**Tannked up at Tannkosh**

While US pilots had a blast at Oshkosh, plenty of Brits joined pilots from all over the Continent in Germany at Tannheim.

More than 3000 aircraft flew in to the German strip for an aviation party by pilots for pilots which saw bands, displays, aircraft workshops, fireworks, aerobatics, and drinking all weekend.

Demonstrations formed the majority of entertainment, the star of the show being Wolfgang Schrödter's in the EADS Heritage Night's faithful replica of the Me-262 WW2 jet fighter (see p12).

**SOLO STAR**

**MIKE HOBLOCK**

Despite a career in aviation, Mike is now a pilot.

**RAF man goes solo**

THE sky's the limit for Mike Hoblock after his first solo flight at the age of 60.

Mike, at The Flying Club Komblo, said he felt nervous until his training kicked in, and said, “I was a bit apprehensive, but I got through it and the feeling was sensational!”

Mike, an international business adviser and IT consultant, was an avionics expert in the RAF years ago, before working for a flight simulator - but never flew.

“Flying was always something I wanted to do, and my wife used to encourage me to do it. "TPC Komblo is my nearest school and I saw the chief instructor Ed Hawdon, who told me to go for it.

“I plan to keep going now that my full 45-hour PPL.”

**Kati gets her Gyro Grin on**

Kati Hedges has just completed her PPL(E), the license to fly gyroplanes in the UK, and is the first woman to do so in over 10 years.

David Frennson, the chief flight examiner for gyro planes, completed his General Flying Test and then flew him Rufforth airfield in York to Edgerton to complete the cross-country part of the syllabus.

Kati undertook her training with instructor Phil Harwood at The GYROplane Academy in York.

Kati is the Event Coordinator for The Gyroplane Experience, which was born at the same time, and has the ambition to get as many people as possible to experience the thrill of flying in a gyroplane.

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**SOLO STAR**

**DANIEL COUBERT**

Daniel's solo at 16

DANIEL COUBERT is well on his way to earning his PPL at just 16.

Daniel's first solo is long gone, and he has around 20 more hours and a couple of exams to go before he'll be qualified.

His interest in flying came via his father Nigel, who bought Daniel a trial flight as a present for his 14th birthday.

Daniel has been hooked ever since. Nigel joked, “He always wanted to fly so now I'm flying my life through Daniel!"

Daniel managed to get a stint of work experience at RAF Valley and, though too young to fly a Hawk, he was able to try the simulator - to great acclaim from pilots who said he seemed a natural.

Daniel is now thinking about a career in the RAF.

Daniel may well be a PPL before he can drive a car!
Sky Sport UK photoshoot

Some of the members who got together as a result of the calendar photoshoot.

Sky Sport UK, the building and put pilot’s club, got together recently to celebrate the photoshoot taking place for the club’s 2007 calendar. The object of the get-together was to unite the two halves of the club, the first time since the club was moved to North Weald (where the day was held) and the other at Kemble.

Said Roger Haynes, ‘About 30 people arrived, and we all had a good time and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Lots of interest was provided by watching the photoshoot action. We had a good job watching the pilots as we also wanted the pilots to have a good job watching the planes.’

The models bought in a fashion parade wearing the club’s polo and T-shirts, and were rewarded by being taken up in the club’s training aircraft. The pilots also enjoyed a navigation and spot-lining competition. For more information on the club see www.skyport.aero/skyport.

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