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53rd TEMPS des HELICES May 23-24, 2026

The must-attend event of the aviation season

The **must-see event of the aviation season** held every year at Pentecost, Le Temps des Hélices – the 2026 edition will be the 53rd of its kind – will take place on **May 23 and 24, 2026**, at the **Cerny-La Ferté-Alais airfield** in Essonne (91), 55 km south of Paris.

First organized in 1970, this “air show” has grown over the years to become **one of the most renowned events of its kind**, with a reputation that extends far beyond Europe's borders.

Organized by the Amicale Jean-Baptiste Salis (AJBS), this must-see event of the aviation season has many unique features that cannot be found anywhere else! First of all, it takes place in **a rural setting, with a wooden environment and grass runway**, reminiscent of the “airfields” of the interwar period. The taxiway is close to the spectators, who can watch the aircraft taxiing before takeoff or after landing.

It is also **an aerial show**, with no downtime for over five hours straight, featuring pyrotechnics, musical accompaniment, and surround sound. In La Ferté, there is no presentation of individual aircraft, but rather **scenes in which several aircraft fly simultaneously** in the Essonne sky to tell the story of aviation, from the pioneers flying their “aeroplanes” to the most modern aircraft. It is also the special atmosphere, created by pyrotechnic effects and commentary, that makes this event so charming and popular with all audiences. ■



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Highlights of the 2026 edition

The Temps des Hélices tells the **story of aviation, past and present**, civil and military, through the display of around a hundred aircraft, most of which are also presented in flight in the skies above Essonne.

For the 2026 edition, two themes will be developed: **French military aeronautics**, from yesterday to today, without forgetting that for everyone, **“Flying remains a dream.”**

A printed program will be on sale at the event, presenting all the aircraft that will be flying as well as the presentation schedule for each display. ■



Provisional program subject to change depending on weather conditions, unforeseen technical or administrative issues, or the availability of the armed forces.

Provisionnal program



Armée l'Air et de l'Espace

Patrouille de France (PAF) and their Alpha Jet
Rafale Solo Display (RSD)
Extra 300NG de l'EVAEE

Warbirds

Avro Anson MK1
2 DC3 (with drop of paratroopers)
Morane-Saulnier MS-405
Spitfire Mk IX LZ842
Junkers Ju-52
Pilatus P-2 (Me-109)
Fieseler Fi-156 Storch
Messerschmitt Bf-109E4/N
12 North American T-6 (Tora, Tora)
3 North American T-28 (Vietnam)
North American OV-10 Bronco

Pionniers and WW1

Blériot XI
Caudron G-III
Morane H
2 Fokker Dr.1 (triplane)
2 Se5a

Aerobatics

Beech Bonanza
Cap 222
Pitts S-2B

Extra 300
3 TB-30 Epsilon
Pilatus B4 (glider)

Golden Years

De Havilland DH-89 Dragon Rapide
Spartan Executive
Morane-Saulnier MS-317
N3N
Super Stearman (wingwalkers)

Military training (1950-1970)

Dassault MD-311 Flamant
Nord 1101 Noralpha
Nord 3202
Nord 3400 Norbarbe

Commercial aviation today

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Show time...

Navette bretonne (Broussard et CriCri)
Patrouille Aéro-Club de France (including 4 CM-170 Fouga Magister/patrouille Tranchant).
Turbulent Display Team (4 aircraft)

...and other surprises !



A two-part show

Static display: every morning (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM), spectators have access to the parking area for the aircraft that will be presented in flight during the afternoon. This static display allows for unparalleled proximity between spectators and participants in the event. Everyone can admire the hundred or so aircraft and meet the collectors, pilots, and mechanics who keep them in flying condition.



Flight demonstrations: the afternoon (12:50 PM to 6:30 PM) is devoted to flight demonstrations with a series of themed displays, accompanied by live commentary. In total, five hours of uninterrupted entertainment are offered to the public each day, with the same program on both days.

Identical program on May 23 and 24, 2026, except for possible schedule changes. Tentative program subject to change depending on weather conditions, technical contingencies, or availability of the armed forces. ■





Multiples activities

The Temps des Hélices is not just about aircraft on display and/or in flight... A variety of activities await the public throughout the day.

