

EUROPEAN FEDERATION HISTORIC AVIATION

saving the European aviation heritage for all Europeans



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Dear aviators, owners and friends of historic aviation,

Here is newsletter number 2; just to let you know what is going on with us.

The most important thing we are working on is getting people that own or operate or are otherwise involved in or with European historic aircraft to REGISTER on the website. This has proven harder than expected. The English speaking countries respond in great numbers however historic aviation friends from countries south of Belgium and south and east of Germany are not heard of. **We know it usually takes some years and a lot of persistence to get a pan European organization of the ground. There is just one problem: WE DO NOT HAVE YEARS.**

At some point the EU aviation lawmakers are going to interfere and our National rules and regulations will be gone.....we have to give our collective view on this matter before that happens. **We have an opportunity here to be pro-active** and get organized before we get hit by new rules and regulations. You do not even have to do anything if you don't want! Just register! The EFHA board is willing and able to organize a lobby offensive. Off course we encourage active involvement and we are very glad you all already registered!

Basically we are looking for people to work on France or Italy or Spain (or all three if you are really amazing) and if you have contacts there we would appreciate your help. Just email to: secretary@efha.eu.

Now this: If all of you find us 2 or 3 owners, pilots, volunteers or sympathizers of historic aviation we can double or even triple our contact database. Then we would have enough of you associate with us to be considered a partner in negotiations with the rule making partners in the EU. **Please do us, but more importantly yourself, a favor by getting us the contacts. Just tell your friends to go to www.efha.eu and click "REGISTER".**

We as EFHA want to give you all an internet based platform where you can speak your mind and start topics. We have an internet forum ready to go now and when we have enough friends associate through the REGISTER button we will put this forum online. Just imagine: Say you need technical advice?.....put it on the EFHA forum and all the forum members can help you figure it out! What if you need a certain aircraft part?.....via the EFHA forum you can quickly spread the word throughout Europe! Want to know what rules the historic community in France lives by?....just ask our French friends! You want to spread the word and advertise an event?.....just publish it on our forum! The possibilities are endless.....!

Last week I visited Duxford in the UK. The airdisplay was fabulous as always however the Fighter Collection had ¾ of their fleet in the hanger because the CAA suddenly required a complete paper trail of each aircraft from the day of construction until now! This task is very time consuming and the CAA was relentless; no paperwork-no flying! A sudden departure from a 30 year “grace period”? This kind of action is just unbelievable and unjust. What brought it on? An EU audit of the UK CAA.....most likely.

Politicians are the only ones that can control our governmental entities and that is where we need to go. If we all connect and search out our politicians in a EU wide public affairs offensive we could really get our message across and continue with our all important task of demonstrating our airworthy inheritance to all EU citizens. In Holland we already have a Public Affairs company on board helping us strategically.

You may know already, we have registered the EFHA as a NGO Public Affairs organization with the EU. Follow this link <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/transparency/reg/in/consultation/listlobbyists.do?letter=E&alphabetName=LatinAlphabet> page “4” for more information.

On our website we have a picture gallery and it would be nice to upload some pictures of your airplanes. If you want to you can sent pictures to secretary@efha.eu together with some information and we will put your picture on the web. If you want to share other information you are welcome to sent it in.

For now, spread the word and get active, for all of our historic aviation’s sake..!

With greetings and regards,

Harry Haas

