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LE TEMPS DES HELICES – 51st EDITION – MAI 18/19th 2024

A UNIQUE EVENT

The 51st edition of “Le Temps des Hélices” airshow takes place on **18th and 19th May 2024 at the Aérodrome de Cerny - La Ferté-Alais**, Essonne department, part of the Ile de France region, 55 kilometres south of Paris.

Le Temps des Helices, now celebrating over half a century of The Propeller Era is organized for the first time in 1970, by a small group of enthusiasts. This aeronautical show develops over the years, thanks to the efforts of the **Amicale Jean-Baptiste Salis**, a non profit making association, and its gang of volunteers. They pull out all the stops, for a profusion of spectators (over **40,000** estimated) into becoming one of the most widely-known international airshows staged during the European show season. It is an exceptional event with a high-flying program, that goes without saying. This unmissable “get-together” ticks off on the agenda of major International Aeronautical Events and stands out for the concentration in number and grade of its historical airplanes.

These amazing, functioning time-machines, actual living museum pieces on review, are a flash back to the beginning of the last century. They are the reminder of such founding pioneer pilots as Clément Ader, Louis Blériot, Roland Garros and others who inspire opening chapters in the pages of Aviation History. The Airshow also highlights those who engaged in the First and Second World War, with accent on a lot of memorabilia brought to bear witness to both world conflicts. Last but not least, is the presence of the prestigious French Dassault Rafale fighter jet. This combat aircraft is on the cutting edge of modern technology in aircraft conception and production, and marks the event by its ongoing, outstanding military prowess. Le Temps des Hélices tells the Story of Aviation, military and civil, past and present, through a mix of about 150 planes on display, a 100 of which still perform in the skies.



SPECTATORS ON THE FRONT LINE

Both days are organized around two main poles. The morning is reserved for a large fixed ground display open to visitors. The organizers of Le Temps des Helices organize the most advantageous proximity areas for spectators and exhibitionists. In this way, everyone can come and admire the **150 historic aircrafts** from close-up. Visitors also get to meet the pilots and mechanics who maintain the craft in such peak flying condition. The morning session is also a time for discovery flights on vintage aircraft with quick flips over the countryside south of Paris. The afternoon is devoted to an airshow with thematic flight displays where about a 100 aircraft can be viewed, over an uninterrupted period of 5 hours, across the sky of Essonne. Spectators can admire the spectacle from a grassy public area on the side of the airfield, or comfortably seated in the specially reserved observer space.

THE « TEMPS DES HELICES » VILLAGE

Accessible all day through, the village is the best place to meet up or do some shopping. It is located towards the center of the airfield area and offers visitors the opportunity to discover the world of aeronautics via the numerous exhibitions : book publications, script writings, photos, artists, paintings and flight suits on display.

There are also flight school representatives, aeronautical institutions and federations, aviation insurance brokers, heritage associations and French Air Force and French Navy units present. Other features and activities are also on site e.g. concerts, flight simulator sessions, aviation author signing sessions. There are also a lot of food and beverage stands on the spot catering for all.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 EDITION

The 51st edition of Le Temps des Helices celebrates the 80th anniversary of the June 1944 Normandy D-Day.

The TF-51D Mustang is at the top of the list for the show. This exclusive spotlight is an opportunity for Romain Hugault, author of successful aeronautical comics and artist of the Temps des Helices posters for almost ten years, to depict a historical event from the Second World War. The scene reveals a Normandy coastal beachscape, with Allied fleet squadrons and ships in the setting, and a TF 51D Mustang with US Air Force colors flying at low altitude over a young French girl riding a bicycle. She is joyful to experience this historical moment, so decisive in marking the end of the conflict and a recovery to freedom. The aircraft displays black and white stripes under the wings – called invasion stripes – the recognition markings adopted during D-Day operations to identify allied aircraft, adapted to avoid fire from home artillery on the ground. Initially intended to be only temporary, its effectiveness was confirmed, and those markings are adopted on allied aircrafts until the surrender of the Third Reich in May 1945. Prestigiously designed by North American Aviation, the Mustang is the main escort fighter for American bomber raids over Germany. In 1944, the P-51 also plays a key role in achieving air superiority against the Luftwaffe forces. The Mustang is the second most prolific American fighter of WWII, with around 15.586 craft produced, just behind the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt and ahead of the Curtiss P-40 Warhawk. Its main feature being its speed and above all its very long-range flight potential, a lot of experts consider the Mustang to be the finest propeller, fighter aircraft of all time. Called « Miss AVA », the headliner of the 51st edition is flanked on both sides of its fuselage by engaging pin-ups signed by well-known artist, Romain Hugault.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 EDITION

➤ **WARBIRDS**

As part of the D-Day celebrations, WWII warbirds are the stars of Le Temps des Hélices.

