

Matthias Dolderer flying the Red Bull Vought Corsair OE-EAS.



Tannkosh takes off

Geoff Jones watched the skies fill with classics at the annual 'Tannkosh' event in Germany

The 35th annual fly-in at Tannheim, southern Germany, now known as Tannkosh, exceeded all previous attendance records. The event, staged from August 25 to 28, attracted no less than 1,481 aircraft from all over the world.

Tannkosh is a fine mixture of new and old aircraft, both large and small. A 4,000ft (1,219m) grass runway precludes landing by larger aircraft and jets, but these participate, flying from nearby hard runways. Saturday's 'feast', after the rain cleared, included

the SFCA Lockheed L-1049 Super Constellation which was en route from Basel to nearby Memmingen, and provided a fine contrast to Airbus A380 demonstrator F-WWDD.

EADS Heritage Flight's Hispano HA-200D Saeta jet (D-IWMS) flown by Wolfgang Schirdewahn shrieked past, but it was the gentler sound of the Mengen-based Antique Aeroflyers trio (Ryan STA, Travel Air 4000 and Morane-Saulnier MS.317) that many found more in keeping with Tannkosh's ambience.

The Deutsches Museum's Udet U-12 Flamingo replica D-EOSM from Schleissheim with its original 7-cylinder 160hp (119kW) Siemens radial engine also showed its extreme manoeuvrability - it has now flown about 60 hours and made around 120 flights since it first took to the air in December 2004.

The Red Bull Vought F-4U Corsair OE-EAS was present flown by Matthias Dolderer, brother of event organiser Verena Dolderer. Two Fairchild F-24 Argus aircraft flew in, D-ELDL, owned by Heinz

Daschell from Penzing and HB-ERO, a Ranger-engined variant flown by Ricardo Bichsel from Lommis in Switzerland.

Traditional German types such as the Dornier Do 27 and Bölkow Bo 207 were much in evidence, but a Tannkosh first was the arrival from Warsaw, Poland of Jan Borowski in his 1958 PZL TS-8 Bies (SP-YBD). One of just 251 built as basic trainers between 1957 and 1960, its growling 330hp Narkiewicz WN-3 engine was a sound that will not soon be forgotten. www.tannkosh.de

Antique Aeroflyers' Ryan STA NC17360 flown by Günther and Ushi Kälberer.



Breitling-sponsored Lockheed L-1049 Super Constellation from Basel.

