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First Boeing 747-8F (N50217) in Luxembourg (Mike MORO)



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New aircraft for Strategic



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Qatar Prime-Minister Visit

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Imperial Air Cargo Boeing 737-300

A rather interesting visitor was this all white Boeing 737-300. On 8th June Imperial Air Cargo ZS-SMG operated a flight for Air Contractors on DHL flights from Leipzig.



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Strategic Airlines new aircraft

On 8th June, the latest acquisition for Strategic Airlines visited Luxembourg. LX-STC, an Airbus A320-200, was delivered to Strategic Airlines in April 2011.



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Avion Express Italia

While waiting for the Boeing 747-8F on 22nd June, this visitor passed along us quite by surprise. Avion Express Italia, LY-VEX, an Airbus A320-200, arrived during the evening.



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First Boeing 747-8F in Luxembourg (Text & Photos Mike MORO)

After different announcements and a cancellation earlier this year, Boeing finally send us, for the first time, a Boeing 747-8F. Planned arrival was the 22nd June 2011 during the evening. Unfortunately due to a lot of problems at the Le Bourget Paris Air Show, the aircraft was delayed almost 4 hours, meaning it arrived in the dark at 22:38 local time as BOE522.

For some time N50217, in Boeing colors, was parked in front of the Hangar, but then disappeared inside. On 23rd June Cargolux had organized a big visit for Cargolux staff and family. Unfortunately "normal people" were not allowed and Cargolux did not pull the Boeing out of the Hangar.

But on Friday 24th, around noon, Cargolux pulled out the 747-8F and towed it to the Cargo center for fueling. Finally it departed around 12:30 in perfect sunny weather directly to Seattle.



Two Official Visits in Luxembourg

During this rather interesting day, on 8th June, another two interesting visitors were present in Luxembourg. The first one was a State Visit of the president of Tajikistan with a Somon Air Boeing 737-800, EY-777.



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Two hours later the prime minister of Qatar arrived with a Qatar Amiri Flight Airbus A330-200, A7-HJJ.



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Carpatair Fokker 70

On 2nd June a Carpatair Fokker 70, YR-KMA, arrived for a charter flight and departed again on 3rd June.



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Emirates Cargo Boeing 747

This Emirates Cargo Boeing 747-400, N408MC, was present on 2nd June 2011.



Yangtze River Express

Yangtze River Express usually use their Boeing 747-400 B-2435, but on 2nd June it was B-2436.



Icelandic Coast Guard

A quite rare visitor here in Luxembourg was this Icelandic Coast Guard aircraft. TF-SIF, a Canadair DHC-8-314, arrived on 4th June 2011.



Colorful Rockwell 695, D-IHSI

Interesting to see this type of aircraft here in Luxembourg, and with such a nice design. This Air Evertz Rockwell 695 Jetprop 980, D-IHSI, arrived on 23rd June.



Some more EU Meeting visitors

Between 18th and 19th June several aircrafts arrived for the EU Meetings in Luxembourg. One of them was the German “Luftwaffe”, first time with an Airbus A319, 15+01.



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Another one was this Royal Jet Boeing 737-700 BBJ, A6-AIN.



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And this United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi Amiri Flight) Airbus A320-200, A6-DLM.



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New Airplane for CPL "Cercle Para du Luxembourg" (Text & Photos Serge BRAUN)

Saturday, 2nd July, the Luxembourg Para Club (CPL) presented and inaugurated their new plane at Wiltz airfield. It's a brand new Gippsland Airvan GA-8, manufactured in Australia by Gippsaero PTY/LTD. The new plane is wearing a white and red color scheme bordered by a sort of zipper and with different LUXEMBOURG and CPL stickers on the fuselage. The new plane has the registration LX-MDT and was baptized that day by the Prince Felix himself. After the ceremony, the Prince Felix also made his first tandem-drop.

With the new Airvan it is possible to carry 8 skydiver to an altitude of 4000m. For the moment, the Airvan is stored at Findel Airport during weekdays. But in 2012, a new hangar will be built at Wiltz Airfield especially for the LX-MDT and the plane will stay there for the whole year round.



Also present at Wiltz on the second of July was another Airvan from the Manufacturer Gippsland and with the exotic registration VH-CQK.

The last picture shows the Airvan on 23rd of June at Wiltz Airfield just after delivery and still without titles but with VH-CVX registration.



Luxembourg's Logbook: Passenger and Cargo Visitors

01.06.2011	N36FD	Private	Eclipse EA500
	SE-DJH	Private	Cessna 550B Citation Bravo
02.06.2011	N408MC	Emirates Cargo	Boeing 747-400
	YR-KMA	Carpatair	Fokker 70
03.06.2011	678	Air Force – Greece	Gulfstream V
04.06.2011	I-WISH	Air Four	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	LX-JET	Private	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
	OO-JAA	Jetairfly	Boeing 737-800
	OO-TCH	Thomas Cook	Airbus A320-200
	TF-SIF	Coast Guard – Iceland	De Havilland Canada DHC-8-314 Dash 8
05.06.2011	N426QS	NetJets	Gulfstream IV
06.06.2011	F-HCRT	Airlec	Cessna 550 Citation 2
	M-IRNE	Private	Raytheon Hawker 850XP
	MM62171	AMI	Dassault Falcon 900EX
	N595E	Enrique Iglesias	Gulfstream IV
	PH-FJK	JetNetherlands	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
	T.18-5	Air Force – Spain	Dassault Falcon 900B
07.06.2011	12+05	Air Force – Germany	Canadair CL-600-2A12 Challenger 601
	258	Irish Air Corps	Learjet 45

