

Comment to editors: The following press notice refers to the largest Military-Old-Timer-Meet which takes place in Switzerland this year. We are putting this item at your free disposal and would thank you for publication, also in overviews of events.

Media Text

Convoy 2013: Attractive Flight Program

(Communicated on 11th June 2013) On the weekend of 9th – 11th August 2013 Birmenstorf is again the Mecca of the friends of Military-Ol-Timers. 600 vehicles from numerous European countries and 25,000 visitors from Switzerland and abroad are expected. There will be a lot going on in the air: Many combat aircraft and the Swiss Air Force complement the terrestrial program.

The '6th Convoy to Remember' is on the one hand an exhibition and spare-parts exchange, on the other hand it is an entertainment and a feast for the eyes for all fans of well-looked- after old military motor vehicles of the most varied types. Numerous rarities and collectors' items have already been enrolled.

Swiss Air Force prominently represented

At this year's event the aerial dimension is impressive again. The Organizing Committee has succeeded in compiling an attractive air show, matching the terrestrial shows. In total there will be 14 aircraft participating. In the focus there are, of course, the show of the Patrouille Suisse, as well as the Super Puma demonstration. In addition to these, the paratroopers of the Swiss Army are going to thrill the spectators with their air drops.

Aerial Dogfight with original fighter aircraft

The military-historic counterpart to these modern aircraft are the fighter aircraft of yesteryear's combat phase. The world-wide only air-worthy *Morane-Saulnier MS.406*, formerly of the Swiss Air Force, the American *North American Mustang P-51*, the British *Spitfire*, as well as two Russian *training aircraft Jak-52* will be offering an impressive show. Aerial tactics from the Second World War will be demonstrated by the light aircraft *Stinson L-5* as well as *Piper PA-18*, in action at that time.

Rarely seen but also taking part is a torpedo bomber of the US Navy, the *Grumman TBM Avenger*. This aircraft played a prominent role in the Pacific theatre. Impressive highlights are: dogfight demonstrations, mock-attacks, as well as the Convoy special formation with eight combat aircraft. So, not only on the ground but also in the skies above Birmenstorf there will be plenty going on.

Pictures: Impressive Air Show at 'Convoy 2010' in Birmenstorf/AG. Patrouille Suiss, Super Puma and in some cases rare aircraft oldies are to be seen (*separate data file: Morane-Saulnier MS-406, Mustang P.51, Grumman TBM Avenger*).

'Convoy' in Birmenstorf commemorates the liberation of Europe by the Allies. This has become a tradition. Actually before, each time in August 1996, 1999, 2004, 2007, and 2010, at the same venue hundreds of oldtimers assembled, from field kitchen to Condor motor cycle.

In 2010, up to 25,000 visitors were counted.

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