

EUROPEAN FEDERATION HISTORIC AVIATION

saving the European aviation heritage for all Europeans



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Dear friends of historic aviation,

A lot has happened since our last newsletter, the most encouraging being the installation of Ambassadors in Germany, Sweden, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and France. This on top of the UK Ambassador we already found.

The EFHA database is rapidly filling with people that registered on our website and we now have 800+ friends of historic aviation in there! We are very pleased that some very influential people and some influential National organizations have registered with us since this increases OUR chances for success. This is how we all can be proactive and help ourselves before rules and regulations bog us down.

We are not the only ones with a Newsletter in the world, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has one too and the latest Newsletter talks about the EASA vision:

From the EASA Executive Director,

*People sometimes ask me, does EASA have a vision? My reply is that Europe **shall** become the safest aviation region in the world! For this to happen, the Agency needs progressively to implement its safety responsibilities in all areas of civil aviation safety, from aircraft, pilots and operators to airports and air traffic management.*

This statement in itself shows good intentions and we all agree that there is nothing against the EASA ambition of "being the safest aviation region in the world". Having said this; How does historic aviation fit in all this?

We think that historic aviation will have a hard time adapting to this EASA vision. Historic aviation, with its orphan airplanes, and the “hard to get parts” which have been manufactured years ago and “without proper paperwork”, will never be able to reach standards set for modern aviation.

The question than is: do we expect the EASA to come up with special rules and regulations for historic aviation? We think that is not going to happen unless WE make it happen!

We need to get help!

We have noticed that governmental organizations can flood us with information. You are constantly kept on the run with a lot of topics and you are being challenged from different angles. In Holland our National Federation Historic Aviation is in the middle of this and we think you can find examples in your own country. They have to give attention to a lot of topics that are poured out over their head; Mode S Transponder introduction, ELT introduction, special environmental areas (163 zones in Holland), where flying was to be outlawed and the deregulation of airport oversight from the State to a lower governmental level. It is impossible for any civil organization to keep up with this. Every month a few new topics will pop up. **Wouldn't it be nice to go to one place and say: “Hands of Historic Aviation” and be done with it!** We think there is a place where this can be done!

Who is going to help us?

We think we need to turn to our politicians. They are our elected representatives and they can help us. Not all of them will help us but some of them will. We have had success with this approach already and know this is going to work in every EU country and in the European Union. We have to show them and our fellow citizens what historic aviation is all about and why it is important to save it.

To achieve this we need to get many contacts in many countries and that requires that a lot of people that register on www.efha.eu. Politicians like numbers. By getting a lot of people in the database we are able to connect networks across the EU in favor of our beloved historic aviation.

We have asked our ambassadors to start looking for politicians in their respective countries and we are working on an initial letter to send out. We think this should coincide with media attention and the preparations will take some time.



By now we have gathered a lot of smart people through our website and the pace is picking up. If we work together we can accomplish a lot, we are sure of it. Let us get together and give historic aviation the future it deserves! We welcome your ideas and input.....

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