- **2 Spitfire (MkXIX and MkXIV):** The only two Spitfire based in France are present, one from Dijon-Darois (Burgundy) the other based at Cerny-La Ferté-Alais Airfield.
- **1 North American P-51D:** Also stationed at La Ferté-Alais, the P-51D present on the 2024 poster also takes to the sky. This P-51 is the only one of its type based in France.
- **1 Chance Vought F4U-5N:** The famous US Navy carrier-based fighter jet distinguishes itself mainly over the Pacific during WWII. Immediately identifiable by its inverted seagull wing silhouette, the F4U Corsair is famous thanks to the TV-series “Baa Baa Black Sheep”. Based at La Ferté-Alais, it is the only Corsair in France.
- **11 North American T-6** is in flight for the “Tora-Tora-Tora” show, an emblematic presentation of Le Temps des Hélices airshow with impressive firework effects.
- **4 North American T-28, a Bell 206 Jet Ranger and a North American OV-10 Bronco** flies for the “Vietnam display” - also a “must see” at the airshow - a ground attack reconstitution with visual and sound effects around the airfield.
- **1 Westland Lysander Mk.III:** another discreet but important actor during the Second World War. This observation and reconnaissance aircraft or spy-plane, is distinguished for having widely participated in the infiltration and extraction tactics of Resistance Agents and Spies in France. A replay based on this type of operation is presented during the show.
- **1 Storch Fieseler Fi-156:** the German equivalent of the British Westland Lysander, this Luftwaffe reconnaissance airplane is nicknamed “Storch” – Stork – because of its long-legged landing gear capable of landing on very short strips in unprepared fields.
- **1 Junkers Ju-52:** is largely used by Luftwaffe as a troop and paratrooper carrier, this warbird model is used in commercial airplane operations by a dozen airlines before and after the conflict.

Also expected at Le Temps des Hélices airshow are the following famous aircraft: Curtiss P-40N, Hawker Sea Fury FB Mk11, Yakovlev Yak-3, Polikarpov Po-2, Stinson SR-10C Reliant, Boeing-Stearman PT-13 D Kaydet, Naval Aircraft Factory N3N, Douglas C-47 B Skytrain, Canadian Vickers PBV-5A Canso (Catalina), Lockheed L-12 Electra, Piper L-4B Grasshopper, Bücker Bü 131 Jungman, Dassault Flamant MD311 and many others!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 EDITION

➤ THE PIONEER ERA

The specificity of Le Temps des Hélices is being able to present several “flying machines” from the beginning of the 20th century including:

- **Blériot XI:** the plane that makes French aviator Louis Blériot famous after the first Channel crossing by airplane on July 25th, 1909 in only about 30 minutes.
- **Caudron G-III:** one of the first airplanes used for military reconnaissance at the beginning of First World War, and used by French female aviator Adrienne Bolland to cross the Andes mountains in April 1921. She is alone, midst high mountains, with only a 80 HP engine and a 30 MPH average flight speed, this marks a real feat in the annals of Aviation History.

➤ THE TIME OF THE FLYING ACES – FIRST WORLD WAR

A reference to military aircraft air combat from WWI with pyrotechnic visual and sound effects presenting **the only airworthy French fighter SPAD XIII in the world**, Fokker DR. 1, Royal Aircraft Factory SE5 fighters, and Stampe SV4 biplanes in overhead formation flight.

➤ L'ARMÉE DE L'AIR ET DE L'ESPACE – FRENCH AIR AND SPACE FORCE

The Armée de l'Air et de l'Espace are present in force for this edition, with its ambassadors and some surprises.

