

Dear "Tiger-tamers" and all other friends of the de Havilland aircraft.

Veteranflygruppen (The Veteran Aircraft Group) at Kjeller airport, near outside Oslo, takes great pleasure in inviting you to a Fly-in and Rally being held in the period of May 12th-17th.

This year's "Open Day at Kjeller" will take place on Sunday May 13th. This annual event has grown from "opening the hangar doors to friends and neighbors and putting the kettle on" into something a bit bigger. Last year brought approx 5.000 smiling visitors (partially due to the free entrance ;-), nice weather and everything from Tigers to P-51 and F-16. The 2007 Open Day will be specially dedicated to the Tiger Moth. One reason is of course last year's 75th anniversary; but May 13th will also be the official roll-out of LN-KFT. This is Norway's only airworthy, licence built at Kjeller, Tiger Moth (The two others being built by Morris). It was flown out of Kjeller during those dramatic days in April 1940, narrowly escaping the Germans and being flown to Sweden on April 17th 1940. After the war it went into civilian service and flew for a great many years, until being tucked away in a barn in a very sorry state. It was searched for for quite some time, and after hard negotiations, it was bought (- at a price reflecting its historic significance, not its state...) by KFF (Kjeller Flyhistoriske Forening) and returned home. Thanks to a great many hands, including the Air Force repair facilities at Kjeller AB, it has gone through an extensive renovation lasting over 8 years. This restoration was based on the original drawings retrieved out from the Norwegian National Archives. Surprisingly, the Kjeller-built Tigers differ in many details from those UK built. Now she's flying and will be the "Belle of the Ball" – a real gem.....!

We have already been notified that our Swedish friends will attend with at least 5 of the 12 airworthy Tigers in Sweden, all 3 Norwegian aircraft will of course be participating, and now we spread the word further throughout the community.

We realise that flying to Norway will be quite a challenge for some participants, so we are currently checking out every possible way of securing local sponsorship. We hope to be able to sweeten the finances somewhat for the participants. More about this to follow. Accomodation will be available at nearby hotels, as well as (probably) the Officer's Mess and also in private homes, according to your desires.

The provisional program is as follows:

- 110507 Early arrivals.
- 120507 Main arrival period.
Get together party in evening.
- 130507 Kjeller Open Day 2007, possibly including formation fly by with Tigers.
- 140507 "Explore Norway by air" – Day I: Fly-in visit to Forsvarsmuseets Flysamling Gardermoen (RnoAF aircraft collection). We hope to take the 15 mins trip by air and park in their back yard!
- 150507 "Explore Norway by air" – Day II: Visit at the privately owned grass strip at the Maarud estate, where we also are welcome to see their very own little collection of vintage cars, motorcycles and agricultural equipment.
From Maarud, we proceed northwest, over wood clad hills and into more mountainous terrain. Landing takes place at ENFG - Leirinn Fagernes, on the top of the mountain, 2.700' ASL! After tucking the planes away for the night, the coach awaits us for the short drive to the Nythun mountain chalet. An

- afternoon and night of cosy atmosphere and supreme Norwegian food (no – that’s not meant as a joke! ;-)
- 160507 “Explore Norway by air” – Day III: Departure Leirin for another exotic place: the mountain grass strip at Klanten (if the grass has dried up by then, after the heavy snow conditions it experiences during the winter). From there we continue towards the Notodden airport, almost at sea level but amidst tall mountains, it’s quite an experience. From there, we head back to Kjeller.
- 170507 Norway’s National Day – this has to be experienced to be fully understood. Tens of thousands of people wearing their finest clothes, many in national costumes, flags waving everywhere, all school children join the parade – and generally a big party! We are working towards a Tiger formation fly-by over the city centre of Oslo during the day.
- 180507 Off you go!

Alternative/supplemental activities, like local sightseeing etc will be arranged for those wishing that.

Basic briefings and necessary airfield charts etc for all flying in Norway will be provided.

