircraft team who've performed several times to excellent reviews on national TV will present the audience with a new exciting show called "Dynamite Power". As the name suggests, the show is topped up with awe-inspiring pyrotechnics making the team's act even more extreme than the previous performances. Siivet Jet Team, on the other hand, will display a different kind of model airplane technology by flying model aircraft which have real jet engines. The BAe Hawk, F-16 Fighting Falcon and the F-104 Starfighter, all exact copies of the real aircraft to the minutest detail, are an awesome sight even if they "happen" to be built to a 1:4 scale, and their speed and sound will easily convince the spectators that these pilots are to be taken seriously. Radio controlled helicopters shall arrive in Jämi for the very first time this July, presented by RC-Kopterit ry.

Another Jämi first is the arrival of Kauhava resident and pilot Mikko Luukkanen who is a member of the Finnish glider aerobatic team. Mikko will perform his show sequences in the SZD 59 Acro glider owned by the Air Force Academy, based in Kauhava. The city is famous for "puukko" knives and aviation. Motorized paraglider pilot Ilkka Peura also comes from Kauhava, just like Juhani Lauri who pilots his huge CAP 232 scale model aircraft during the Jämi Fly In. These Kauhava "häjyt" ("bad boys") shall also bring the biggest ever Kauhava knife to Jämi. The XXXL size knife will be on display in Jämi Arena. The arena will, of course, also house all kinds of other displays and exhibits, for instance an aviation flea market organized by Aerotecno Oy, consisting of not only aviation memorabilia but also parts and instruments useful to aircraft builders.

For aviation photographers who are not afraid of heights, Jämi Fly In and Airshow is pleased to offer a unique photo opportunity: the largest people lifter in the world, reaching as high as 104 meters, is going to take half a dozen photographers up at a time on it's lift platform, making it possible to take aviation photos from a position over 100 meters above the runways, which hasn't ever been possible before, except by chartering your own chase aircraft to take pictures from, which doesn't come cheap. The Bronto Skylift will be provided by Janneniska Oy.

Sightseeing flights are offered by hot air balloons and helicopters. Children will like the tivoli and games. Saturday night is music night: Cool Quartet, featuring fellow aviator and musician Heikki Nikunen, will start the music at Lomahotelli Jämi's outdoor terrace at 9 p.m.

The event location is Jämijärvi Aerodrome, Jämintie 659, 38800 Jämijärvi.

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