– **Discovery flights.** These take place every morning and even at the end of the meeting in the late afternoon. Visitors can fly in historic aircraft: biplanes from the 1930s, training planes from the 1940s or 1970s... or even helicopters (€50/person). For the second year running, visitors will be able to fly aboard a historic aircraft, the Douglas DC-3 in its C-53 Skytrooper version, a veteran of the Second World War, restored to its original livery. This is an opportunity not to be missed, as this aircraft from the Musée aéronautique de Bretagne (MAB) is a legend! It is the only DC-3 authorized for public transport in France.

These flights are scheduled every morning before the start of the meeting. Departures on Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM. Saturdays only: 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Duration: 20 minutes. Number of seats: 10 per flight. Prices: €270 per person. Registration: <https://letempsdeshelices.fr/billetterie>



– **Concerts.** The Satin Dolls, a retro group composed of female voices, perform every morning in the 1939-1945 hangar, not far from the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. Their repertoire covers standards from the 1930s to the 1960s.

– **Village du Temps des Hélices:** open all day, this is a special place for meeting people, chatting, and enjoying activities. Located in the heart of the grounds, the Village offers visitors the opportunity to discover the world of aeronautics through its many exhibitors (books, photos, flight suits, insurance, flight schools, aeronautical federations, Air Force, Navy and Army units, heritage preservation associations, institutions) and other activities (concerts, flight simulators, rides, autograph sessions), etc.

– **A photo contest is open to everyone**, with numerous prizes to be won. Rules available at www.ajbs.fr

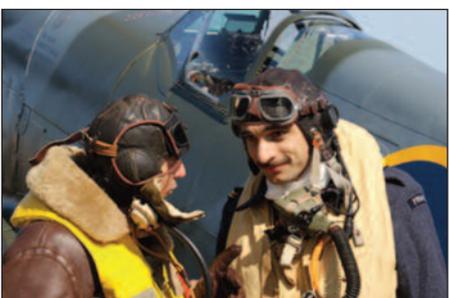
– **Vintage motorcycles** will be on display in the morning near the aircraft, before parading in front of the public in the afternoon, in conjunction with the historical display taking place at the same time in the skies above Cerny/La Ferté-Alais. Some of the motorcycles bear aeronautical markings, having been produced by Gnome (engine manufacturer) or Blériot (aircraft manufacturer), for example.

– **Signing sessions** with the most renowned aviation comic book artists. Representing Éditions Paquet, Romain Hugault (Au-delà des nuages, le Grand Duc, and so on) will be present, accompanied by several colleagues, artists, and scriptwriters.

– **Aircraft to visit and cockpits to explore** every morning: Junkers Ju-52, Douglas AD4 Skyraider from the AJBS fleet.



– **Reenactment troops:** including members of the “Pilotes de guerre” association, characters wear period costumes or outfits to bring the static exhibition to life, as well as the motorcycle parade during the meeting. With replicas and even original uniforms, they bring the atmosphere back to life, completing the historical scenes.



Dress code: Please note that it is prohibited to wear or display uniforms, insignia, or emblems reminiscent of those of organizations or individuals responsible for crimes against humanity (Article R645-1 of the Criminal Code).

Bonuses for the public

- **White zone:** the public can enjoy a 200-meter strip to the west of the runway without any sonorisation system. This allows them to fully enjoy the rural atmosphere of the airfield as well as the sound of the different aircraft engines!
- **Chair option:** on site, it is possible to reserve a chair in a specific enclosure to watch the show... seated. Nearly 1,600 chairs are available each year.

The 2026 poster

The poster for the 2026 edition of Le Temps des Hélices was designed, as in previous years, by Romain Hugault, author of aviation-themed comic books, from Angel Wings to Godspeed, Le pilote à l'edelweiss, "Le Grand Duc" and "Saint-Ex, un prince dans sa citadelle." He will be present at the Paquet publishing house stand for book signings, alongside other comic book artists and writers. ■



Featured is the DH-89 Dragon Rapide, recently restored by the AJBS with the support of Crédit Agricole Ile-de-France Mécénat. The aircraft was given a Royal Navy livery from a Dominie (military version of the DH-89) in the 1950s. It will be the only DH-89 in flying condition in France.

Amicale Jean-Baptiste Salis organizer of Le Temps des Hélices



The Amicale Jean-Baptiste Salis (AJBS) was founded in 1972. Based at the Cerny/La Ferté-Alais airfield, it preserves, rebuilds, and maintains aircraft that form part of France's aeronautical heritage. In recent years, the association has restored a Hirth Akrostar (single-seat aerobatic aircraft), a Caudron Luciole (1930s training aircraft), a Stampe SV-4C and, most recently, a rare De Havilland DH-89 Dragon Rapide, a 1930s airliner.

