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The second 747-8F, LX-VCD, doing some touch & go's (Mike MORO)

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Cargolux 747-8F arrival

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Cross-Country Flight

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Qatar Airways Cargo new route

After Qatar Airways and Cargolux started their partnership, Qatar announced a new route through Luxembourg.

The route will be operated by a Qatar Cargo Boeing 777F flying from Doha via Luxembourg to Atlanta (Houston).

The first flight was operated on 2nd November from Doha to Luxembourg as QR6075. The Boeing 777, A7-BFA, arrived in the darkness at 20:00 local.

Flight QR6075 from Doha via Luxembourg to Houston
Flight QR6076 from Houston via Luxembourg to Doha.

Unfortunately the flight schedule seems to be different than announced some days ago, so I will not post any schedule until I'm sure. Details will follow.

Israeli Air Force Boeing 707

My personal highlight for the month of September was this Israeli Air Force Boeing 707-300, 272 (IAF032), arriving on 5th September, during the afternoon in Luxembourg. The 707 departed on 6th September during the morning hours.

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Blackhawk invasion in Noertrange

Quite an interesting view here in Luxembourg to see 7! Blackhawks landing at about the same time. The 7 helicopters landed at the airfield in Noertrange in the north of the country.

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First 2 Cargolux Boeing 747-8F arrive in Luxembourg

FINALLY, the Odyssey is over!!! After years of delays, months of discussion and weeks of cancellations and postpones, the first Boeing 747-8F landed in Luxembourg. LX-VCB, arrived on 13th October, doing a low pass, and touching down in Luxembourg at about 10:25.

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Here are some close-ups of LX-VCB standing at Parking P7.

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A day later , on 14th October, during morning hours LX-VCD arrived in Luxembourg. The same day, LX-VCD made a visit to Frankfurt-Hahn and Maastricht Airport before returning to Luxembourg and doing 6 touch & go's in a beautiful sunlight.

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Some inside photos of LX-VCD next to the maintenance Hangar on P8.

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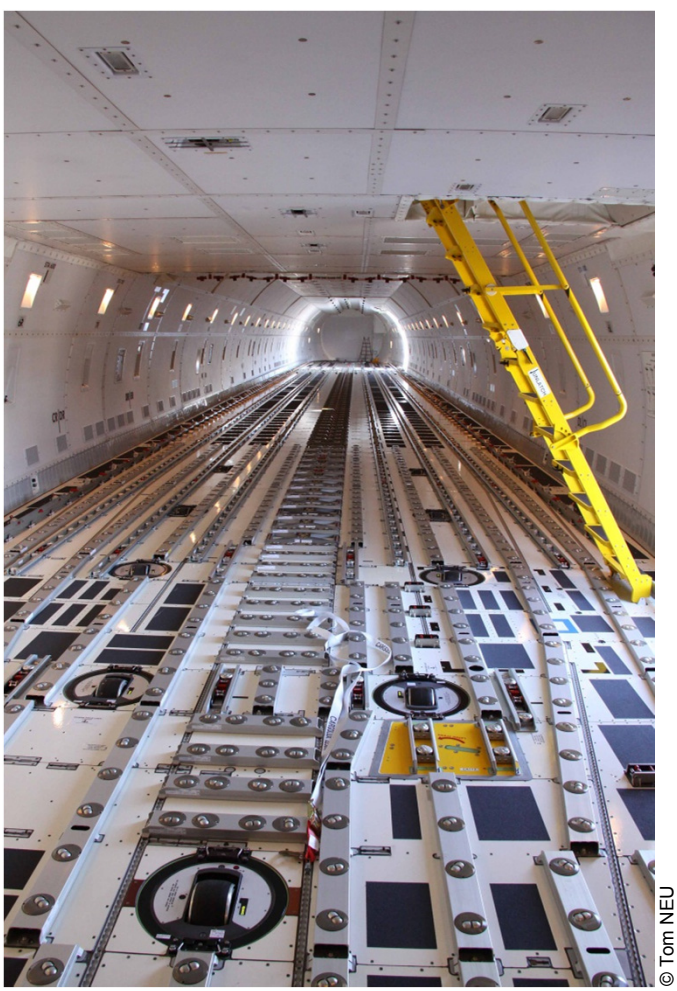

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Polish Government Embraer

On 3rd October, this Polish Embraer ERJ-175, SP-LIG, arrived in Luxembourg.

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CAE Aviation

During the last weeks some interesting CAE aircrafts were seen around Luxembourg airport. F-HDEV (*left*), a Britten-Norman BN-2T Turbine Islander, was seen on 14th October doing engine tests. The other (*right*) is a CASA 212, seen on 31st October. The CASA is ex Maltese Air Force AS0925, stored in Luxembourg since October 2009.

