

# Airtime people

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## Tannked up at Tannkosh

While US pilots had a blast at Oshkosh, plenty of Brits joined pilots from all over the Continent in Germany at Tannheim

What it's all about: The three P's... planes, people, and partying.



Rare classic: 1929 Curtiss Wright powered by a Wright radial.



Alpi Aviation Pioneer display team with their 300 Hawks.

EUROPE'S own Oshkosh was another huge success for 2008, with more than 3000 pilots turning up over the three-day celebrations at Tannheim - or 'Tannkosh'.

More than 1300 aircraft flew in to the German strip, for an aviation party 'by pilots for pilots' which saw bands, displays, advice workshops, fireworks, aerobatics, and drinking all weekend.

Demonstrations formed the mainstay of entertainment, the star of the show being Wolfgang Schirdewahn in the EADS Heritage Flight's faithful replica of the Me-262 WW2 jet fighter (see p12).

SOLO STAR! MIKE HORLOCK



Despite a career in aviation, Mike is a new pilot.

### RAF man goes solo

THE sky's the limit for Mike Horlock after his first solo flight at the age of 68! Mike, at The Flying Club Kemble, said he felt nervous until his training kicked in, and said, "I was a bit apprehensive, but I got through it and the feeling was sensational!" Mike, an international business adviser and IT consultant, was an avionics expert in the RAF

years ago, before working for a flight sim firm - but never flew. "Flying was always something I wanted to do, and my late wife used to encourage me to do it. "TFC Kemble is my nearest school and I saw the chief instructor Ed Hewertson, who told me to 'go for it'. "I plan to keep going now to get my full 45-hour PPL"

GYRO GRINS KATI HEDGER

### Kati gets her Gyro Grin on

Kati Hedger has just completed her PPL(G), the licence to fly gyroplanes in the UK - and is the first woman to do so for over 10 years. David Beevers, the chief flight examiner for gyroplanes completed her General Flying Test and then she flew from Rufforth airfield in York to Eddesfield to complete the cross-country part of the syllabus. Kati undertook her training with instructor Phil Harwood at The Gyrocopter Academy in York. Kati is the Event Coordinator for The Gyrocopter Experience, which is also based at the same site, and has one ambition - to get as many people as possible to experience the thrill of flying in Gyros. Kati also came up



Kati's face demonstrates the patented 'Gyrocopter Grin' experienced by gyro pilots.

with the concept of "The Gyrocopter Grin" which reflects the huge smile that she says people just can't stop breaking into whenever they are flying in a gyrocopter. You can tell from her photograph above, she has

a huge 'Gyrocopter Grin' of her very own. Phil and Kati host flying events most weekends for groups of people, and all their forthcoming events are advertised on their website. Go to: [www.theGyrocopterExperience.co.uk](http://www.theGyrocopterExperience.co.uk)

SOLO STAR! DANIEL COUBERT

### Daniel's solo at 16

DANIEL COUBERT is well on his way to earning his PPL at just 16. Daniel's first solo is long gone, and he has around 20 more hours and a couple of exams to go before he'll be qualified. His interest in flying came via his father Nigel, who bought Daniel a trial flight as a present for his 14th birthday. Daniel has been hooked

ever since. Nigel joked, "I've always wanted to fly so now I'm living my life through Daniel!" Daniel managed to get a stint of work experience at RAF Valley and, though too young to fly a Hawk, he was able to try the simulator - to great acclaim from pilots who said he seemed a natural. Daniel is now thinking about a career in the RAF.



Daniel may well be a PPL before he can drive a car!

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PHOTO Frank Herzog



Peggy Krainz waves from the top of her Stearman.



Pioneer team lines up ready for the off!



Sennheiser's Siai Marchetti SF260 display pilot.

Swiss-built single-seat aerobatic Votec 351 flown by Susanne Vogelsang.



Unorthodox passenger position on this Para-trike.



Mini and full-size Corsairs.

**CLUB NEWS** BULLDOG AND PUP PILOT'S CLUB

## Sky Sport UK photoshoot



Some of the members who got together as a result of the calendar photoshoot.

Sky Sport UK, the Bulldog and Pup pilot's club, got together for the day recently to celebrate the photoshoot taking place for the club's 2009 calendar.

The object of the get together was to unite the two halves of the club for the first time - as one is based at North Weald (where the day was held) and the other at Kemble.

Said Roger Haynes, "About 30 people arrived - it was a great social event and everyone really enjoyed themselves."

Extra interest was provided by watching the photoshoot action. "We all had a good day watching the girls as well as chatting over the planes," added Roger.

The models took part in a

fashion parade wearing the club's polo and T-shirts - and were rewarded by being taken up in one of the Bulldogs and taking part in a three-plane flypast.

The pilots also enjoyed a navigation and spot landing competition.

For more information on the club visit [dSPACE.dial.pipex.com/skysport](http://dSPACE.dial.pipex.com/skysport)

**SHOOTING STARS**

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Amin Haque  
Yvonne Vincent

**First Solo**

Craig Cordinar

**Qualifying Cross Country**

Graham Parker  
Andy Palmer  
Mike Wolf  
Justin Collins  
Mike Watson

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