

introduction of 100octane fuel which gave up to 30% more power when the available increased boost was used. Also in 1938 the constant speed feathering propeller was introduced which gave faster climb rates and shortened take off runs by enabling the optimum use of engine power. Arguably, Chamberlain's '...peace in our time...' gave Britain that year to 1939 to build up war stocks, such as 100octane fuel, and to incorporate improvements and production across the fighter force.

### **AIRSHOW ACTION REPORT PUBLISHED**

On the 26th January the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) announced a series of measures to further enhance safety at UK civil air shows. The new measures are detailed in the CAA's "Action Report" (available on the CAA website) from its ongoing review of civil air display safety in the UK. The review is considering all aspects of the safety oversight of UK civil air displays. To increase safety at UK air shows the CAA is enhancing:

- The requirements for permissions to hold a display and requiring earlier notification to the CAA;
- Training and checks for those responsible for overseeing air displays;
- Requirements relating to the experience, skill and health of display pilots; and
- The role of the Display Authorisation Examiners (DAEs) who oversee display pilots.

In addition, the CAA is confirming that the measures it put in place in the immediate aftermath of the accident at Shoreham in August 2015 will remain in place until the AAIB's investigation has concluded, at which point they will be reviewed alongside any findings or recommendations made. These measures are:

- The grounding of all Hawker Hunter aircraft.
- Ex-military jets operating over land are restricted to fly-pasts only. They are not permitted to perform aerobatics.
- Air shows subject to enhanced risk assessments

Tony Rapson, Head of General Aviation at the CAA said:

"After the tragic accident at Shoreham air show last summer, we began a thorough review examining every aspect of civil air display safety. Today we're announcing a series of measures that will enhance the safety of UK air shows. Alongside these measures, the restrictions we introduced immediately after the Shoreham accident remain in place. "In 2016, no air show will go ahead without being subject to an enhanced risk assessment, and having to comply with tighter requirements for training, oversight and notification."

The Action Report is the latest step in the CAA's comprehensive UK Civil Air Display Review, to ensure that all is being done so that civil air displays in the UK can continue to operate to the very highest safety standards.

### **SWISS AIR FORCE DISPLAYING AT BOURNEMOUTH AIR FESTIVAL 2016**

It has been announced that the Swiss Air Force will be participating at the Bournemouth Air Festival for the first time this year. They have announced that they will be bringing an F/A-18 Hornet and the Super Puma helicopter display team.

*"I am delighted the Swiss Air Force will be participating at this summer's Bournemouth Air Festival – we have heard great things about the event on the air show circuit. I hope visitors will enjoy watching the incredibly agility demonstrated by my colleagues from the Super Puma Display Team and remarkable power of the F18 Hornet which I will be piloting for you all – see you in August!"*

Julien 'Teddy' Meister, Pilot F-18 Hornet



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