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LX-NCV in Luxembourg as 4K-SW888

Cargolux LX-NCV was sold to Silk Way airlines as 4K-SW888. On 28th September it was seen in Cargolux colors with Azerbaijan registration. On 9th October is was seen again in Silk Way colors emerging from Schiphol Paintshop.

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Eastern Airways Saab 2000

This Eastern Saab 2000, G-CERZ, operated a flight from Birmingham to Luxembourg on 10th October.

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TAROM Boeing 737-800

On 3rd September TAROM operated a flight to Luxembourg. YR-BGR, Boeing 737-800, brought the football team for a game.

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Local strike at Metz Airport

Due to a strike on 8th October at Metz Airport (LFJL) several aircrafts were diverted to Luxembourg, one of them TS-INF, all white A320 operated by Nouvelair.

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Cross-Country Flight over Luxembourg (Text & Photos by Mike MORO)

On 31st I went on a Cross-Country flight over Luxembourg. The weather was a little foggy, but nevertheless a great flight.

LX-AIF, Piper PA-28-161 Cadet

A quite empty Parking P1

A totally empty Parking P2 and P3

And for a change a nicely occupied P7

Overhead the Mosel river

The outdoor pool of Remich

The Esch-Belval site

Village of Olm

The Castle of Vianden

On top

The Foire at Kirchberg

The Coque Sport Center

Approaching runway 06

Landing on runway 06

01.09.2011	9A-CDA	Dubrovnik Airlines	McDonnell Douglas MD-83
	S5-BAR	Linxair	Cessna 525A Citation Jet
03.09.2011	9A-BTD	Sun Adria	Fokker 100
	CM-02	Air Force – Belgium	Dassault Falcon 20
	EW-275TI	Ruby Star	Antonov An-12
	YR-BGR	Tarom	Boeing 737-800
04.09.2011	S5-AAJ	Adria	Bombardier CL-600-2B19 CRJ-200
05.09.2011	282	Air Force – Israel	Boeing 707-300
09.09.2011	LN-BAC	Bergen Air Transport	Cessna 525A Citation Jet
13.09.2011	Z3-MKD	Macedonian Government	Learjet 60
14.09.2011	LX-KRC	Flying Service	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	N36FD	Private	Eclipse EA-500
	SP-RDW	Blue Jet	Hawker 390 Premier
	SX-SMR	Interjet	Cessna 560XL Citation XLS
15.09.2011	A7-CEX	Qatar Executive	Bombardier BD-100 Challenger
	CD-01	Air Force – Belgium	Dassault Falcon 900B
	CM-02	Air Force – Belgium	Dassault Falcon 20
	F-GIXE	Europe Airpost	Boeing 737-300
16.09.2011	HB-JRC	Swiss Air Ambulance	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	P4-AFK	Sistema	Boeing 737-700
17.09.2011	LX-JET	Private	Cessna 525B Citation Jet CJ3
18.09.2011	OO-FYS	Sky Service	Cessna 525B Citation Jet CJ3
19.09.2011	PH-TXA	JetNetherlands	Cessna 510 Citation Mustang
20.09.2011	69-026	Air Force – Turkey	Transall C-160D
	LX-AFD	Global Jet Luxembourg	Dassault Falcon 900DX
	N742WA	World Cargo	Boeing 747-400
21.09.2011	HA-TCO	Cityline Hungary	Antonov An-28
23.09.2011	G-MPMP	Private	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
	XW222	Royal Air Force	Westland SA-330E Puma HC.1
24.09.2011	F-HLOV	Corsair	Boeing 747-400
26.09.2011	N91109	Air Force – Afghanistan	Cessna T182T
	N9110E	Air Force – Afghanistan	Cessna T182T
	N9110Z	Air Force – Afghanistan	Cessna T182T
27.09.2011	69-021	Air Force – Turkey	Transall C-160D
	69-035	Air Force – Turkey	Transall C-160D
	69-038	Air Force – Turkey	Transall C-160D
	D-ADHQ	Augsburg Airlines	Bombardier DHC-8-402Q
28.09.2011	4K-SW888	Silk Way / Cargolux	Boeing 747-400
	D-AVRR	Lufthansa	BAe Avro RJ85
01.10.2011	SX-IRP	Gainjet	Gulfstream G200
02.10.2011	102001	Air Force – Sweden	Gulfstream IV
	PH-XRY	Transavia	Boeing 737-700
03.10.2011	0260	Air Force – Czech Republic	Yakovlev Yak-40
	258	Irish Air Corps	Learjet 45
	CS-DSB	NetJets	Dassault Falcon 7X
	MM62026	Air Force – Italy	Dassault Falcon 50
	MM62174	Air Force – Italy	Airbus A319-100
	SP-LIG	Air Force – Poland	Embraer ERJ-175
	T.18-3	Air Force – Spain	Dassault Falcon 900
06.10.2011	D-HLTD	Bundespolizei	Eurocopter EC-155
	ES-PVI	Avies	Learjet 60
	MM62209	Air Force – Italy	Airbus A319-100
	N123LV	Private	Gulfstream G450
	OK-CAA	Czech CAA	Cessna 560XL
	T-18-3	Air Force – Spain	Dassault Falcon 900

