

10 June 2015

Large Model Aircraft Rally: Tickets on sale now

Date: 18-19 July 2015

Time: Gates open 8.30am

Cost: £8.00 in advance

Hundreds of scale models of iconic aircraft will be taking to the skies over Shropshire next month for a weekend of flying entertainment. Model enthusiasts from across the country will travel to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford for this famous air show in miniature.

Taking place on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July, the Large Model Aircraft Rally at Cosford is an absolute must see for any aviation enthusiast. This popular annual event attracts in excess of 10,000 visitors over the two day show and is one of the biggest events in the Museum's calendar.

This year's flying theme will be commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, considered the most important event in Royal Air Force history. Visitors to the show will see a spectacular anniversary display of World War Two aircraft with many international teams signed up to take part. The Legendary Fighters from Germany will be flying 1/3 scale fighter aircraft including Messerschmitt 109s and Spitfires in exciting mid-air dogfights, entertaining the crowds throughout the day.

Aircraft from the early days of aviation, through to the modern jets of today will be flying during the model show weekend. Models on show will range in size from small scale aircraft right through to a huge 1/5th Scale Avro Vulcan with 4 jet turbines. Famous for its delta wing shape, the 1/5th scale mighty Vulcan bomber is a spectacular flypast not to be missed. Many of the models have taken years of dedication to build and apart from the obvious difference in size, they look just like the real thing.

Dave Johnson, event organiser and Chairman of the Large Model Association said:

"I feel really excited about the show this year. We have a new layout which is on the opposite side of the airfield to usual, which I feel will benefit not only the pilots but our visitors as well, especially photographers as the sun will be behind the display line. This year we have put together a fantastic flying display of large models, with participants from across Europe and we hope with a little help from the weather it will be the best we have seen at Cosford for several years."

The Large Model Aircraft Rally promises to be a great day out for modellers and families alike with more than 65 exhibitors signed up to showcase some of the latest model kits and aviation accessories. Families are guaranteed to enjoy the family fun lined up which includes a children's entertainment area, packed with mini motorbikes, bouncy castles and inflatable slides, all on offer to youngsters. Plus, keeping visitors fuelled for the day, there will be a fantastic range of food and drink on offer and visitors will have access to the RAF Museum where they can see many of the aircraft flown during the show in full size. A free bus service will take visitors from the event to the Museum throughout the day.

Anyone wishing to attend the event can save money by purchasing tickets in advance at a discounted rate. Advance tickets are on sale at the Museum, priced at just £8 for adults, saving £2

per person on the gate price and children under the age of 16 are FREE. Gates open at 8.30am and flying starts a 9.00am.

Exclusively for the Large Model Aircraft Rally, visitors are able to camp on site, meaning you can make the most of the weekend's flying and activities by being at the centre of all the action. On site camping, including entrance to the show both days is only £45.00 and any visitors interested in camping should email public-camping@largemodelassociation.com or call 07827 675665.

For further information on the event and how to purchase advance tickets visit the Museum website www.rafmuseum.org or call 01902 376200.

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