

## Review

### MMIG46 Fly-In 2015 DAHER-Socata

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015



### Visit to the DAHER-Socata factory in Tarbes and Airbus in Toulouse

The invitation from DAHER-Socata , through the Rheinland Air Service GmbH (RAS), to visit the aircraft factories and to view the production of the TBM900 was a special highligh for us.



When landing in Tarbes we recognized various Airbus Aircrafts which were only partly painted. As we found out later on DAHER-Socata is an important supplier of Airbus.



What a welcome for the first PA46 – helpful, friendly service ...



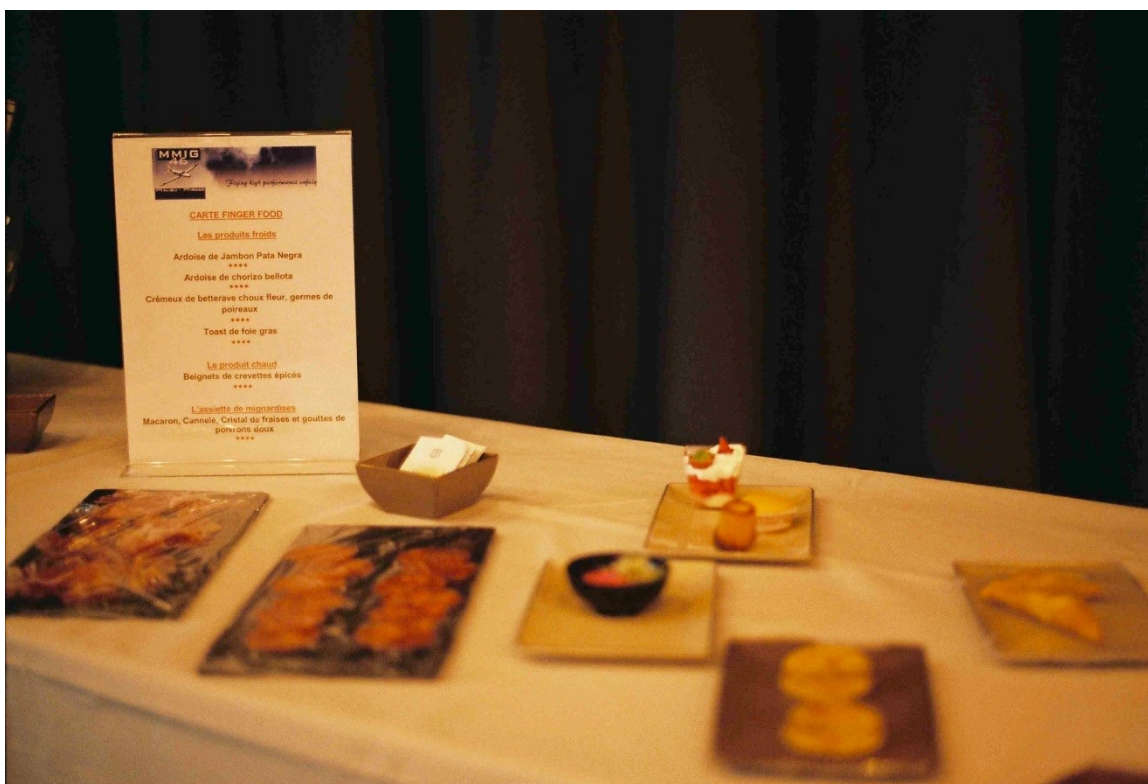
provided by the staff at the Business Terminal at Tarbes Lourdes Pyrénées.



One by one everybody arrived safely and enjoyed the welcome ...



in the UNIK Restaurant at the Design-Hotel Rex.



Following that, we were spoiled by the dinner in the above mentioned restaurant with its unusual courses.

Friday, 18.9.2015



Did the coach go without us? Luckily not, as we wanted to go to Airbus in Toulouse.





Of course, we were not allowed to take any souvenir photographs, so this is just an official aerial photo showing how extensive the Airbus factory in Toulouse is.

It wasn't just the cleanliness on the shop floor that was remarkable, but the guided tour through the different stages of the production of various types of Airbus – including the A380 – was too.

