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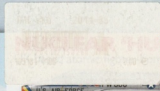
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Aviation Fair

**Pardubice Airport,
Czech Republic • 4-5 June**

YOU COULD ALMOST have been at Duxford. The Fighter Collection's Hawk 75A-1, Historic Flying's Buchon, the Dakota, Hurricane and a Spitfire PRXX from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, and the 108 Flying Group's Nord 1002, together with the Association Morane Charlie Fox's MS406 and Christian Amara's P-51D Mustang Nooky Booky IV — this was a line-up typical of many a well-known warbird show. But the surroundings made it clear that these familiar aircraft were all far from home.

Pardubice Airport's old control tower and hardened shelters are unmistakable relics of its Cold War past as a front-line Czechoslovak Air Force base. Today there remains a significant Czech Air Force presence, in the



Prague, giving a typically spirited display of the Thulin before landing and taxiing up to an area in front of the crowd set aside for the presentation of special tableaux. There could be found suitably costumed re-enactors and period vehicles, changing from scenario to scenario, often with live brass band accompaniment and all broadcast on a big screen to allow more of the crowd a view.

**Just part of the
massed Zlin Trener
slot — three 226s and
a 326MR. Ben Dunsell**

In the tribute to Czech fighter ace Karel Kuttelvascher, this arrangement really came into its own as the MS406 and Hurricane, two types 'kut' flew in combat, were lined up to provide the backdrop for a ceremony attended by members of his family and backed by the playing of the British and Czech national anthems. The presence of both the Morane-Saulnier fighter and the Hawk 75, which flew together on Sunday in the respective hands of Daniel Koblet and Alan Wade, recalled how many Czechoslovak pilots ended up in France having fled their homeland in the aftermath of German occupation in 1939. It was a welcome reminder of an oft-forgotten

form of the CLV flight training centre, but each year one of the biggest airshows in the Czech Republic brings the country's aviation history to the fore at what is a very appropriate location.

A century ago, local man and Czech aviation pioneer Jan Kašpar made the Austro-Hungarian Empire's first cross-country flight, covering the 120km between Pardubice and Prague in a

little over an hour and a half. His mount was a Blériot XI re-engined with a Daimler powerplant, so how fitting that the 2011 Aviatická pout (Aviation Fair) at Pardubice should have enlisted Mikael Carlson and his Thulin A to salute the achievement. Having pre-positioned the aircraft to nearby Chrudim, Mikael appeared on the horizon as if to re-enact Kašpar's arrival in

Described as a "Wolf in sheep's clothing"

The Heinkel He-111 was the mainstay of the German offensive against Great Britain during the "Battle of Britain". It was produced in far larger quantities than the Do-17 series and remained in service throughout the war. The Heinkel He-111 was first displayed in January 1936, not as a bomber, but in the guise of a civil airliner.

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