08.06.2011	102001	Air Force – Sweden	Gulfstream IV
	A7-HJJ	Qatar Amiri Flight	Airbus A330-200
	EY-777	Somon Air	Boeing 737-800
	F-HSEX	Corsair	Boeing 747-400
	LX-STC	Strategic Airlines	Airbus A320-200
	N338MM	Private	Gulfstream IV
	OM-BYL	Government – Slovakia	Yakovlev Yak-40
	T.18-3	Air Force – Spain	Dassault Falcon 900B
	VQ-BMT	Gama Aviation	Gulfstream IV
	ZS-SMG	Imperial Air Cargo	Boeing 737-300
09.06.2011	0260	Air Force – Czech Republic	Yakovlev Yak-40
	12+05	Air Force – Germany	Canadair CL-600-2A12 Challenger 601
	MM62243	AMI	Airbus A319-100
	SP-DLB	Blue Jet	Cessna 525A CitationJet CJ2+
	T-784	Air Force – Switzerland	Cessna 560XL Citation Excel
10.06.2011	1257	Air Force – Czech Republic	Yakovlev Yak-40
14.06.2011	EI-RJY	CityJet	BAe Avro RJ-85
15.06.2011	100008	Air Force – Sweden	Saab 340B
16.06.2011	G-STRP	Dubrovnik Airlines	Airbus A320-200
	MM62172	AMI	Dassault Falcon 900EX
	OK-CAA	Civil Aviation Inspectorate	Cessna 560XL Citation Excel
17.06.2011	MM62209	AMI	Airbus A319-100
	9H-AFY	Private	Learjet 60
18.06.2011	A6-AIN	Royal Jet	Boeing 737-700
19.06.2011	251	Irish Air Corps	Gulfstream IV
	5105	Air Force – Czech Republic	Canadair CL-601 2B16 Challenger CL-601
	102001	Air Force – Sweden	Gulfstream IV
	135L-484	Air Force – Greece	Embraer ERJ-135BJ
	15+01	Air Force – Germany	Airbus A319-100
	9H-AFJ	Eurojet	Learjet 60
	A6-DLM	Qatar Amiri Flight	Airbus A320-200
	F-RAFJ	Air Force – France	Dassault Falcon 50
	MM62243	AMI	Airbus A319-100
	PH-KBX	Government – Netherlands	Fokker 70
	T.18-3	Air Force – Spain	Dassault Falcon 900B
20.06.2011	0260	Air Force – Czech Republic	Yakovlev Yak-40
	100008	Air Force – Sweden	Saab 340B
	102001	Air Force – Sweden	Gulfstream IV
	F-RAFJ	Air Force – France	Dassault Falcon 50
	MM62209	AMI	Airbus A319-100
	OH-WIC	Jetflite	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	PH-DLN	JetNetherlands	P-180 Avanti
	SP-LIH	Air Force – Poland	Embraer ERJ-175LR
	YU-BNA	Government – Serbia	Dassault Falcon 50
21.06.2011	2312	Air Force – Czech Republic	LET 410UVP-E
	5105	Air Force – Czech Republic	Canadair CL-601 2B16 Challenger CL-601
	G12	Police – Belgium	McDonnell Douglas MD-900
	LX-AFD	Global Jet	Dassault Falcon 900DX
	N888CX	Private	Learjet 45
	VH-CVX	CPL (Para Club Luxembourg)	GA8 Airvan
	XA-CHE	Private	Gulfstream IV
22.06.2011	69-036	Air Force – Turkey	Transall C-160D
	LY-VEX	Avion Express Italia	Airbus A320-200
	N50217	Boeing Company	Boeing 747-8F
23.06.2011	G-STRP	Dubrovnik Airlines	Airbus A320-200
	LZ-YUN	Air Lazur	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
24.06.2011	LX-MBE	Global Jet	Dassault Falcon 2000
25.06.2011	EC-JJU	Soko Aviation	Cessna 525A CitationJet CJ2

26.06.2011	MM62172	AMI	Dassault Falcon 900EX
27.06.2011	9H-AFJ	Eurojet	Learjet 60
	EC-LJC	Sur Aviation	Cessna 510 Citation Mustang
	F-GESP	Dassault Falcon	Dassault Falcon 2000
	I-DARC	Compagnia Aeronautica Italiana	Piaggio P-180
	YL-BBC	SmartLynx	Airbus A320-200
28.06.2011	102001	Air Force – Sweden	Gulfstream G-IV
	MM62245	AMI	Dassault Falcon 900EXE
	OY-JAI	Private	Cessna 500 Citation
29.06.2011	G-RAJJ	Cello Aviation	BAe 146-200
	I-PRAD	Prada	Learjet 60
30.06.2011	CE02	Air Force – Belgium	Embraer ERJ-135LR
	OK-CAA	Civil Aviation Inspectorate	Cessna 560XL Citation Excel

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