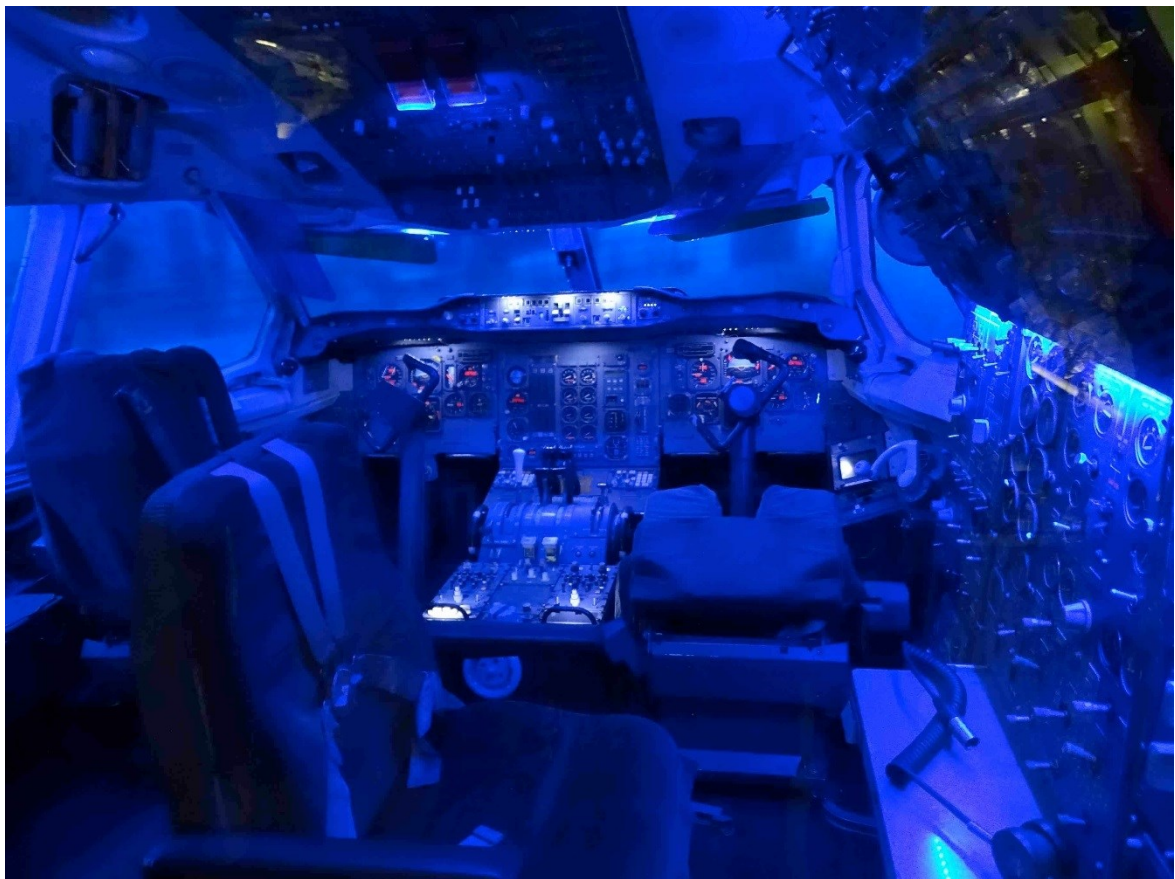


After lunch we had time to visit Aeroscopia – the famous Airbus Museum.



