

Engine test runs: How Propulsion Shop ensures we fly safely

By A1C Nick Baderschneider

Well-maintained aircraft are paramount to the safety of any flying operation and here at the Component there are many dedicated professionals who make the flying operations secure for all. One of the important offices overseeing the heart and soul of the aircraft is the Propulsion shop, assigned to Aircraft System Branch, in the AMS. They monitor and care for the four TF33 Pratt & Whitney engines located on each of the 17 aircraft in the fleet.

Some people wonder whether there's really a need to increase noise pollution and whether some of the test runs are avoidable or redundant. The safety aspects, affecting all sections and personnel,

have top priority at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen. So engine test runs are very important.

"If there's the slightest indication of engine problems we go into action. That means we do several test and trim runs to ensure we eliminate all the problems. Unfortunately this sometimes leads to the changing of an engine as the ultimate consequence", said Mr. Keith Godden, a Principal Technician and Instructor.

An engine change certainly ranks as one of the 'mammoth projects' among the Propulsion shop duties. There are lots of things to be dealt with in advance to guarantee smooth replacement of the engine. Within four hours all fuel lines, air lines and pressure lines, as well as all the electronics connecting the engine to

the wing are removed. Then a trailer is positioned precisely below the engine to ease the lowering of the whole assembly, and only three nuts (each about the size of a two Euro coin) are removed. They are, the only solid elements holding the engine in place.

"But before we finally disconnect the engine from the aircraft it is essential to ask for a gravity calculation. If we remove the engine without checking the gravity conditions it is quite likely that the centre of gravity will change and the aircraft could sit on its tail," explained Mr. Yvon Gielkens, Propulsion Instructor at Aircraft System Branch. "Three well-trained workers need about 14 hours to do a complete engine change; this includes removing the engine, installing the new

one, and doing operations such as leak detection or trim runs. But today I have two interns and two students with me, so we probably need a bit longer", he added with a wink.

The repair work is mainly done at Propulsion Shop where 19 spare engines are waiting to replace faulty engines on the E-3As. Well-skilled workers and excellent equipment at the 'Jet Shop' make the Component almost entirely independent of special engine-repairing companies. Two contractors, one in Greece and one in Turkey, handle only deep-rooted, major defects.

After repair work, no matter how well the repair went, engine runs are essential for ensuring safety.

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*With joint force (from left to right) MSgt. Marco Fernandez Leulmo, Mr. Robert Damron and Mr. Werner Decker execute an engine change.
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There are three locations to perform engine tests: the flight line, the Noise Abatement Facility (NAF) and the West Hammerhead, an area at the west-end of the runway. The NAF is used for high-power runs only, to ensure that the noise pollution is kept to a minimum. The tests accomplished on the flight line are runs of short duration, without acceleration to a high power limit. The West Hammerhead is an emergency location that hasn't been used for many years now. "In former times when the NAF hadn't been



The Noise Abatement Facility at the north side of the airfield is one of the three locations to conduct an engine run.
Photo MSgt. Chris Braun

built yet, we were forced to use the West Hammerhead to perform the 25 to 30 high-power runs we have per year. That caused quite a lot of disturbance, especially for the Dutch people who lived in the villages near the base. Now we can minimize the engine noise because of the NAF," Godden explained.

Engine runs are done not only to ensure safety, but also to save money and protect the environment. The final adjustments or minor trims can lower the fuel consumption of the engines, thereby decreasing the emissions of hazardous substances too.

The run itself is a complicated procedure demanding a lot of experience from all participants. A team of five technicians is divided into a cockpit crew and a ground crew. The cockpit crew consists of mainly propulsion shop personnel. One person is in charge of the

engine run and controls the throttle or power settings, the second one checks the flight engineer's panels, and the last one is constantly in contact with the Tower and asks for clearance to do the run.

As soon as the throttle is pushed forward the crewmembers start to collect the required information shown by the instruments. This is quite difficult because the engine's power is enough to lift up to 147.4 tons and is only restrained by brakes and chocks. As a result, crewmembers sometimes have a hard time, trying to record everything they need for the subsequent trims and tunings, while being shaken due to massive vibrations caused by the four high power run driven engines.

Additionally, the two-man ground crew is carefully monitoring the aircraft and is standing by with a fire truck. The cockpit crew places

full confidence in their colleagues outside, because if anything goes wrong, they're the ones who have to intervene within seconds. Several detailed checks are performed before a high-power run. These checks and existing emergency procedures have protected crews against any serious incidents.

A full engine run can last up to three hours, whereas the full acceleration timeframe is only about ten seconds long. Then everything is set back to idle and adjustments are made. Of course, this process has to be repeated several times, but that's the best way to detect anything that could jeopardize flight safety.

The professionals from the Propulsion Shop always do a proper job, that's why there's no need to worry about the airworthiness of the engines of our E-3As. They are indeed "in good shape", as Godden says.

