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## EDITORIAL

The French Wing has been very active these past weeks: after our annual fly-in in Le Plessis-Belleville, we attended the large airshow in La Ferté-Alais and then the "Compiègne Aéro Classic" airshow of our friends from the Cercle des Machines Volantes. We were only present with our aircraft for this meeting, as no PX was installed. This airshow has grown in size over the years, and there was a fantastic group of classic aircraft for this year's edition.

Several new members joined us during these events, and we welcome them to the French Wing !

The group visit to Duxford's "Flying Legends" airshow organized by Gaël Darquet has been cancelled. Due to a family emergency, Gaël was not able to take care of the organization, and nobody was available to replace him. Those who still wish to attend the airshow will have to organize the trip themselves.

Several gatherings at the hangar are planned this summer, with a picnic or BBQ lunch. Our members often gather at the hangar to work on various tasks, depending on their availability. These gatherings are generally organized at short notice, and we cannot plan them in advance. We invite you to

regularly check our website or Facebook page to stay informed on this topic.

Several more formal gatherings are planned this summer and during the month of September,

the details of which can be found in these pages.

Enjoy your reading and holidays!

- Bertrand Brown



COMPIÈGNE AÉRO CLASSIC 2015



NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE FW DURING THE FERTÉ-ALAIS AIRSHOW

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## ***New members join the French Wing***

Several new members joined our ranks during the «Le Temps des Hélices» airshow in La Ferté-Alais. The atmosphere and achievements of the French Wing are attractive to many people, which we are very happy about.

Our new members are the following :

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We welcome them to the French Wing and hope that they will enjoy themselves. The upcoming events and gatherings will be a chance for us to get acquainted with them. ■



## ***Annual dues for 2015 : last call !***

The annual dues for French Wing membership must be paid before the end of the month of April. The list of members who have paid their annual dues is available on the last page of this newsletter. If your name is not in the list, this means we haven't received your annual dues, and this will be the last newsletter you will be receiving as we will soon update our mailing list to include only active members. Please contact our finance officer Jean-Yves Cercy to sort things out. Thank you in advance! ■

## ***Summer program***

Just as we did last year, we are planning several gatherings around a BBQ or picnic at the airfield this summer. To satisfy everyone, two dates have been selected: Sunday the 5th of July and Sunday the 9th of August.

This will give us a chance to invite friends who weren't able to attend our annual fly-in, such as Eric Bellebon or Stéphane Lanter with his T-6, or those who want to get a chance to discover the FW in quieter circumstances, such as François Forget.

We will probably be organizing a secondhand sale at the hangar, the date of which has not yet been set.

On **Sunday the 6th of September**, we will attend the airshow in Cambrai to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the aeroclub and airfield.

On **Sunday the 13th of September**, we are invited to the fly-in organized by our friends the Collin brothers in Bar-sur-Seine. We are looking for volunteers to fly the Piper Cub there.

On **Sunday the 20th of September**, we will visit the Air & Space Museum and its reserves with our friends of the CAF Swiss Wing.

On **Saturday the 26th of September**, the FW is invited in Belgium for the re-opening of the Chièvres airbase. Our friend Fab Courbet has reserved an emplacement for our PX stand.

As you can see, we have a busy summer ahead of us. Volunteers for these events are invited to get in touch with us so we can get organized. ■

# Le Temps des Hélices 2015



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Photos: Jean-Pierre Touzeau, Bertrand Brown.

With one exception, the French Wing has always attended the annual “Le Temps des Hélices” airshow at La Ferté-Alais on the Pentecost weekend. It is a chance for us to present our unit to the general public, and also to gather together and maintain contact with other actors of classic aviation in France.

The PX stand was set up on Friday so that we could welcome the public as soon as the airfield was opened on Saturday morning. Sales during the weekend were good, thanks to the changes made by our PX Chief Gaël Darquet helped by Stéphanie Guyot. Their work and motivation have proven very effective.

As for the airshow, it was the usual mix of “regulars” and newcomers, some of which were the subject of great anticipation and enthusiasm. For many aficionados, the star of the weekend was to be the CAC Boomerang, an aircraft type rarely seen in France and Europe. Unfortunately, this aircraft’s presence was cancelled, but other interesting types made up for this: the GLoster Gladiator, Bréguet Alizé, which made its first appearance at la Ferté-Alais, the Hurricane F-AZXR or a water bombing demonstration by Canadair F-ZBFS. Memorial Flight was very present with its new World War One aircraft, which are in the exact same condition as they were in operational service a

century ago: Bristol Fighter, Caudron G.3, Sopwith 1B2, Halberstadt CL.II...

