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Dear friends of historic aviation,

First of all, we wish you a great 2010.

There has been an interesting development with implications for historic aviation. In December 2009 a meeting was called by **Martin Robinson, Chief Executive of AOPA UK**, in agreement with Eric Sivel of EASA. The members attending were from AOPA Germany (Dr Michael Erb), AOPA Denmark, CABAIR Ltd UK (Michael Watts), Helicopter Club of Great Britain (Jeremy James), Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators City of London (Nick Wilcox) and Air Marshal Cliff Spink, President of the HAA. As you may know, historic aviation is not the only segment of aviation that depends on the Annex II exemption list. Light and Amateur build aircraft depend on it too. *(This list shows what aircraft are exempted from operating under the European Basic Aviation Regulation. Aircraft on the Annex II list are governed by the National Aviation Authorities)*

OK, back to the meeting: During the meeting an EASA official declared that the Annex II would remain in force for another few years. This is good news and very contrary to what we were told in the beginning of 2009. Back then we were informed the Annex II was, very likely, to be discontinued soon!

How does this influence our EFHA strategy? Well, it does take away some of the urgency and pressure all of us were feeling. As far as EFHA is concerned, we've been given more time to organize ourselves and we believe this is still very necessary. Why? Because we need a strong organization to cope with all kinds of topics that can emerge without notice. It may also be that the EASA may reverse its position on the Annex II again. We need a powerful organization to position historic aviation in the European community and the hearts and minds of our elected representatives.

There are still topics that need urgent attention; How about unhindered border crossings for historic aviation? How about governments recognizing each other's Airworthiness certificates concerning historic aviation? How about building up a European Network of Operators of historic aircraft?

EFHA is well on its way and has the intention to become a powerful force. Together with all of you we will build a European historic aviation platform with a superb network. In time we will be in a position to approach this network at a moment's notice, if needed..

Since the last Newsletter we have seen a healthy increase in registrations on the www.efha.eu website. We are now connecting more than one thousand friends of historic aviation. We think NOW is the time to launch our forum on the website but before we are able to, we need someone with an interest in running this forum. This person would, preferably, have some knowledge of running a forum but this is not a requirement nor is running a forum hard to learn. This, so called "forum master", would just have to keep the forum clean and make sure discussions are held with dignity. As a forum master you will be in the middle of the discussions.

Once we have the forum up and running we can all communicate with each other. We look forward to this moment with great anticipation and excitement. Imagine: **you could post your events, you can ask for help in restoration projects and look for aircraft parts. The possibilities are endless and all this FOR FREE! We believe the forum would bring us all closer together.**

For now, as always we ask you to get your friends involved too. Have everyone you know that has an interest in historic aviation register on our website.

Let us all get together and help ourselves.

With regards and on behalf of the board of EFHA and our ambassadors,

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