- **La Patrouille de France. The French Aerobatic Patrol**, celebrating its 70th anniversary last year are once again in the skies of La Ferté-Alais
- **Rafale Solo Display (RSD)** again highlights the fantastic maneuverability and flight capacities of the Dassault Aviation Rafale fighter jet
- **Equipe de Voltige de l'Armée de l'Air (EVAA). The French Aerobatic Team** celebrating its 50th anniversary last year rewards the public with an impressive flight display in Extra 330SC
- **Two Pilatus PC 21.** The new trainer aircraft used for advanced pilot training in the French Air Force.

➤ AIR DISPLAY TEAMS

- **The French Aero Club**, is magnificently represented by various aerial displays with aircrafts like CAP222, Extra 300LP, Pitts S2B, Beech F33 Bonanza, MS Aircraft MXS, as well as a Fouga CM170 Magister formation flight
- **Team Raven** and its Vans RV8 enacts an aerobatic display

* Flight display is subject to modification, depending on technical issues and weather conditions and the availability of Air Force aircraft.



LOTS OF ENTERTAINMENT

- **Pleasure flights.** They take place only during the morning and after the air displays on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th. Possibility to fly in old aircrafts such as biplanes from the 30's, military training aircraft from the 40's, aerobatic or tourism aircraft and helicopters.
- **Signing sessions** with the most renowned aeronautical comic book artists. For Editions Paquet, Romain Hugault - Angel Wings, The Final Flight, The Grand Duke, are present, accompanied by colleagues, designers and screenwriters.
- **Airplanes to visit and cockpits to discover** every morning: Douglas C-47, Junkers Ju-52 and the Douglas AD4 Skyraider.
- **Concerts.** The Brassband Firelip Men, a jazz band playing for public in the morning and the Satin Doll Sisters singing trio.



- Static exhibition in the morning and parade of vintage motorcycles in line with the inflight display.
- A potter competition open to all and with numerous prizes to win.



SOME KEY FACTS ABOUT « LE TEMPS DES HELICES »

- **51st edition**
- **150 airplanes on exhibition during the morning session**
- **100 airplanes on flight display in the afternoon**
- **5 hours of uninterrupted show every day**
- **One of the best airshows with pyrotechnics and surround sound immersion**
- **40.000 spectators**
- **800 pleasure flights**
- **1.100 m² of VIP crowd space facing the runway**
- **2 000 VIPs**
- **120 accredited media presence**



