

# EUROPEAN FEDERATION HISTORIC AVIATION

saving the European aviation heritage for all Europeans



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**AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ONE SO READ CAREFULLY!**

Dear friends of historic aviation,

Thanks to various publications in newspapers and other media the EFHA is gathering momentum. We are, with thanks to a leading French historic aviation organization, expecting publications in some aviation magazines in France and this should give the “registrations” a real boost. In Denmark we will have an article in the KZ Club magazine and we are the board of this organization very thankful for that.

We are able to supply anybody who asks with articles about EFHA and where we, as historic aviation, want to go! We can tailor the articles to your needs **so if you have a club magazine or know publishers of (aviation) magazines let us know**. Articles are an excellent way to get the word out and get more people involved.

ABOUT AMBASSADORS:

We have been thinking about the EFHA structure and concluded that we need to have National Ambassadors. An EFHA Ambassador speaks to local language and is familiar with the National historic aviation community. His local knowledge can get more people involved in our EFHA group. An EFHA Ambassador gets full support from the EFHA board on strategic matters.

**We are very happy to announce that in the United Kingdom we have been able to install our first Ambassador.** His name is Christian van Kooten and he is involved in/with the Duxford Fighter Collection. He has been a friend of historic aviation for a long time. We value his knowledge and his “people” skills and

know he is going to be an excellent lobbyist for us all! Next time we will ask him for some personal information.

Christian van Kooten can be reached via: [ambassador-uk@efha.eu](mailto:ambassador-uk@efha.eu)

#### ABOUT THE MESSAGE:

The EFHA will have to sent out an official message and we've been thinking about that. Our idea is that we all work the political side of the legislative process. This means that we try to influence the rules and regulations process via our elected representatives; our MP's or politicians. If they are aware of us, and of the unique characteristics of historic aviation, the politicians can and will help us survive. What is good about this approach is that it works on several levels. With our collective message we can reach out to National politicians but also to the European politicians.

What should our message look like?

The message has to contain items that are of interest to the politicians involved and indicate the importance of historic aviation for the National and EU community.

Since we all are the keepers of the collective EU aviation inheritance and do our best to save it for future generations, the importance to the community is easily demonstrated. Politicians on a National level should embrace this very important function as well but there are more layers to historic aviation! For instance: A lot of retired professionals find meaningful work in the historic aviation community and people with active lifestyles stay healthier in body and mind. For the EU politician the message to sent is that historic aviation is international and unites citizens from EU countries. Of course there are more arguments to be made but let us leave it at this.....for now!

Considering what is written above we have distilled the following 3 statements:

1. In Europe there is a vibrant historic aviation community in which many find meaningful work
2. The historic aviation community in Europe needs special, tailored, rules and regulations to survive and carry on the important work of saving the aviation heritage for future generations
3. Because of its international character historic aviation unites European citizens and stimulates cross border activity



If we get this message across we guaranty success however success also depends on the involvement of you all on a National level and that is where the Ambassadors could come into play.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR NOW!

We hope you've read what is written above and we know you have an opinion on it; If you do, LET US KNOW! Write to [chairman@efha.eu](mailto:chairman@efha.eu) with your comments. Do you agree with what is said in the 3 statements? OR NOT? Write to [chairman@efha.eu](mailto:chairman@efha.eu) !

Getting the message out will be time consuming and will cost effort but think about this: DOING NOTHING IS A LOT WORSE!

**So: Please tell us if you know politicians or know somebody who knows politicians on a National or EU level. We need this data to take inventory of our contact possibilities. WE WILL NOT TALK TO YOUR CONTACTS unless you want us to! Discretion is very important here!**

**Further: Want to be our EFHA Ambassador and be at the cutting edge of our organization? let us know! (UK and Holland have Ambassadors already)**

**Lastly: Do you know any editor or journalists that can help us get the EFHA word out? let us know!**

**ALL THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD and in fact a gift to yourself.....**

With regards and on behalf of the EFHA team,

Harry Haas chairman EFHA

