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First flight nears for French Morane



Morane-Saulnier MS.230 N230ET is being prepared for its first flight in France. It was bought in Florida by the Le Cercle des Machines Volantes association, and arrived last March at Compiègne in a container. One wing had to be re-skinned, but the machine was otherwise in good condition. This aircraft is believed to have been seized by the Germans and flown for the Luftwaffe during World War Two. FRANK MINK VIA PATRICK DIRKSEN



Formerly on display at IWM Duxford, Junkers Ju 52/3m White 9 (actually a 1946-built Amiot AAC.1 Toucan) has now been put on external display at the Polish Aviation Museum in Kraków. Having served with the French, it passed to the Portuguese Air Force in 1960 which used it until 1971, gifting it to IWM the following year. MIKE SHREEVE

This year's Footman James Sywell Classic Pistons and Props motoring festival returns to Northamptonshire's Sywell Aerodrome on September 27-28, and will this year include air displays from historic aircraft and aerobatics from more modern types. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is scheduled to appear on the Saturday with three aircraft (including Avro Lancaster I PA474), while the Sunday will be graced with a simulated dogfight from the Great War Display Team, which will be flying its Sopwith and Fokker Triplanes, BE.2 and others. The Blades, flying high-performance Extra EA300s, and the Yak-52 equipped Yakovlev Display Team, will make up the aerobatics contingent. www.sywellclassic.com