

What is the Symposium ?

The HAA annual symposium is a day-long event which takes place at the RAF Museum, Hendon, and takes the form of a series of presentations, all carefully selected to inform and entertain, putting a spotlight on developments and issues within the arena of historic aviation.



Who is it for ?

The HAA welcomes anyone with an interest in the preservation and operation of historic aircraft to attend our flag-ship event, though HAA members are offered a discounted admission. It is a chance to immerse yourself in a themed day of historic aviation experience, and enjoy the four main presentations, but still with plenty of time to mingle with fellow enthusiasts.

What form does the day take ?

The attendees are invited to make their way to the RAF Museum to arrive 9.30 or so, where a free car park pass is provided. Once signed in, you will be given your named badge for the day, a Programme and event literature, then to our private lounge for coffee and pastries.

At 10.00 we take our seats in the main auditorium, and after a welcoming address, we start the first of our four main presentations. After nearly an hour or so, each speaker will invite questions from the audience. This year we have an added pre-lunch address related to fast-jet display flying, which concludes the morning session, after which we have a leisurely ninety minute pause to enjoy a high quality two-course lunch, followed by coffee.

You are welcome to explore the museum during this time, before taking your seat again for the afternoon session, and the final two presentations, which take the event through to its conclusion, usually around 16.30 hrs.

A major trophy presentation will also take place during the day's proceedings.

What are the themes for 2019 ?

The HAA is very proud that once again we have in place an excellent line-up of speakers, of great interest to aviation historians and enthusiasts.

Colin Bell DFC recalls his gripping experiences flying Mosquitos in WW2

Liason aircraft pilot Alan Vogel describes the recent flying participation in the D- Day celebrations

Keith Perkins reveals how he founded Aero Legends, one of the foremost collections of airworthy historic aircraft in Europe, and his vision for its future.

Pilot and broadcaster Arthur Williams describes how he came to promote historic flying to the wider public, and the challenges he overcame, to finally fly in a Mosquito.

We hope to see you in October, but remember, tickets are limited !