A.J.B.S : ORGANIZER OF LE TEMPS DES HELICES



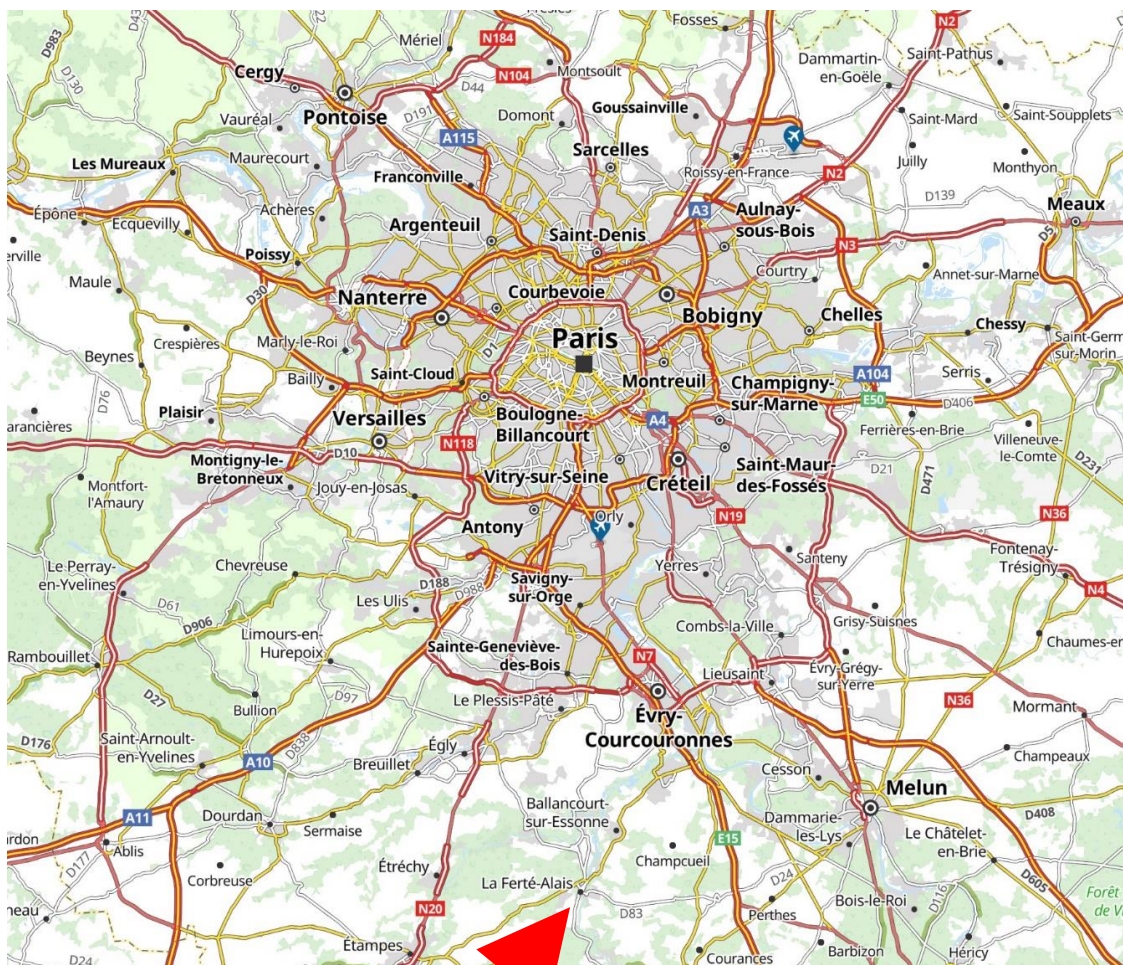
The non-lucrative association Jean-Baptiste Salis (A.J.B.S) is created in 1972 to carry on the spirit of the Great War pilots of which Jean-Baptiste Salis is a part. Located on the Cerny-La Ferté-Alais Airfield, it preserves, rebuilds, and maintains many types of aircraft belonging to Aviation History, in top-notch condition. Recently, A.J.B.S and its volunteers restored an Akrostar (Aerobatic single-seater) and a Caudron Luciole (Tourism Plane from the 1930's). Both restorations are prized and celebrated at the Grand Prix du Patrimoine (GPP) organized each year by Aéroclub de France to reward the most outstanding aircraft and aviation artifact restorations in France. Currently, the main project of A.J.B.S focuses on a rare De Havilland DH-89 Dragon Rapide, an elegant 1930's propliner with elegant silhouette and its restoration to flight. Within the Musée Volant Salis, a museum located on the aerodrome, different associations (Les Casques de Cuir, Memorial Flight) and private owners exhibit their historic, old flying-machines alongside A.J.B.S aircraft. With around 70 aircraft on call, this museum reveals passages of Aviation History since the pioneers of the early 20th century to present day and constitutes **one of the finest collection of historic, rare aircraft in France and maybe in the world**. All these aircraft are in flying condition or being restored to recover the skies. Some of them are also kept in static exhibition.

PARTNERS OF LE TEMPS DES HELICES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

➤ Access to the air field



By road : access to the airfield is via “Chemin des Fourneaux” at Cerny (Postal code 91590). Free parking.

GPS coordinates :

- Latitude : 48°29'39.05" N
- Longitude : 2°20'28.55" E

Sunday May 19th only : In order to facilitate access to the Cerny-La Ferté-Alais Airfield during the airshow, a remote car park will be available for visitors carrying their ticket(s).

This remote car park is only be activated by decision of the Organization in the event of car park saturation on the airfield and is located in front of Intermarché supermarket, « Route de La Ferté-Alais » at Itteville (Postal Code 91760).

The access to the airfield will then be available on foot (15-20 minutes walking from the remote car park).

We strongly invite people with reduced mobility or disabilities, as well as families with young children to come not too late on Sunday morning to be able to use the “standard” car park.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Motor homes:** No arrivals will be authorized on Friday 17th due to the closure of the site for public. Only full autonomy motor homes are admitted Saturday or Sunday.