The weekend was a great success: not only were sales quite good, several new members joined the ranks of our unit during the event.

I will now leave you to admire a selection of photos of the airshow. I wish to thank Jean-Pierre Touzeau for sharing his splendid photos with us, a more complete set of which can be found online. ■

Discover Jean-Pierre’s complete photo album on Flickr:  
[J.-P. Touzeau](#)



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# Compiègne Aéro Classic 2015

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Photos: Jean-Pierre Touzeau, Laurent Cluzel, Bertrand Brown.

The 2015 edition of the “Compiègne Aéro Classic” airshow of our friends from the Cercle des Machines Volantes was probably the best in its history. Splendid weather and a remarkable set of classic aircraft made this event a great success.

The French Wing was present with the Piper Cub “Spirit of Lewis”, and several of our members also attended with their aircraft: the Collin family with their DHC Chipmunk and Michel Baloche with his Cessna 195.

The novelties of the airshow were notably the new aircraft of the CMV, and were presented to the public for the first time: the Caudron Luciole F-PAPI, the Morane-Saulnier MS.181 F-AZYH and the Morane-Saulnier MS.230 F-AYMS.

In addition, the CMV had special visitors: the Moth Club attended the meeting, with its armada of de Havilland aircraft: Moth, Leopard Moth, Hornet Moth, Tiger Moth, Dragon... The “Tiger 9” demonstration team made a brilliant presentation with its 9 Tiger Moth.

Other aircraft completed the set: Bücker Jungmann, Stearman, Stampe, Pitts, Travel Air 4000, Topsy Belfair, T-6 Texan, P-40 Warhawk, Yak-52, Fairchild

24, Nord 1101, Waco, Luscombe, Sipa 903, Aero 3 et Beech Staggerwing...

This selection of aircraft, most of which dated back to the inter-war period, gave a peculiar atmosphere to the airshow. On the sides, military and civilian classic vehicles were also presented. The full set being very rich, only a small selection of photos is presented here. We invite you to visit Jean-Pierre and Laurent’s Flickr pages to see more photos of this splendid airshow. ■

More photos are available from Jean-Pierre and Laurent’s Flickr albums:

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*The Stampe SV.4A No 1116 registered F-BAGY was built by the Ateliers Industriels de l'Air in Algiers in 1949. It began its career with the St Yan SALS until 1957 when it was purchased by the Brocard aeroclub in Guyancourt. It was the mount of aerobatics champion Jean Eyquem, who founded the Fédération Française de Voltige, and was the editor in chief of Aviasport. It changed hands twice before being acquired in 2001 by the Cercle des Machines Volantes who flew it again after a two-year restoration.*

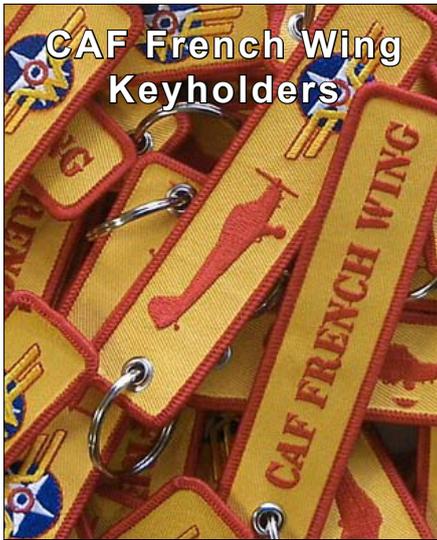


*The Stampe SV.4A No 438 was built in 1946. Registered F-BCXD, it was used from April 1947 to November 1955 by the Service d'Exploitation de la Formation Aéronautique and later by the Saintes aeroclub until November 1969. It has since been the proud possession of several private owners and is currently based in La Ferté-Alais.*



*The Stampe SV.4C No 1139 was built in 1947 and served with the French air force in Carcassonne for twenty years. In 1970, it was sold to the famous Rothmans aerobatics team, converted to a single-seater and flown by pilots such as Neil Williams, Manx Kelly and Iain Weston. Damaged in the 1980s, it was bought in 1991 by John Graham who had it restored by Classic and Vintage Aircraft. Since 2003, it has been flying with The Real Flying Company.*

## NEW PX ITEM



French Wing woven keyholders. These keyholders are of good quality and show the CAF French Wing logo and Piper Cub "Spirit of Lewis" silhouette on one side, and the CAF French Wing's name on the other side. Cost: 3€ each.

## 2015 FRENCH WING SUBORDINATE OFFICERS

THE FRENCH WING IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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  - Recruiting: Officer and deputy
- Should you be interested by these jobs, please contact the French Wing!

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