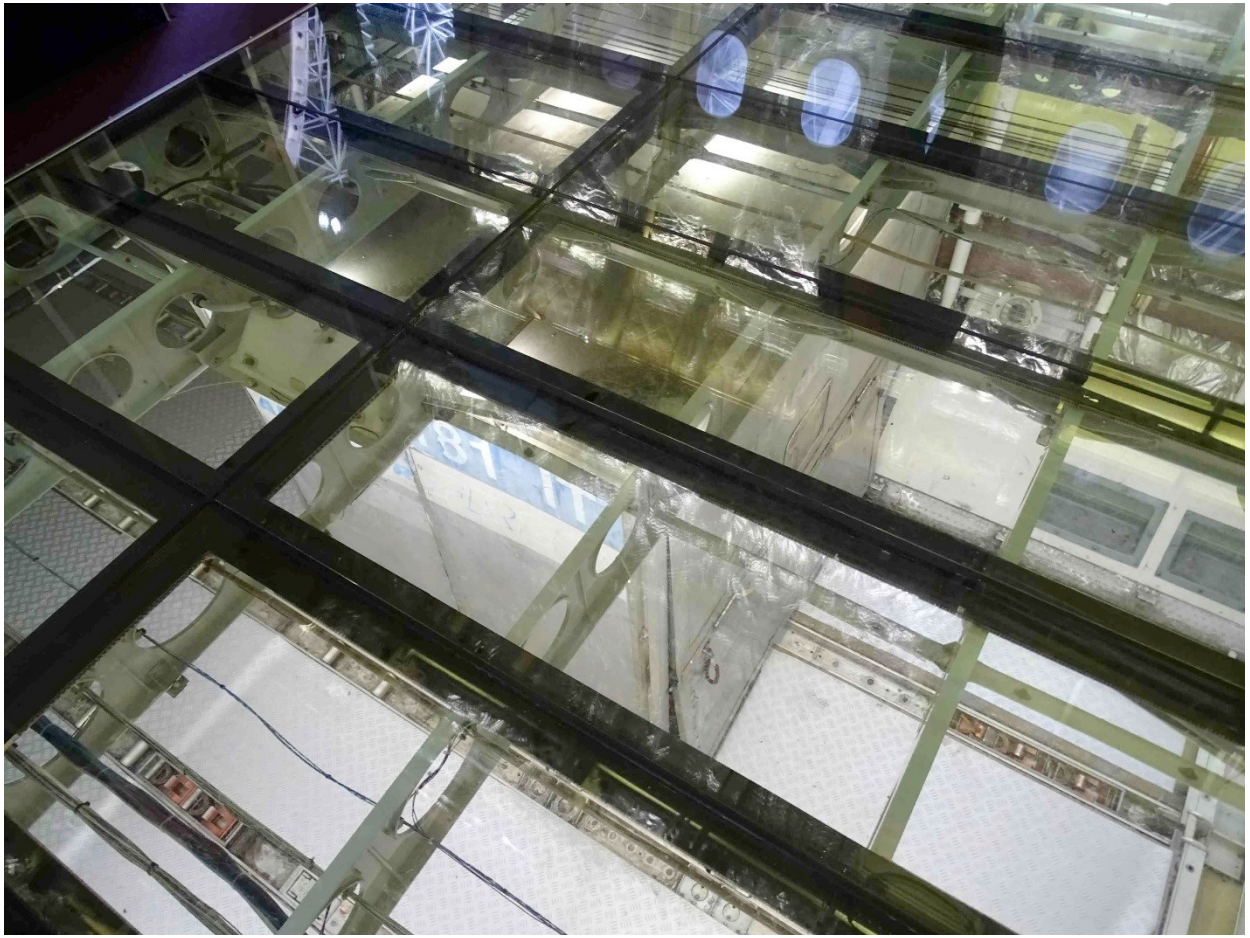
And, of course, the legendary Concorde wasn't just awaiting us outside.







It was really exciting to be able to see various planes from the history of Airbus from the inside as well.



It was even possible to take a look at the airlines' luggage compartments.

The Airbus Super Guppy transports huge aircraft elements between the various Airbus production sites.



One way, as a non-pilot, to enjoy the flight.



Mmm, these planes would do nicely, wouldn't they?



People with dogs were not allowed into Aeroscopia, but nearby you could watch enthusiasts with their “babies”. This group is getting historical treasures.



Late in the afternoon the coach took us back to Tarbes where we enjoyed dinner in the excellent restaurant “La renaissance de L’Ambroisie”.

**Saturday, 19.9.2015**



Today we had been invited to visit DAHER-Socata, where we unfortunately were also not allowed to take photos. This impression was probably permitted.



Afterwards we were spoiled in the VIP canteen at the Socata factory.

In the early afternoon we returned to our Hotel Le Rex to prepare for the special evening.





We drove to Lourdes, but not just to enjoy a very good dinner at the Restaurant Alexandra.



Rather shocking to see how you can make money out of the faithful – almost surreal.



Where there's money to be made...









