

Warbirds over Wanaka 2004

Theme for 2004 was "RNZAF in the pacific"

Photos - The Last Breitling Fighter Display



(800x600 @ approx. 110 - 210k)

The Stars of this Show were the 2 returning aircraft with a genuine RNZAF operational history. One of the returning "old friends" was the only flying RNZAF Corsair (absent for over 30 years), along with a "P40" restored here in NZ, having spent a stint in Europe. Both these 2 aircraft were accompanied by the only Lavochkin LA-9 flying in the world. Again this aircraft had been restored in NZ and displayed in Europe. This was a first airshow appearance in NZ skies of the "Breitling Fighter Display" airshow team and the last official display sanctioned by the sponsors. The Corsair will now be based at Masterton in the North Island. The products of our Pioneer Aero Restorations were again in evidence in the P40's and the LA-9. The "local" Polikarpov's providing a distinct sound and sight yet again. The stalwarts of the show were there performing their routines. The usual good selection of support types and displays, again created a not to be missed Easter weekend.

The RNZAF made available a good selection of aircraft and some polished displays were given. The aerobatic display put on by the "Wanganui Aero Work" NZ Cresco aerial topdressing aircraft was as good as any team.

The unbelievable antics of Lithuanian Jurgis Kairys 400hp Sukhoi S-31 almost defied the laws of flight and human endurance.

The welcome appearance of the Great War favorites from the Omaka Fighter Collection added a missing component from previous shows and establishes a link with the alternate "Easter show" of Classic Fighters Marlborough.

Some Formation Appearance's.

Photos - General



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