



International Bücker Meeting

31/08/2018 until 02/09/2018

Airfield Thun, Switzerland

Thun, 10 July 2018

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More than 100 ancient aeroplanes in Thun

More than 100 pilots with their aircrafts have already been registered for the International Bücker Meeting in Thun from 31 August till 2 September 2018. In addition, the event organisers announce the record-breaking number more than 50 Bücker coming to this event.

“As far as we know, probably only in the production workshops there were so many Bücker together”, says Andy Wegier, the manager of the organising committee of the International Bücker Meeting, which takes place on the airfield of Thun from 31 August till 2 September 2018. The event is organised by the association of Air-Thun. All in all, until today 51 Bücker have been registered, including the types Jungmann, Jungmeister, Bestmann and Student. “This is a record-breaking number”, says Wegier. Beside the Bücker, 53 additional crews and machines have been registered for this event, among them also three helicopters. “In this way we will get a flight line of more than one kilometre, placing all planes beside each other, which the visitors may admire”, says Wegier.

The pilot with the longest journey is called Peter Cunniff: He has planned to start in the region of south-west London with his Bücker Jungmann, using four to six stages to fly to Thun. Why? A Bücker does not fly a longer distance than 200km in one go. It just was not constructed to fly long journeys. The distance from the White Waltham airport to Thun is about 800km.

In Thun, you can see aeroplanes as well with a Thun history: Two of our special guests of the Bücker Meeting will be the two last Dewoitine D26, which were constructed in Thun and still fly today. Equally, a C-36 is registered which was developed in Thun and constructed in Emmen. A first high-light of the weekend will be the baptism of one of the Dewoitine on the name of “Stadt Thun”, meaning City of Thun, in the afternoon of Friday, 31 August. The oldest aeroplane landing in Thun will be the Travel AIR E-400, built in 1927, flying from Bern Belp.

For all those who like more than aeroplanes, the organisers offer a special program with gastronomy and entertainment for the whole family. And: For the VIP-evening roundtrip with the ship “MS Berner Oberland” on Saturday, 1 September on the lake of Thun, there are a few tickets left. On the ship there will be many pilots who attend the meeting. More information you may find on the homepage www.bueckertreffen.ch as well as in the tourist-information centre at the station of Thun.

Historical facts of the Bücker:

The Bücker Jungmann was the first aeroplane of the Bücker Aeroplane Construction Ltd in Berlin-Johannistal. The Swedish constructor Anders Andersson was responsible for the first Bücker, whose first flight took place on 27 April 1934. The Bücker 131 Jungmann was not only constructed for many German aviation schools, but especially for the German air force. Further eight European countries flew this model. In Switzerland, Dornier in Altenrhein built 100 planes under licence. This is a small



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amount compared to Japan, where 1,237 machines were built for the army and the navy. The type proved to be very robust and unbreakable. Until today new machines are built.

Further types of Bücker were constructed, the Bücker 180 Student and the Bücker 181 Bestmann. However, only a few of them are still able to fly. One Bestmann can be admired at the Bücker Meeting in Thun. The Bücker which were constructed in Switzerland are all painted in its unmistakably yellow of a training plane. The most famous airplanes today are the biplanes of the type Bücker 131 Jungmann and Bücker 133 Jungmeister, which were developed in the early 1930-ies and were held true to be "the best airplane of the world" for a long time. All in all, 3,300 of these two types of machines were built.

Information : www.bueckertreffen.ch or info@air-thun.ch