

# Terrific Tannkosh!

Geoff Jones witnessed a varied mix of classics take to the air in Germany



Beech G.18S N45CF on finals at Tannkosh.

Close to 1,000 aircraft converged on Tannheim's grass runway for Germany's - and probably Europe's - largest fly-in on August 27-29, popularly known as 'Tannkosh' after Oshkosh, its larger US rival. Disappointing weather did nothing to quell the enthusiasm of pilots visiting the event from throughout Europe.

Both historic and modern aircraft were present in good numbers, with event organiser Verena Doldera and her team even securing a flypast from an Airbus A380. There was a significant Red Bull aviation presence, their Douglas DC-6B N99DM a particular highlight on Friday. Another popular participant was Carlo Ferrari's 1959 Beech G.18S N45CF.

An eclectic mix of classics included the Weiner Neustadt, Austria-based Polikarpov Po-2 OE-CPO flown by Hans

Drobilitsch and Othmar Handl. Walter Klocker was displaying his Morane Saulnier MS.317 D-EZOR, and Neumünster-based, 1937-built Stinson Reliant NC18442 in Gullwing Airlines colours was a Tannkosh first. Five Pilatus P.3s led by Marco Guscio provided some excellent formation aerobatics.



Stinson Reliant NC18442 departing for Neumünster.

Polikarpov Po-2 OE-CPO's five-cylinder, 125hp (93kW) Shvestov rattling into life. ALL GEOFF JONES



For the predominantly German crowd, hearts raced when Klaus Plasa arrived overhead in the EADS Heritage Flight's Messerschmitt Bf 109G-4 D-FWME (formerly on the UK register as G-AWHG). With its next show already confirmed for August 2011, Tannkosh just gets better and better.

## Little Friends



At the Battle of Britain Air Display in Guernsey on September 9, the four Extra 300s of the Blades aerobatic team performed a 'first', flying in formation with Kennet Aviation's Supermarine Seafire SX336 and Douglas AD-4N Skyraider G-RADR. The Blades team is made up of former 'Red Arrows' pilots who now fly commercially from Sywell. GEOFF JONES

## UK Dates

### October

**2-3 ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK** - Ploughs to Propellers 1940s Weekend - 01359 270524 [www.roughamairfield.org](http://www.roughamairfield.org)

**3 OLD WARDEN, BEDS** - Shuttleworth Autumn Air Display - 01767 627927 [www.shuttleworth.org](http://www.shuttleworth.org)

**10 DUXFORD, CAMBS** - Autumn Air Show - 01223 835000 [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

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