

European Federation Historic Aviation

saving the European aviation heritage for all Europeans



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Since the beginning of mankind we've aspired to do things other creatures accomplish with relative ease. We walked but other creatures travelled far or at great speed. We created wheels and propulsion and travelled far also. Other creatures floated on the vast waters of this planet so we created boats and sailed to every corner of the earth. We turned our eyes to the sky and saw birds moving around with grace and purpose. We copied their wings and made the sky our home. I think emanating a bird was a great feat and to be up there with them is beautiful.

Times have changed; the birds we copied are sometimes considered pesky little critters that are chased away from airports. The wonder of being airborne has evolved into just getting from A to B and making money. How can we bring back the emotions humanity felt when we conquered the sky? By embracing how it all started; by linking our future to our past and bringing our proud aviation history into our present!

A lot of people are working hard to keep our aviation history alive. On one hand there are organizations and operators of historic aircraft. They have the fun of actually flying the machines of our past which is a great incentive to keep working for historic aviation. Many of the organizations can be found on our special website link page: www.efha.eu/link.html. On the other hand we find people that try to make sure that the authorities do not forget about historic aircraft in their rulemaking business. The EFHA is working the political angles but others like EFLEVA deal with the EASA or National aviation authorities. The EFLEVA acronym stands for European Federation of Light Experimental Vintage Aviation.

The EFLEVA members are exclusively European organizations involved in/with historic aviation and the "V" of EFLEVA had the idea to come up with the perfect set of aviation rules and regulations for historic aviation. They want to do that before the civil servants of the EASA do this under the notion that the EASA knows very little about historic aviation nor may they be expected to

commit a lot of money to the rulemaking process in these hard economic times. EFLEVA wants to promote rules and regulations equal or better than what is available on a National level within the European Union.

There is an enormous crowd of people that need to be mentioned as well: the spectators and other passionate people embracing historic aviation. These are the people that keep the whole circus alive since without them there would not be a need for historic aviation. They are the friends the EFHA is interested in and they are the ones the EFHA wants to empower so historic aviation will be around to educate and thrill us all for decades to come.

We see a WIN-WIN opportunity here! If we combine the political power of the EFHA with EFLEVA's EASA contacts, we would have an extraordinary combination working for our historic aviation future. We need not get in bed with each other but if you think of the strategic possibilities.....? You can rest assured that the EFHA board constantly watches for opportunities that arise.

While doing so the EFHA remains committed to supporting historic aviation in EFHA fashion, through politics. The EFHA also committed itself to giving every European individual a voice in the future of historic aviation. Pilots, technicians and, very importantly, the spectators and other passionate individuals. Everybody can join and help us through free registration. Do it; for you! www.efha.eu . If you already registered direct others our way; together we can make a difference.

The 28th and 29th of August we will have a bit of an EFHA get together in Paderborn, Germany. Some members of the EFHA board will take a DC3 to this airshow. We would love to meet you there! We will be in the vicinity of the DC3, PH-PBA. A very rare DC-2 will also make an appearance.

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