



IPA AIR CREW visits IPA Recklinghausen

The IPA AIR CREW has returned to its roots in North Rhine-Westphalia / Germany at the Marl-Lohmühle EDLM airfield with the 28th FLYIN since 1992 from June 15th to 18th, 2023. 13 planes with 29 IPA friends arrived one after the other. A 3-man crew from Denmark, 2 from Switzerland and 10 from Germany.

This year's FLYIN was organized by Michael Münstermann from IPA Recklinghausen, Roland Lutz, IPA Aalen and Hermann Mayer IPA Heilbronn.

Michael Münstermann defined the term and the institution "FOLLOW ME" in his own way.



He accurately directed the arriving aircraft to their respective parking positions.

Colleague Reinhard Kraskowski from PP Recklinghausen took three days of vacation to bring the FLYIN participants safely to the event locations. Thank you very much! On the first evening we were received and warmly welcomed by the previous liaison manager Michael Wojtalewicz of the IPA

Recklinghausen and the IPA friend Peter Fechner, managing director of the airfield.

We were particularly happy about three Danish IPA friends who found us again after several years of abstinence. We were happy to have Knud-Erik Poulsen, John Friis-Pedersen and Torben Brand.



After a cozy evening and getting to know the hosts for the first time, we were welcomed on the second day in the “most beautiful town hall” in North Rhine-Westphalia by the deputy mayor, Ms. Bergmaier, and introduced to the history of Recklinghausen.



Deputy Mayor Ms. Bergmaier with our emcee Roland Lutz

We dedicated the afternoon to the local art of brewing with a tour, brewing technology and tasting.



Of course, we ended the evening in the beer garden, which we had invited our hosts to do.



The third day was supposed to take us to the training tunnel.



Since construction work was underway there due to upcoming restructuring, our AIR CREW member Michael Münstermann, the man on site, quickly organized a visit to the German Electricity Museum.

The “electricity journey through time” amazed us again and again. In view of the many lovingly presented exhibits from past decades, memories were awakened and in the end the realization remained that “nothing works without electricity anymore”. We were bid farewell in style to the sounds of a shellac record of “There is no beer in Hawaii.” from the 60s jukebox.

The day was rounded off in the afternoon with the obligatory city tour with the theme “From the Middle Ages to Modern Times – Legends and Stories of Recklinghausen”.



We spent the final evening at a banquet together at “La Dolce Vita”, not without announcing the destination for 2024. We will visit the Roman city of Trier and land at the Trier-Föhren EDRT airfield.



After an intensive weekend, the flying-enthusiastic IPA Air crew members headed home late in the morning in favorable weather conditions. All pilots arrived safely at their respective “aviation base”.



Horst Gräser taking off with his “Indian”





Marl-Lohmühle Airfield



The Swiss crew in departure



The most beautiful town hall in North Rhine-Westphalia



Guided tour of the theater with a demonstration of the technology



In the German Electricita Museum