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Air Bridge Cargo is currently invading Cargolux Maintenance (Mike MORO)



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British Airways now with A319



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French Football Charter

On 26th March THE football match was played between Luxembourg and France. Ribéry & Co. arrived on 24th aboard this Air France Regional Embraer ERJ-190, F-HBLE.



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Libyan Challenger 5A-UAA

On 10th March we had a quite interesting visitor. A Libyan Bombardier BD-100-1A10 Challenger 300, 5A-UAA, made a short stop in Luxembourg.



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Two Silk Way Ilyushin Il-76 on visit

On 22nd and 24th March, two Silk Way Ilyushin Il-76 were present at Luxembourg Airport. The first one on 22nd was 4K-AZ100 (*left photo*), and the second one on 24th was 4K-AZ101 (*right photo*). In addition on 9th and 15th March a Volga-Dnepr Airlines Ilyushin Il-76, RA-76952, was already present in Luxembourg.



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British Airways visitors

On 2nd March British Airway G-DOCX, a Boeing 737-400, arrived with a red nose (*top photo*). About 3 weeks later starting from 27th March British Airways changed from London City to London Heathrow. With that change of airport they are also now using Airbus A319 instead of Boeing 737 to come to Luxembourg. The first morning flight was operated by G-EUPN. (*photo below*)



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Swiss with Airbus

During the last month, Swiss used several times one of their Airbus A319 instead of the usual Avro. On 21st March Swiss operated the morning flight with HB-IPU.



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KLM in maintenance

During the month of March KLM was still present with their Boeing 747-400 for maintenance work. On 6th March PH-BFS arrived.



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World Cargo in maintenance

On 21st March the all white World Cargo Boeing 747-400, N743WA, was standing at Cargolux maintenance parking



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Air Bridge Cargo in maintenance

A lot of movements during March at Cargolux Maintenance. Air Bridge Cargo was regularly present at P8. This month VQ-BIA (Boeing 747-400), VQ-BJB (Boeing 747-400), VP-BIC (Boeing 747-300, *left photo*), VP-BII (Boeing 747-200) and VP-BIM (Boeing 747-400, *right photo*) were seen at the airport. VP-BIC is sitting in Luxembourg for some weeks already and might be staying for some more.



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World Cargo delivery flight

On 26th March the new World Cargo N742WA arrived in Luxembourg. The Boeing 747-400 was on its delivery flight after being converted to a freighter in January 2011.



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(Photo taken on 28th March)

Aerovis Airlines Antonov An-12

On 29th March Aerovis arrived with their Antonov An-12, UR-CGU for a cargo flight.



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Sky Lease Cargo MD-11

Sky Lease Cargo operated a flight to Luxembourg on 29th March. N950AR, a McDonnell Douglas MD-11 arrived around noon.



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Switzerland Trip (Photos & Text by Serge BRAUN and Claude SCHMIT)

As the weather forecast told about very good weather conditions for Switzerland during the second week of March, we decided to have a short visit to six different airports in Switzerland to have a look 'What's NEW and INTERESTING' in the Helvetic area...! First of all, it was the international airport of Zurich-Kloten, where we made our first stop. Traffic was normal, but several planes were quite interesting, as the following pictures show. Enjoy them.



9V-SKJ – Airbus A380



HB-JMJ – Airbus A340-300



JY-JAO – Boeing 737-300



TS-MTG – Lockheed C-130 Hercules



VP-BWN – Airbus A321-200



TC-JCZ – Airbus A310-300



Z3-AAM – Boeing 737-500



OY-MRE – Boeing 737-700



HB-JIE – Douglas MD-90

Note: HB-JIE operated the very last flight with an McDonnell Douglas MD-90 for Hello. One day later the HB-JIE was ferried to the US for Delta Airlines.

Our second airport visit was at Alpnach, where the SWISS AIR FORCE had based several of their helicopters and Pilatus PC-6. As it was on a Friday morning, traffic was quite calm and only two activities could be observed.



T-353 – Eurocopter EC-635



T-323 – Aerospatiale AS-332M1 Super Puma

Stans was the next airport to be visited. Manufacturer PILATUS /RUAG have its headquarter at Stans and a lot of PC-6 and PC-12 could be seen on the apron. Characteristic of Stans Airport is the famous 'crossroads', where planes, coming from Pilatus area and rolling to the runway for departure, had to cross the motorway. Road traffic is stopped for a short time by red lights.



C-GMPM – Pilatus PC-12/47E



D-FCLG – Pilatus PC-6/B2-H4



HB-FOB – Pilatus PC-12/45



MCC – Pilatus PC-6 B2H4

Next airport was Emmen. Swiss Air Force had one of its bases at that airport. But unfortunately there was NO traffic that afternoon. Only one Pilatus PC-21 and a Pilatus Porter PC-6 were on the tarmac in front of the hangars.



V-612 – Pilatus PC-6/B2-H2M Turbo Porter



A-106 – Pilatus PC-21

On our way back to Luxemburg, we had made a stop at Birrfeld Airfield to take a picture of the famous 'Red Antonov2' based here and used for local skydiving flights.



YL-LEI – Antonov An-2

Our last stop was at Basle/Mulhouse EUROAIRPORT where the weather was no more good, but cold, grey and windy. Last but not least we could catch here two expected planes.



HB-JIX – Airbus A320-200



CN-NMD – Airbus A320-200

Note: HB-JIX was delivered the day before the photo was taken.