The Rosary Basilica was where we were heading.



Holy water.





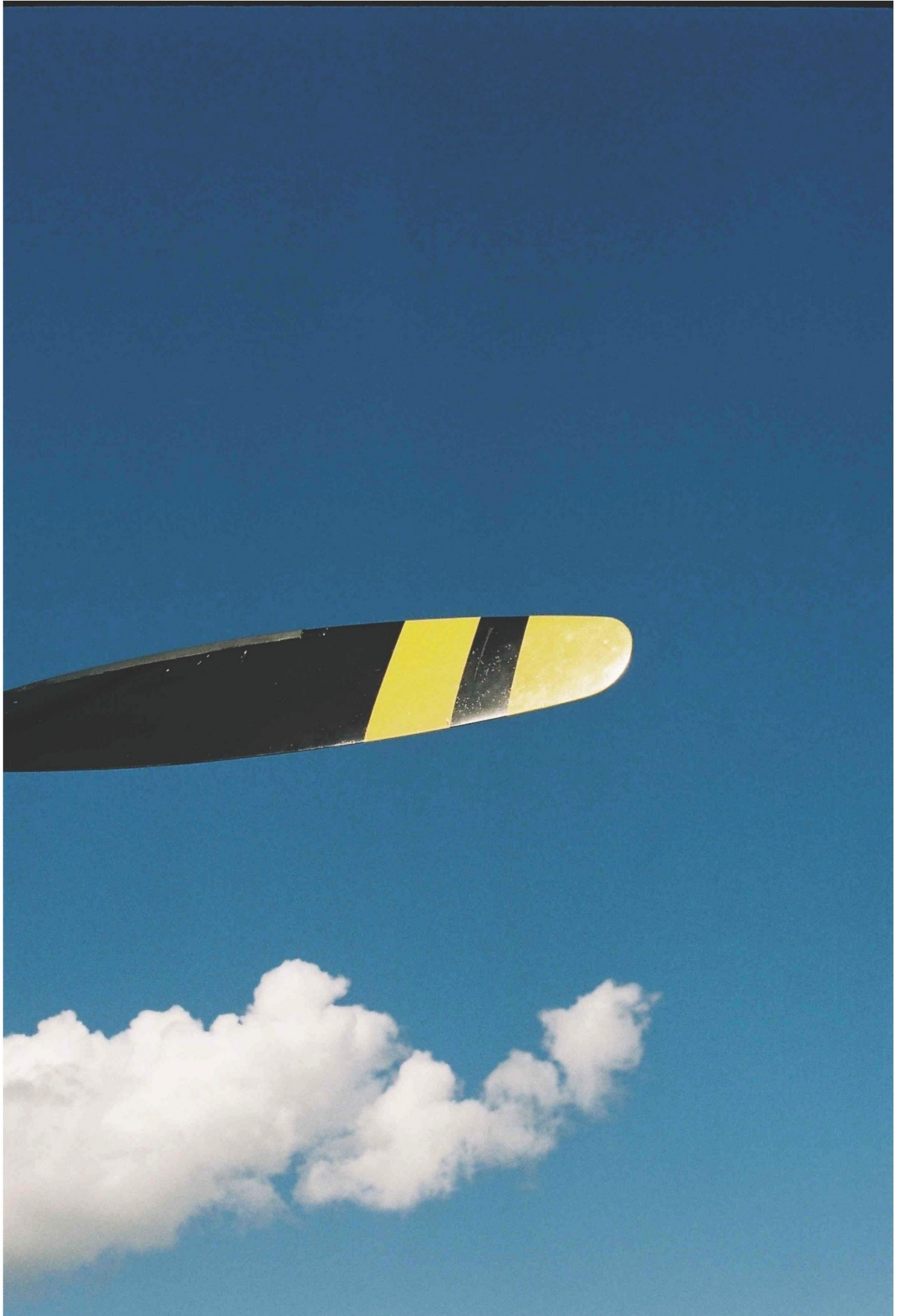
Moving moments among the faithful hoping for Mary's blessing.

Sunday, 20.9.2015



One last look at an impressive and informative time in the south of France.





We would like to say thank-you to our hosts DAHER-Socata and Airbus for the incomparable impressions which have greatly enriched us.