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Your T-51 Mustang, Mk-26 Spitfire, and R-80 Tigermoth Agents Downunder

Loburn Abbey's first Replica Warbirds Fly-In - February 2012

A big thankyou to everyone who gathered at Loburn Abbey for our first inaugural replica and vintage fly-in, with the T-51 Mustangs taking centre stage. The weather was very kind to us over the weekend and the Saturday official fly-in day was superb. Lots of visitors arrived from near and far during the weekend, with 8 Australians including James and June Nagorcka. James has just completed the first Australian based Titan T-51 Mustang (Rotax 912), and from the pictures we saw he has made a stunning job of it. The main feature of the weekend was the Titan T-51s and their owners who were able to meet with John Williams CEO of Titan Aircraft, U.S.A. We had four T-51s here on the Saturday and the three ship formation flying which happened on the Sunday was quite a treat. Jerry Chisum flew Marty Cantlon's Honda V6 engined 'Hurry Home Honey' down from Tauranga for the event. A very big thankyou to both Marty and Jerry for making this happen. Bill McWilliam flew his beloved 'Miss Stress' from Masterton - it is always a pleasure to see Bill's immaculately polished Rotax 914 Mustang, and John Richards arrived for the day on Saturday in his well travelled Rotax 912 Titan Mustang from Blenheim, adding to the spectacle. 'Loburn Lady' had just finished having some Rotax 912 engine mount extensions installed and was finally operational again.



We also had a wonderful variety of vintage, replica, and home built aircraft who took the time to visit, mostly coming from the local Canterbury area, including 3 Fisher Tigermoths. The Sunday saw Jerry, Bill, and Ivan decide it was time for a stint of formation flying, so away they went and left those on the ground in charge of the cameras.

Following the success of the event, another Fly-In will be scheduled for next year, probably more mid February rather than late February - date to be advised. Of course it will be great to see the number of Titan Mustangs attending increased, along with the several Supermarine Spitfires and Fisher Tigermoths positioned around the country to join in on the fun!

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