Luxembourg's Logbook: Passenger and Cargo Visitors

01.03.2011	G-RHMS	Astra Fire	EMBRAER ERJ-135BJ Legacy 600
	HB-VCN	Sonnig	Rockwell NA-265 Sabre 65
	VP-BOW	Private	Bombardier BD-700-1A10 Global Express
02.03.2011	F-GTUI	Corsair	Boeing 747-400
	G-LEAI	London Executive Aviation	Cessna 510 Citation Mustang
	M-IRNE	Private	Raytheon Hawker 850XP
03.03.2011	F-GSNA	Dassault Falcon Service	Dassault Falcon 900EX
	G-PEPE	London Executive Aviation	Cessna 560XL Citation Excel
	LX-ACV	Cargolux	Boeing 747-400
	LX-N90458	NATO AWACS	Boeing E-3A Sentry
	OY-EVO	EVO Aviation	Cessna 550 Citation Bravo
04.03.2011	ES-TLF	Breitling Jet Team	Aero L-39C Albatros
	OE-GVJ	VistaJet	Learjet 60
05.03.2011	HB-JVI	Helvetic	Fokker 100
06.03.2011	N73SL	Private	Bombardier BD-700-1A11 Global 5000
	PH-BFS	KLM Airlines	Boeing 747-400
07.03.2011	N490EV	Evergreen International Airlines	Boeing 747-200
08.03.2011	G-FBKC	Private	Cessna 510 Citation Mustang
	G-FCDB	Private	Cessna 550
09.03.2011	N612AF	Private	Gulfstream G450
	RA-76952	Volga-Dnepr Airlines	Ilyushin Il-76TD-90VD

10.03.2011	5A-UAA	United Aviation	Bombardier BD-100-1A10 Challenger 300
	HB-VNS	Speedwings	Cessna 560XL Citation Excel
	HB-VOW	TAG Aviation	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
	PH-MYX	Solid Air	Cessna 650 Citation 7
11.03.2011	CE-03	Air Force – Belgium	Embraer ERJ-145LR
12.03.2011	RA-76952	Volga-Dnepr Airlines	Ilyushin Il-76TD-90VD
14.03.2011	I-JAMJ	Sirio	Dassault Falcon 2000EX EASy
	PH-BFO	KLM Airlines	Boeing 747-400
	YL-ABA	Simple Jet	Learjet 60
15.03.2011	CS-TFQ	Private	Learjet 45
	OE-GIL	Air Styria	Cessna 550 Citation
	RA-76952	Volga-Dnepr Airlines	Ilyushin Il-76TD-90VD
16.03.2011	D-ABCD	Cirrus Airlines	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	HB-VOO	Sonnig	British Aerospace BAe 125-1000A
	I-TOPX	Top Jet Executive	Hawker Beechcraft 400XP
	M-ELON	Private	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
	SE-RCY	Grafair	Cessna 550 Citation 2
	TF-BBG	Bluebird Cargo	Boeing 737-300F
17.03.2011	LN-BAC	Bergen Air Transport	Cessna 525A CitationJet CJ2+
	LX-AFD	Global Jet Luxembourg	Dassault Falcon 900DX
	VQ-BLA	Private	Gulfstream G550
18.03.2011	LX-JET	Private	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
	OE-HTJ	Tyrolean Jet Service	Dornier 328-300 JET
21.03.2011	G-LGAR	TAG Aviation	Learjet 60
	HB-IPU	Swiss International Airlines	Airbus A319-100
	PH-JNE	JetNetherlands	Cessna 525A CitationJet CJ2
22.03.2011	4K-AZ100	Silk Way Airlines	Ilyushin Il-76TD-90SW
	EC-LCX	Aerodynamics Magaga	Cessna 510 Citation Mustang
	F-HBOL	Leadair Unijet	Dassault Falcon 900EX
	YU-SPB	Private	Cessna 560XL Citation XLS
23.03.2011	5Y-BYD	Phoenix Aviation	Cessna 550 Citation Bravo
	EI-DVA	Mistral Air	Boeing 737-300
	LX-N90448	NATO – AWACS	Boeing E-3A Sentry
	N7877T	Private	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
24.03.2011	4K-AZ101	Silk Way Airlines	Ilyushin Il-76TD-90VD
	D-ALTL	Air Berlin	Airbus A320-200
	F-HBLE	Air France Regional	Embraer ERJ-190-100LR
	VP-BIM	Air Bridge Cargo	Boeing 747-400
25.03.2011	N497XP	Private	Raytheon Beechjet 400XP
	OE-HKY	Jetalliance	Dassault Falcon 2000
26.03.2011	N742WA	World Cargo	Boeing 747-400
29.03.2011	HB-VNV	Jet Club	Learjet 60
	N555BK	Private	Cessna 550 Citation Bravo
	N950AR	Sky Lease Cargo	McDonnell Douglas MD-11F
30.03.2011	A7-HJJ	Qatar Amiri Flight	Airbus A330-200
	LZ-YUR	Air Lazur	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	P4-KUL	Empire Aviation	Embraer ERJ-135BJ Legacy 600
	RA-09006	Gazpromavia	Dassault Falcon 900EX
	VQ-BJB	Air Bridge Cargo	Boeing 747-400
31.03.2011	N355MC	Atlas Air Cargo	Boeing 747-300
	HB-IJM	Swiss International Airlines	Airbus A320-200

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