

MEDIA RELEASE

SHOREHAM AIR SHOW WELCOMES BACK SOME OLD FRIENDS AND SOME NEW FOR THE TWO DAY EVENT ON AUGUST 30TH AND 31ST.

Following the success of the 2007 Air Show – plans are well under way to make this year's event as spectacular as last years. The sad lost of display pilot Brian Brown during the Spitfire and Hurricane Scramble will not go unnoticed and a fitting tribute will be made to him during this years event by fellow display pilots. "It is planned to un-veil a memorial to him outside the Terminal Building with invited members of his family in attendance – he will be sadly missed but he would have wanted this year's event to go on as before and we will do just that," said Don Bean MBE Air Show Organiser.

A welcome return will be that of Christian Moullec with his Micro light and Geese flying in harmony. One of the most popular events - Christian has not been able to attend for the past two years due to other commitments in Europe but he will be back this year with some Cranes (the flying type) in attendance also.

The RAF will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary and we are promised some spectacular flying. Confirmation has been received that the Eurofighter Typhoon will displaying both days alongside the BBMF and other aircraft from the RAF. The Falcons Parachute Team will be dropping in again both days from one of several types of current RAF aircraft.

The Airfield Attack and Scramble will be back for the third year under the guidance of John Romain – this has now become the highlight of the show and one will not be disappointed. The German ME108 and 109 aircraft will commence the airfield attack with lots of pyrotechnics resulting in a mass scramble of Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft. Participating role play look a-likes on the ground will be increased this year with more people – vehicles and ammunition creating the scenario of an airfield as it was during 1943.

If it is aerobatics one wants we welcome the return of Ex Red Arrows Leader Andy Offer and his team of past Red Arrow Pilots Dave Slow – Andy Evans and Miles Garland flying under the banner of "The Blades Aerobatic Team" – always popular they pull their Extra LP aircraft through 10 times the force of gravity.

The American theme will be re-created again with the return of the B25 Mitchell from Holland flying alongside Sally B the Kitty Hawk and Mustang plus the PBY Catalina.

Guy Westgate flying his Swift Glider will be putting this through its paces from 4000 feet to ground level – there is a competition being run through one of our sponsors Absolute Brighton Magazine for a trip with Guy after the show on the evening of 30th August.

Wing Walking will return again with The Fourship Guinot Team under the leadership of Vic Norman. This is our 19th year of the air show and Vic has supported us from year one and openly admits that it is his favourite and one of the pilots most popular events on the display calendar.

Admission prices are the same as last year and all children under the age of 12 are admitted free – it is a true family day out for all with fun fair – circus – craft tent and lots of opportunities to meet members of all three services participating in the displays – there is even an autograph enclosure where one can meet the pilots and celebrity guests.

The current economic climate has already affected several air shows this year. “We at Shoreham are lucky and have increased our sponsors to fifteen – we cannot do without them – it is not always a case of money it is support in other ways that helps make the event the success it is. We are still involved in booking other displays and will be doing this right up to the event – talks are currently under way with the Army Air Core to get an Apache Helicopter along with the Blue Eagles Helicopter Display Team. Each year we strive to make it bigger and better – however it is you the public that we aim to please. Safety comes first – the display pilots are some of the best in the world and they know their limitations and likewise the limitations of the aircraft,” said John Periam Press Officer.

“The support we have had from the Aviation Press has now placed Shoreham RAFA Air show in the top league for display events – and as a Charity we are delighted that we have now given over One and a Quarter Million Pounds to the RAF Association from this event which helps past and current service personnel in many ways – an achievement we should all be proud of,” said Don Bean air show Organiser.

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