At the musée volant Salis, other associations such as Les Casques de Cuir and Memorial Flight also exhibit their aircraft alongside those of the AJBS and private owners. This fleet, most of which is in flying condition, is one of the finest collections of historic aircraft in the world, with a total of nearly 70 aircraft dating from the early 20th century to the present day. ■

Le Temps des Hélices in summary

- ✓ 53rd edition of a “classic”
- ✓ Around 100 aircraft on display in the morning
- ✓ 100 aircraft presented in flight in the afternoon
- ✓ 5 hours of non-stop entertainment every day
- ✓ One of the best air shows with pyrotechnics, musical accompaniment, and surround sound.
 - ✓ 40,000 spectators
 - ✓ 800 discovery flights
 - ✓ Musical entertainment
 - ✓ An exhibitors' village
 - ✓ A photo contest.
- ✓ 1,100 m² of VIP tents at the edge of the runway
 - ✓ 2.000 VIPs
- ✓ 120 accredited media outlets



Practical information

Opening hours: The car park will be open from **7:00 AM on May 23 and 24, 2026**. The static exhibition will be open from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Flight demonstrations will take place from **12:50 PM to 6:30 PM**.

The site will be closed on Friday, May 22 and Monday, May 24 (no access).

Cars and motorcycles, GPS coordinates: Chemin des Fourneaux in Cerny (91590).

Motorhomes: due to the closure of the site, no arrivals will be permitted on Friday. Free parking. Access open from 7:00 AM on May 23 and 24, 2026. **Bicycle and motorcycle** parkings available.

Consider carpooling: [Blablacar.fr](https://www.blablacar.fr) / [Mobicoop.fr](https://www.mobicoop.fr) / [Covoitici.fr](https://www.covoitici.fr) and so on.

Public transportation:

– **RER C:** Bouray-sur-Juine station. Shuttles run from 8:30 AM. to 12:30 PM. Drop-off at the airfield (8-minute walk, except for people with reduced mobility). Return service from 4:50 PM to 7:50 PM to the morning drop-off point.

– **RER D:** La Ferté-Alais station. Shuttles run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Drop-off at the airfield (8-minute walk, except for people with reduced mobility). Return from 3:00 PM. to 8:00 PM to the morning drop-off point.

Helicopter shuttle service

To avoid possible delays in reaching the plateau, a helicopter shuttle service (€120 round trip) is available from France Copter at +33 (0)1 69 90 14 18 or contact@francecopter.com
www.abchelico.com/vol-en-helicoptere/meeting-de-cerny or www.francecopter.fr



Advance tickets



<https://letempsdeshelices.fr/billetterie>

2026 prices

Admission to Le Temps Des Hélices (May 23 and 24, 2026) per person, including static exhibition visit and car parking. Please note that the static exhibition closes at noon every day. Tickets are only available for purchase via the website. <https://letempsdeshelices.fr/billetterie>

- Adults : €35
 - Children under 12: free
 - Children aged 12 to 16 ans : €15
 - Chair option: €10 (on site or in advance)
 - Two-day ticker: €60 (adults)
 - Group of more than 20 people: €31 per person.
- Contact the AJBS office via: bureau@ajbs.fr or +33 (0)1 64 57 55 85

Motorhomes (2 days)

- €87 pour 1 person
- €149 pour 2 peopl.

Motorhome rate (no amenities): admission, parking, static display included. No motorhomes on Friday, may 22 in the evening.

VIP seats with lunch (1 day) :

- €300 (adults)
- €150 (children aged 8 to 15)

Food available on site

Further information on the websites:

<https://letempsdeshelices.fr>
<https://www.ajbs.fr>

Partners for the 2026 edition





Press accreditations

These will be issued in accordance with the regulations of the decree of November 10, 2021, relating to public air shows (SAP).

For all accreditation requests, please contact: presse@ajbs.fr

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

Interview requests

Possible interviews (by phone or in person) with, among others:

- **Cyrille Valente**, president of the AJBS (organization of the meeting, economic issues, coordination of the various stakeholders, etc.).
- **Michel Geindre**, flight director (air boss) for the air show (organization of the airfield, selection of presentations, real-time monitoring of the event, airspace management with Orly, etc.).

You will find a presentation of the main aircraft present at the air show in the latest issue(s) of “Temps des Hélices,” which can be downloaded online at www.ajbs.fr item Le TDH.

Royalty-free HD photos are available on request for use in advertising the air show.

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