





Memorial Rally Flight Hans Gutmann 2014

White Nights of Saint-Petersburg

Every year, pilots from all over Europe fly altogether, across borders, over nice countries.

Flying that way, their pay a tribute to Hans Gutmann, the famous Austrian airmen, who organized so many long trips. (Please, read his bio in the insert.)

Jean Birgen, as Technical Officer FAI-GAC and board member of UPL-AOPA Luxembourg, has taken over the charge to organize the rally.

The next rally, which will take place around the 13th to 22nd June 2014, is already in the planning stage.

The destination will be:

The Scandinavian Countries

• SAAB-Gripen military jet factory, in Linköping/Sweden, including the visit of the well known Swedish Air Force Museum;

Rovaniemi/Finland

- Visit of St-Nicolas town, beyond the Polar Circle;
- North Cape, over-flight of the fabulous region around the North Cape, with a possible stop in Honningsvag;
- Murmansk, the biggest maritime city North of the Polar Circle with is sub-marine base 150, Aero Museum, Hero City, Trans-Siberia, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin training base;
- the Region of Karelia, which, after Second World War, was to be a military zone, and opened for foreigners only in 1990;
- White Nights in Saint-Petersburg, at the time when there will be no sunset, which has an influence on the inhabitants going crazy and particularly active. The nights will be very short. The touristic program is so vast which makes it difficult to see all the sights in a very short time frame.

The Baltic countries;

• Stop-over in Vilnius/Kaunas;

Poland

• Stop-over in Gdansk, where we will land on Lech Walesa airport. Mr. Lech Walesa, the renowned who was a member of Solidarnosc and the first elected President of Poland, will

greet us upon arrival and host a reception. The reception is to be followed by a sight-seeing visit including Museum and harbour.

Luxembourg (More information and details after 1st February 2014, but you can make prereservation already now)



- · First come first served: there are only 12 airplanes accepted.
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Pilots are not required to participate in the full trip (3000Nm). They can choose to start from any of the intermediate stops, make their final landing at the airport of their choice and participate in parts of the rally only.

Hans Gutmann's bio

Hans Gutmann was a famous Austrian pilot, flight instructor, well known for the famous tour Around the World that he achieved in 1996 on board a Glasair IIS-RG that he built himself. Organiser of long range rallies in light planes, in Europe, in Africa and even around the world, he was also a highly respected participant in national and international bodies of General Aviation. He died in an air crash, in 2011.