Please contact A.J.B.S office via : bureau@ajbs.fr or +33 (0)1 64 57 55 85 for more information.

- **Public transport:**

- RER C from Bouray-sur-Juine train-station. Shuttles scheduled from 08:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Returns available from 17:30 p.m).
- RER D from Gare de Lyon station, stop at La Ferté-Alais station. From there, you join the airfield on foot in about 30 minutes.

- **Helicopter shuttle:**

If you want to join the airfield faster, an helicopter shuttle is also available by contacting France Copter on : +33(0)1-69-90-14-18 / ops@abchelico.com / <https://www.abchelico.com/vol-en-helicoptere/meeting-de-cerny>

➤ **Schedules**

Access to the car park is open from 07:00 a.m. on May 18th and 19th.

The static exhibition opens at 09:00 a.m. and closes at 12:15 p.m.

Flight display starts at 12:50 p.m. and finishes around 18:30 p.m.

➤ **White area**

For those wishing to enjoy the rural atmosphere of the airfield and fully enjoy the sound of the aircraft, a “white area” without loudspeakers is offered on a 200 meter strip on the west part of the runway borderline.

➤ **Chairs area**

Close to the runway and taxiway, a “chairs area” (Espace Chaises in French) is available to comfortably observe the aircrafts on the ground and in the sky during the show. More than 800 chairs are available (payment only at the entrance of this area). To be sure to have a chair, it is better to book it as soon as you arrive on the airfield during the morning.



TICKETS SALES ONLY ON <https://letempsdeshelices.fr/billetterie/>

➤ PRICING FOR 2024

Ticket sales only via the website <https://letempsdeshelices.fr/billetterie/>

Entrée meeting par personne, visite exposition statique et parking voiture inclus:

- Adults: 35 €
- Children under 12 years old: Free entry
- Children aged 12 to 16: 15 €
- Group of more than 20 people: Please contact A.J.B.S office via : bureau@ajbs.fr or +33 (0)1 64 57 55 85.

No camping allowed on the airfield. Please contact the campsites of Boissy-le-Cutté, Itteville, La Ferté Alais or Mondeville.

➤ PLEASURES FLIGHTS

For all flights : Sales only on the airfield.

➤ AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

– **The airfield is open to the public only on Saturday and Sunday from 07:00 a.m. Important ! The access is reserved for authorized persons only on Friday and Monday.**

– Morning

09:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. : Large static exhibition of aircraft participating in the airshow

08:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m. : Pleasure Flights available.

– Afternoon

12:50 p.m. to 18:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday : Airshow.

The flight schedule is the same on both days (Changes may occur depending on technical or weather constraints).

Food and Beverages available on site.

Additional information on websites:

<https://letempsdeshelices.fr>

<https://www.ajbs.fr>

MEDIA CONTACTS

➤ ACCREDITATION

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Please enclose a copy of your press card and a letter of assignment from your media outlet.

➤ INTERVIEWS REQUEST

Interviews possible (By telephone or on site) with :

– **Cyrille Valente, A.J.B.S President** (Airshow organization, economic questions, coordination with the different authorities to make the airshow possible, ...)

– **Michel Geindre, Airshow Flight Director** (Flight program organization, choice of air displays, real-time monitoring of the event, management of the airspace with Orly airport air traffic, ...)

Additional information on the A.J.B.S websites www.ajbs.fr and www.letempsdeshelices.fr as well as information on aircraft present at the airshow in the latest “Temps des Hélices” bulletin which can be downloaded online.

➤ RIGHT-FREE HD PHOTOS ON DEMAND

➤ TV IMAGES ON DEMAND FROM THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

- https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/b6j8bvfujr84nh4xzc15t/LE-TEMPS-DES-HELICES_OURS-IMAGES-1.mp4?rlkey=tlmmpxlb5u96o3n2wqumsx79g&dl=0
- https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2p70tei9rzdjj6ql06k39/LE-TEMPS-DES-HELICES_OURS-IMAGES-2.mp4?rlkey=8kum3f0x6ogiyw8barswj7pm7&dl=0

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