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THIRD FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

The dramatic picture of the Red Arrows was actually constructed from the Bugles Scrap Book files.

Last years show was plagued with a little low cloud during the afternoon, but the show went on as normal.

To our readers, why not forage through your old memorable shoe box's stuffed with your life memories.

Here follows a couple of images taken during the 10 day Farnborough Air Show 1975, of which the noise was something else, with 6 Harriers and 12 Helicopters, hovering along the crowd line ending each days flying.



A close up scene from days gone bye. This was a favourite position near the threshold for the photographers and aircrew with cameras. Access to the other side was by control lights.



The yellow Rallye was besieged by British Aircraft ground crew, who demanded the editor take their pictures in their matching yellow waterproof gear following a very heavy rain storm

END OF 'FARNBOROUGH 75'

The Editor is surprised with some real tasty Turkish Delight.



Soraya was her name and acknowledged as the top 'Belly Dancer' in Turkey at this moment in time.

All Air Shows should have this kind of ending. How great is that!!

Let us hope the weather for June 11th is warm and sunny as there is quite a variety of aircraft flying displays and static aircraft plus other items. Fun Fair. Food outlets and Bars for the many spectators.

Those who are traveling by public Transport need to consider leaving for the airfield earlier than usual, it is surprising how a bottleneck can form without warning.

People were walking quicker than the buses last year which were letting people disembark a couple of miles past the Kings Arms.

The buses turned around at the airport business entrance and returned for the next bus load.

Could not the Festival of Flight come nearer to our house this year?

WHO REMEMBERS THE GLORIOUS SUMMER OF 1976



1976' RALLYE ROTHMANS'

This event was organised in collaboration with Rothmans Cigarettes of France – Socata Groupe – Grand Metropolitan Hotels and Pilote Privé.

Emmanuel Chevillotte, Directeur representative of Metropolitan was the organizer for the Rally, which comprised 12 Rallye MS893 aircraft and 34 pilots, for a grand tour of the UK.

Socata decided that they would provide JB with a Minerva 220 as their leader carrying some spares and assistance with navigation advice, on restricted zones etc.,



JB and Emmanuel Chevillotte

At Biggin Hill discussing details prior to departure for Booker for a lunch time reception arranged for the Rallye pilots and pax plus a display by the Red Arrows over a Rothmans Pitts aircraft.

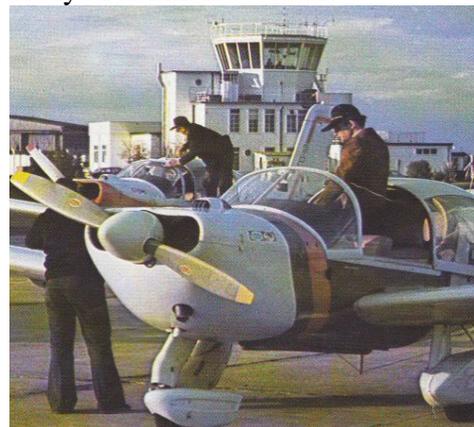
LUNCHTIME AT BOOKER



JB with a couple of pilots from the Rallye Rothmans, study the days flying programme, during the excellent lunch provided by the operators of the Booker air display.



The Red Arrows displaying for the Rallye Rothmans aviators.



From Booker airfield we all departed for Teeside which was quiet at the time of arrival the controller was suddenly inundated with a lot of French aircraft rambling on over the radio he said, "all French registrations just land." No need to call on radio.

This arrival was covered by the BBC and Cleveland Flying Club before being transported by bus to the hotel for the night.

MICHELLE LAVALETTE



Michelle was an official Rothmans photographer for the group and as I was alone in my aircraft she decided to join me. So began 'Une affaire Francaise'

ARRIVAL AT KIRK NEWTON



On arrival here we were suddenly confronted by a retired Major demanding to know who we all were and what was our business.

Nous 'veux Pirate' (JB group leader) headed for this insurgent, ascertaining his full authority, the gentleman realised there had been misinformed about our arrival.



We decided that Kirk Newton was ideal for some arial shots We unloaded JB's aircraft and got airborne whilst the remainder of the group moved themselves and the aircraft to suitable positions. Someone had pre-planned the groupings whilst in Teeside. There were many good pictures taken during this exercise.

MEDIAEVAL BANQUET



This night we had a Mediaeval Banquet in an old castle near Edinburgh.

Heading further north for Stornoway where we had a tour of the woolen (Tweed) mills, which are no longer. Rather sad for the Northern Isles, people who relied on the woolen industry for their livelihood in this bleak area.

WELL ORGANISED EVENT



Totals for Rallye Rothmans
 Days 9
 Hours 230
 Distance 2357 nm
 12 Rallye GT MS 893's

INCIDENT - ONE

No sooner had "Le veux Pirate" returned to Toussus le Noble he was dispatched to Beauvais to rescue Emmanuel Chevillote who suffered a sudden gear train failure on the back of his engine he had landed in a suitable field, in which I was able to land and take-off again and still return in time for the large reception laid on by Socata at Toussus le Noble Hangar. Many were unaware of this failure as the recovery was so quick.