07.10.2011	A7-CEE	Qatar Executive	Bombardier BD-100 Challenger
08.10.2011	HB-AFR	Farnair	ATR-72-200
	TC-OAI	Onur Air	Airbus A321-200
	TS-INF	Nouvelair	Airbus A320-200
09.10.2011	102005	Air Force – Sweden	Gulfstream V
	5105	Air Force – Czech Republic	
	OY-CKH	Air Alsie	Dassault Falcon 2000EX
10.10.2011	1257	Air Force – Czech Republic	Yakovlev Yak-40
	100008	Air Force – Sweden	Saab 340B
	14+01	Air Force – Germany	BD700 Global 5000
	17402	Air Force – Portugal	Dassault Falcon 50
	F-HSEA	Corsear	Boeing 747-400
	F-RAFQ	Air Force – France	Dassault Falcon 900
	G-CERZ	Eastern Airways	Saab 2000
	HA-YFJ	Pannon	Beech 400A
	M-AMAN	Private	Pilatus PC-12
	MM62209	Air Force – Italy	Airbus A319-100
	M-PBKI	Gama Aviation	Gulfstream IV
	N117WR	Private	Gulfstream G350
11.10.2011	0260	Air Force – Czech Republic	Yakovlev Yak-40
	F-RAFJ	Air Force – France	Dassault Falcon 50
	G-KTIA	TAG Aviation	Hawker 900XP
	TC-ILY	Private	Hawker 800XP
13.10.2011	LZ-CGP	CargoAir	Boeing 737-300
	LX-VCB	Cargolux	Boeing 747-8F
	ZS-JIZ	Safair	Lockheed L-382G-44K-30 Hercules
14.10.2011	LX-VCD	Cargolux	Boeing 747-8F
15.10.2011	UR-DWI	Aero-Charter Airlines	Antonov An-12
	TS-IOH	Tunisair	Boeing 737-500
	HB-IJP	Swiss International Airlines	Airbus A320-200
16.10.2011	ET-AML	Ethiopian Airlines Cargo	McDonnell Douglas MD-11
18.10.2011	UR-DWL	Private	Cessna 525B Citation Jet CJ3
19.10.2011	HB-JVE	Helvetic	Fokker 100
20.10.2011	14+02	Air Force – Germany	Global 5000
	CD01	Air Force – Belgium	Dassault Falcon 900B
	T.18-4	Air Force – Spain	Dassault Falcon 900
	N355MC	Atlas Air	Boeing 747-300
21.10.2011	UR-CGW	Meridian	Antonov An-12
	TF-BBE	Bluebird Cargo	Boeing 737-300
22.10.2011	F-HLOV	Corsair	Boeing 747-400
23.10.2011	D-ACKA	Lufthansa	Bombardier CL-600-2D24 CRJ-900
	LX-VCD	Cargolux	Boeing 747-8F
24.10.2011	4K-SW888	Silk Way Airlines	Boeing 747-400
	PH-KXX	Denim Air	Fokker 50
25.10.2011	PH-OFL	KLM Cityhopper	Fokker 100
	TC-SUH	SunExpress	Boeing 737-800
26.10.2011	F-RAFP	Air Force – France	Dassault Falcon 900
27.10.2011	252	Irish Air Corps	CASA CN-235-100MPA Persuader
	2710	Czech Army	Let L-410 UVP-E20D Turbolet
	MM62172	Air Force – Italy	Dassault Falcon 900EX
	N488EV	Evergreen International Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	T.783	Air Force – Switzerland	Dassault Falcon 50
29.10.2011	HB-IJL	Swiss International Airlines	Airbus A320-200
	LX-MDA	Luxaviation	Bombardier Challenger 604
30.10.2011	UR-BXK	Untitled	Antonov An-12
	SP-MRB	Skytaxi	Saab 340A
31.10.2011	D-ANFC	Avanti Air	ATR 72-200
	UR-DWL	Private	Cessna 525B Citation Jet CJ3

And for those who don‘t believe it… the winter is coming. Training started at Luxembourg airport…

Prepare for the worst!

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