

LOWESTOFT SEAFRONT AIR FESTIVAL 2010

THURSDAY 12th & FRIDAY 13th AUGUST 2010

Find below the listing for the *Lowestoft Seafront Air Festival 2010*. Despite the most appalling weather, hail, heavy downpours, thunder and lightning on both days, most of the programmed displays on Day 1 appeared, although some had to shorten or modify their displays. On Day 2 three people in the audience were struck by lightning at different places along the crowdline. Thankfully none of them was seriously hurt. Day 2 of the show went ahead but inevitably there were some cancellations, notably the French Air Force Alpha Jet which had only managed one pass on day one, the Battle of Britain Memorial flight and Tucano.

I am only the compiler of this listing, my sincere thanks goes to **LAS** members and others who have passed their reports on to me so that a complete listing could be produced for England's most easterly air show.

Unless otherwise stated, the callsigns are as they were heard on the *LOWESTOFT RADIO* frequency of 130.675 MHz or Display Discrete MHz 134.550 MHz.

Alpha Jet E146/314-RR EAC 00.314 Tours AB c/sign; *FRENCH AIR FORCE 6470* (Day 1 **ONLY**)
Only 1 pass due to weather - heavy hail and thunderstorm!!)

At Norwich Airport as spares were;

Alpha Jet E17/314-AA EAC 00.314 Tours AB c/sign; *FRENCH AIR FORCE 6414*
Alpha Jet E121/705-LE EAC 00.314 Tours AB c/sign; *FRENCH AIR FORCE 6470/1*

All the Alpha Jets arrived at Norwich during the afternoon of 11th August. *FAF 6414* arrived as a singleton and the pair *FAF 6470*, (*6471*) arriving later after 'beating-up' the seafront at Lowestoft on their way to Norwich. The callsigns for the spares were as they arrived at Norwich the callsign for the participant is what was used when talking to *LOWESTOFT RADIO* during the event.

Antonov AN-2 HA-MKF ~ AN-2 Club c/sign; *ANTANOV* (Day 1 + 2)

BK.117 G-RESC ~ East Anglian Air Ambulance c/sign; *HELIMED 28* (Day 1 **ONLY**)

Boeing Stearman/Kaydet x 2 N707TJ and N74189 ~ AeroSuperBatics (Breitling Sponsored) c/sign;
WINGWALKERS (Day 1 + 2)

Boeing 737-804 G-CDZH Thompsonfly c/sign; *THOMPSON 5 PAPA GOLF* (Day 2 **ONLY**)
Flew north up the crowd line at 6,000ft en-route to Norwich Airport.

Boeing 757-28A G-FCLA Thomas Cook Airlines c/sign; *KESTREL 988 LIMA* (Day 2 **ONLY**)
Flew north up the crowdline at 5,000ft then a couple of holding circuits off Radar Lodge, Hopton, then into Norwich Airport.

Dakota C.3 ZA947/AI ~ Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Coningsby, c/sign; *DAKOTA 95* (Day 1 **ONLY**)

EC-135 G-GOWF Bond Air Services c/sign; *REDHEAD 18* (Day 1 **ONLY**)
G-GOWF stands for Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. Landed on new helipad in Lowestoft Harbour on the first day on contract for the Greater Gabbard Wind Farm Project.

EMB Bandierante 101 G-TABS Skydrift Airlines c/sign; *SKYDRIFT 110 DELTA* (Day 1 + 2)
Made a single pass, south to north on both days.

Extra 300 x 4 G-OFFO, G-ZEXL, G-ZXCL & G-ZXEL ~ 'The Blades' 2excel Aviation c/sign; *BLADES*
(Day 1 + 2)

Hawk T.1/1A XX201 ~ 4 Flying Training School, RAF Valley, ****Role Demo c/sign; HAWK (Day 1 + 2)**
****This is the 'new' title for the solo Hawk, as the Hawk Solo Display 2010 pilot has been 'grounded' pending investigation of a "serious incident" (See RAF official statement at www.raf.mod.uk).**

Hawk T.1/1A x 9, XX177, 179, 237, 242, 260, 264, 266, 294 & 308 ~ Red Arrows, RAF Scampton c/sign; *RED ARROWS/GYPO* (Day 1 + 2)

MC-130P COMBAT SHADOW 50991 (65-0991) ~ 67th Special Operations Squadron/352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall c/sign; *SHADOW 61* (Day 2 **ONLY**)

Hunter F.58 G-PSST ~ Heritage Aviation c/sign; *HUNTER* (Day 1 + 2)

Hurricane IIc PZ865/JX-E, Lancaster B.1 PA474/HR-W/B-QB & Spitfire PR.XIX PS915 ~ Battle of Britain Memorial Flight c/sign; *MEMORIAL* (Day 1 **ONLY**)

King Air 200 ZK452/L ~ 45 (Reserve) Squadron, RAF Cranwell c/sign; *CRANWELL 82* (Day 1 + 2)

Pitts Special x 2 G-IIIP & G-BETI c/sign; *PITT PAIR* (Day 1 + 2)

Squirrel HT.2 ZJ243/43 DHFS c/sign; *RED 10* (Day 1 + 2)
Red Arrows support, arrived/departed Normanston Park, Lowestoft.

Spitfire T.9 ML407/OU-V ~ Solo Enterprises c/sign; *SPITFIRE* (Day 1 + 2)

Su-26 x 2 G-IIIS & G-IIIZ ~ Red Bull Matadors Team c/sign; *MATADORES* (Day 1 + 2)

Swift S-1 Glider G-IZII + PA-25 Pawnee (Tug) G-BDPJ + Twister G-RIOT ~ Twister Swift Team c/sign; *SWIFT TEAM* (Day 1 + 2)

Twister x 2 G-RIOT + G-TWST ~ Swift Team c/sign; *TWIST DUO* (Day 1 + 2)

Tucano T.1 ZF171/LZ-R ~ 1 FTS/66 Sqn marks, RAF Linton-on-Ouse c/sign; *TUCANO* (Day 1 **ONLY**)
Spare aircraft was ZF317/QJ-F at RAF Marham.

Grob Tutor G-BYXN/XN ~ Central Fling School, RAF Cranwell c/sign; *TUTOR 05* (Day 1 + 2)

Vulcan B.2 XH558 ~ Vulcan Operating Company c/sign; *VULCAN* (Day 1 + 2)

Yak.52 x 6 G-BTZB/10 G-CBPM, G-FUNK, G-HAMM, G-GYAK & G-JYAK ~ Aerostars Team c/sign; *AEROSTARS* (Day 1 + 2)
These are all ex Soviet DOOSAF (Soviet Voluntary Defence Organisation) machines.

Notes;

On Day 1 the HH-60G PAVE Hawk 26109/LN (88-26109) 56th Rescue Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, c/sign *JOLLY ??* got as far as RAF Marham to display for their 'Families Day' but when it began to head south towards Lowestoft it had to abort due to the weather ahead and returned to Lakenheath.

In the evening of Day 1 a MC-130H COMBAT TALON II 90283 (89-0283) 7th Special Operations Squadron/352nd Special Operations Group, c/sign *TALON 71* flew north past Lowestoft about one mile offshore and coasted in at Hopton-on-Sea heading west towards Loddon, Norfolk.

—
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