



Successful premiere of the AERO Fly-In “Future Meets History”

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Friedrichshafen/Aalen-Elchingen Airport - On 31 August and 1 September, the first AERO Fly-In took place at the Aalen-Elchingen airfield (EDPA) under the motto “Future Meets History”, which was jointly organized by fairnamic GmbH, Luftsportring Aalen e.V. and Luftraum Süd. Over 300 flight movements and around 3,500 visitors made the premiere a success.

Unique event concept

The AERO Fly-In builds on the airfield festival of the Luftsportring Aalen, which has been taking place since 1979. It combines the fascinating history of aviation with the future of aviation in one event. In addition to the latest, future-oriented aircraft such as the electric aircraft Elektra Trainer, eTaurus or the HYFLY H167 with a 30-35 kW hydrogen fuel cell propulsion system, visitors were also able to admire the history of aviation both on the ground and during the flying display. The daily flight demonstrations covered the entire spectrum of general aviation, from parachuting, gliding and UL flights to piston aircraft flight and business aviation in the form of a Beechcraft King Air.

Organizers

“The concept of the AERO Fly-In, based on the airfield festival organized by Luftsportring Aalen, was a success,” summarizes Tobias Bretzel, AERO show director at fairnamic GmbH. “Our approach of combining multiple elements has proven to be a recipe for success. The event showed a retrospective of aviation, but also made it clear what a fascinating future aviation has. The AERO Fly-In was also a good advertisement for young talents in the industry and certainly brought the topic of electric flight closer to pilots who have not yet dealt with this important topic of the future.”

The Flugsporting Aalen celebrated the 70th anniversary of the airfield with the airfield festival. “Although we have been holding our airfield festival for decades, the event was also new territory for us. By integrating a trade fair segment, we have further developed our event. In this respect, it was also “Future Meets History” for us,” said Dr. Helmut Albrecht, Chairman of Luftsportring Aalen e.V., who was delighted with the successful event and added: “Of course, we were also lucky with the weather. That is the basis for a successful aviation event. It is also very important for us to maintain close contact with the population with this event.”

Diverse conference program

Lectures on important topics for pilots were held by Herwart Goldbach in the rooms of the Museum Luftraum Süd. He also presented the popular flight instructor and pilot training courses at the AERO in Friedrichshafen as part of the AERO General Aviation Academy. In addition, Willi Tacke's presentations about his flight as the first European pilot of the eVTOL aircraft Pivotal Helix met with a great response. The organizers counted around 3,500 visitors over the two days. “It was a complete success,” says Maximilian Achnek, responsible for events and marketing at Luftraum Süd. “The cooperation worked smoothly. The presentations were well attended and the



visitors were satisfied. We are satisfied. We are looking forward to further cooperation.”

Further information

AERO Homepage: <https://www.aero-expo.de/messe-branchen/aero-Fly-in>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/aeroshow>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/aerofriedrichshafen>

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About Luftsportring Aalen:

The association is the sole owner and operator of the 50-hectare Aalen-Elchingen airfield (EDPA) and offers its 600 members the use of the aircraft fleet, consisting of piston-powered aircraft and gliders, as well as flight training. The traditional airfield festival has been held every two years since 1979. Further information can be found at: <https://www.lsr-aalen.de>.

About Luftraum Süd:

The modern event location is located directly at the airfield and presents a collection of historic aircraft in a 3000 m2 hangar, which was completed in 2019. In addition, Luftraum Süd offers 1200 m2 of space for various events and functions and can therefore be used in a variety of ways. <https://www.luftraum-sued.de>.

About AERO:

AERO 2025 will take place from April 9 - 12, 2025 at the exhibition grounds of Messe Friedrichshafen in Germany. AERO is the leading international trade fair for general aviation, business aviation and air sports. Aircraft ranging from civilian drones to gliders, microlights and gyrocopters, helicopters, touring and training aircraft with piston engines or turboprop engines and business jets will be on display. New propulsion systems, electric flight, state-of-the-art avionics, services and accessories for pilots are further focal points. These topics are also reflected in the AERO Conferences, making Europe's largest general aviation event an important platform for knowledge exchange and further training.

About fairnamic GmbH:

With the founding of fairnamic GmbH, the Frankfurt and Friedrichshafen trade fair companies seal a partnership with a focus on innovative mobility. Combined expertise, market knowledge, global positioning, brand strength and speed will strengthen the market position in the future markets of general aviation, micromobility, e-bikes and bicycles. The AERO and Eurobike brands and their satellites form the focus of the joint venture. The aim is to expand and further develop the two leading trade fairs.

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