

SEA VIXEN

After several delays due to weather the "Foxy Lady" finally became airborne on 3rd May with a full programme ahead of her including the Bournemouth Air Festival.

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CHARLES ROLLS TRIBUTE

The 4th May 1904 may not strike a chord with many people but it was a day that created history and contributed to saving this country in the Battle of Britain. At the Midland Hotel in Manchester on that day a man called Henry Edmunds brought together two people, the Hon Charles Rolls and Henry Royce. Rolls-Royce Limited was formed two years later. Charles Rolls died in 1910 at Southbourne where a tribute will be held on 12th July and Henry Royce went on ultimately to develop the PV12 (Private Venture) which became the Merlin engine. The Rolls-Royce Enthusiast Club met at the Midland Hotel for the 110th anniversary to remember the event. Incidentally the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Manchester holds two icons sited together, Royce's first production car next to the P1 Lightning prototype.



VULCAN

Work has proceeded apace with the new No 5 tank being delivered, however, during the fitting process some panels were discovered to be in a poor state so to play safe these have been replaced causing some delay. Although not in the official VTTTS program yet, only displays up to mid August have been announced, the Vulcan is expected to fly several times in the Bournemouth Air Festival 28th to 31st August

BOURNEMOUTH AVIATION MUSEUM

Bournemouth Aviation Museum is now forging ahead following a grant of permanent planning permission. The efforts of the trustees and volunteers have been rewarded with a promising future. New additions are a Westland Wasp, a Palmair 737 and an ETPS BAC 1-11 (forward fuselage) and shortly a Jet Provost.

(pictured is the arrival of the 1-11).



TWO LANCS AT BOURNEMOUTH AIR FESTIVAL

When the Air Festival started at Bournemouth in 2008, most of the attendees never imagined that two Lancasters would one day appear at the show. However it has been recently been confirmed that the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum Lancaster Mk X FM213 will appear alongside the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster PA474 at various events throughout August including the Air Festival. The Canadian Lancaster will depart from Hamilton, Ontario on August 4th with plans to arrive in England on August 8th. The North Atlantic crossing will include en-route stops at Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada, Narsarsuaq, Greenland, and Keflavik, Iceland, prior to arriving in the UK. Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum President and CEO, Sqn Ldr (Ret.) David G. Rohrer, stated that this Trans Atlantic crossing and visit to the BBMF and England is a "Once in a Lanc Time" event as it will not happen again. Rohrer indicated that this year, "a rare window of opportunity was identified to bring the last two flying Lancasters in the world together as a special salute to all the veterans of Bomber Command, many of whom are in their late 80s or older now.



Canadian visitor FM213



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