The flying time following this program sketch will be approximately 4:30. Besides the Tigers, any de Havilland aircraft will be more than welcome. Should you wish to travel by other types or commercial airliner to get here – fine! **Your _very_ early, non-binding, indication whether you will be participating will be highly appreciated!**

So, Ladies and Gentlemen: Start planning, please forward any and all questions you might have, and start looking forward to this great trip. We hope to welcome you all in Norway.

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Participant's information no 1

Dear participants!

This and following information bulletins are planned to be issued in Windows Word format and English only. If this creates any problems for any of you, please give return notice, and relevant info will also be provided in other formats.

Participation

At this time, it seems we will be welcoming a total of somewhere between 10 and 15 aircraft, traveling from the UK and Sweden.

In addition to the information given in the initial invitation, the following info can now be added:

- Officers' Mess accomodation will not be available. Please indicate your preferred means of accomodation on the enclosed form.
- It now looks like we will be able to fly to Gardermoen for the visit to the collection, and even park in their back yard.
- At Nythun Høyfjellsstue (the night 15.-16. May, close to Leirin/Fagernes airport), the price is now confirmed at NOK 890,- per person. This includes airport transfer, afternoon tea with home baked pastry, "Flavor of Norway Dinner", overnight stay and breakfast. Please note, that since they are normally closed in May, cash payment (Norwegian kroner or Euros) will be necessary for this stay.
- The program for May 13. seems to be coming together nicely – we'll even have an F-16 performing too! How's that for a small aero club Open Day? ;-)
- Please note that local hotel accomodation is getting scarce, due to a major exhibition taking care in the area, so do please fill in and return this form at your very early convenience...

Below are some links, which might prove helpful and interesting. Regrettably not all in English...:

Current weather at ENKJ Kjeller aerodrome:

www.stolsdokken.no/enkj.htm

Nedre Romerike Flyklubb (The aero club at Kjeller, which Veteranflygruppen belongs to):

www.nrfk.org

Kjeller aerodrome info:

http://nrfk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=29&Itemid=64

Norwegian Aviation Authority's pages for flight planning:

www.ippc.no

The Armed Forces Museum's Aircraft Collection at Gardermoen:

<http://www.flysamlingen.museum.no/index.php/forside>

Maarud Gaard home page (Among its many activities, the estate arranges wildlife experiences, including hunting for moose and more, in the season)

<http://www.maarudgaard.no/index.stm>

Fagernes airport Leirin home pages:

<http://www.fagernesairport.com/Default.asp?nid=139&lid=2&cid=1>

Nythun Høyfjellsstue (Mountain Lodge) home pages:

<http://www.nythun.com/uk/index.htm>

Klanten airfield:

<http://www.klanten.no/>

Notodden flyplass ENNO home pages:

<http://www.notodden-flyplass.no/>

General Oslo tourist info pages:

<http://www.visitoslo.com/>

Please _do_ forward any questions you might have at this or a later stage – we're here to make your experience the very best we can!

Best regards

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PLEASE FILL IN FORM AND RETURN

Aircraft type:		
Aircraft registration:		
Pilot in command:		
Mobile phone number:		
Passenger:		
Mobile phone number:		
Planned date of arrival:		
Planned date of departure :		
	Hotel	Private
Preferred accomodation (excluding stay at Nythun). At this stage we cannot promise that all wishing so can be accomodated in private homes, but we'll do our very best to fulfill your wishes:		
	Single	Double/Twin
Preferred hotel room type:		
Thon Hotel Arena (1.9kms from ENKJ) Single en suite, incl breakfast NOK 1.140,- per room/night, twin bedded NOK 1.340,-		
Quality Hotel Olavsgaard (3,7kms from ENKJ) Single en suite, incl breakfast NOK 850,- per room/night, twin 1.030,-		
Best Western Fagerborg Hotel (0,9kms from ENKJ) Please note: NO rooms available for the night of the 12.!) Single en suite, incl breakfast NOK 750,-, twin 850,-		
Please add your personal comments (like allergies - primary for those wishing private accomodation, dietary requirements, special wishes for places to go/see, items you would like to find during your stay and so on....)		