In Memoriam



We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Manfred Pauli on 11 September 2009 after a short serious illness.

Manfred Pauli was a valued member of the Bundeswehr-Dienstleistungszentrum Aachen (Bw-DLZ, former StOV), where he worked since 1 April 1968. Beginning 1995 he was moved to Teveren, where he worked as a driver.

All his colleagues describe Manfred as a very popular person with good sense of humour and a quick wit and always helpful.

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him will sorely miss him.

The Bw-DLZ Aachen extends its deepest sympathy to Manfred's wife and his two sons.

Kurt Sperath
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By Security Squadron

With the temperatures decreasing and the number of rainy days increasing we want to take this opportunity to remind all Component personnel of the need to be vigilant to the threats posed by fog and the onset of black ice.

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Maria Vreuls celebrates 30th anniversary in NATO

Photo: Andrea Hohenforst



By Theo Collijn

On 1 October 1979, Maria Vreuls entered the NAPMA building in Brunssum to start her first working day with NATO. Three years later, she had the opportunity to advance her career and join the NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen as a pioneer member of the E-3A Component.

The Component soon got to know Maria as 'Rommie' and she was the secretary to the Commander Airfield Services Squadron for 21 years. In October 2003 she moved to Base Support Wing's Administration Division to

work at the Publication Services Section.

NATO does not have an official recognition program for staff members, who achieve 30 years of service, but her colleagues wanted to mark this special anniversary.

So, on 1 October 2009, Rommie was put in the spotlight and surprised with flowers and cards. This milestone day also saw the official introduction of the new E-3A Component emblem and Rommie was one of the first Component members to receive it – not on a flight suit, but on a ... cake!

The right circumstances

By MSgt. Christopher Brown, Safety Division

How many times have you thought an accident won't happen to you? Once, twice, maybe even numerous times? I bet you think accidents only happen to other people.

Am I right? Well, I hate to break the news to you but accidents do happen and can happen to anyone. It doesn't matter what age, rank, gender or nationality. In fact, this year alone, the Component has experienced 44 work accidents that resulted in 161 lost workdays.

The question you may be asking yourself is "what exactly is the right circumstances that would lead to an accident?" Well, let's look at a couple of recent work accidents and see if we can answer that question.

While working on an aircraft a worker hit his head against the aircraft. The injury was severe enough that he ended up with 7 lost workdays. A protective cap was available but not worn by the worker because the cap reduced visibility that caused workers to bump their heads even more.

Another accident occurred when a worker exited his vehicle onto a roadway. Unfortunately, the worker parked his vehicle at the very edge of the roadway where there was a slight drop-off to a grassy surface. His left foot was on the flat surface and his right foot was on the sloped edge of the roadway. The worker shifted his weight onto the right foot and stepped away from the vehicle. This movement on an uneven surface resulted in tendon/ligament damage that resulted in 30+ lost workdays.

The last example is a worker who sustained a serious back injury while lifting luggage and equipment during a TDY that resulted in 31 lost workdays.

Do you see any way these accidents could have been prevented or minimized? Could the worker have realized hitting his head on an aircraft without a protective cap might cause an injury? Could the supervisor have accessed the

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the workcenter to ensure it not only provided protection to the worker but that it was the right PPE for the task and that the workers were willing to wear it. For the worker who stepped on an uneven surface, could he have been more aware of his surroundings while exiting the vehicle? Lastly, could the worker who injured his back while lifting luggage and equipment prevented the injury or minimized the seriousness of the injury with a routine physical fitness program, only lifting with his legs and not his back, and asking someone else to help him lift the heavy items?

Of course the answer is "YES" to all those questions. The 'right circumstances that would lead to an accident' always begin with failing to assess the risk, controlling the risk and understanding the consequences of each action with and without those controls. Would you cross a busy intersection without looking both ways or cross at a pedestrian crosswalk? Of course you wouldn't. You assess the risk and realize by looking in each direction and crossing at a designated point (applied controls), you can minimize the risk of getting hit by a vehicle (risk).

This basic, common sense approach can be applied in all aspects of your life. Whether it's wearing a seatbelt when operating a vehicle, wearing PPE when required, following established regulations, applying manufactures instructions, walking slowly and observing your surrounding especially during the winter months, wearing the proper equipment while playing sports, ensuring you know your body's limit when playing sports and lifting items with your legs vs. the back and asking for help to lift heavy items. The list goes on and on. We've all heard of 'Murphy's Law', "what can go wrong, will go wrong."

The job of each and every one of us assigned to the E-3A Component is by thinking of the consequences of each action, we "Murphy Proof" ourselves. If we take this mental approach to our daily tasks, whether at work or play, we lower our chances of accidents.

E-3A Component Geilenkirchen International Cross-Country Run

On Friday, 6 November the E-3A Component Geilenkirchen International Cross-Country Run takes place. The start at the New Gym is at 1100; registration on the same day from 0900 to 1030. Entry fee per person is €6; Component members €3.

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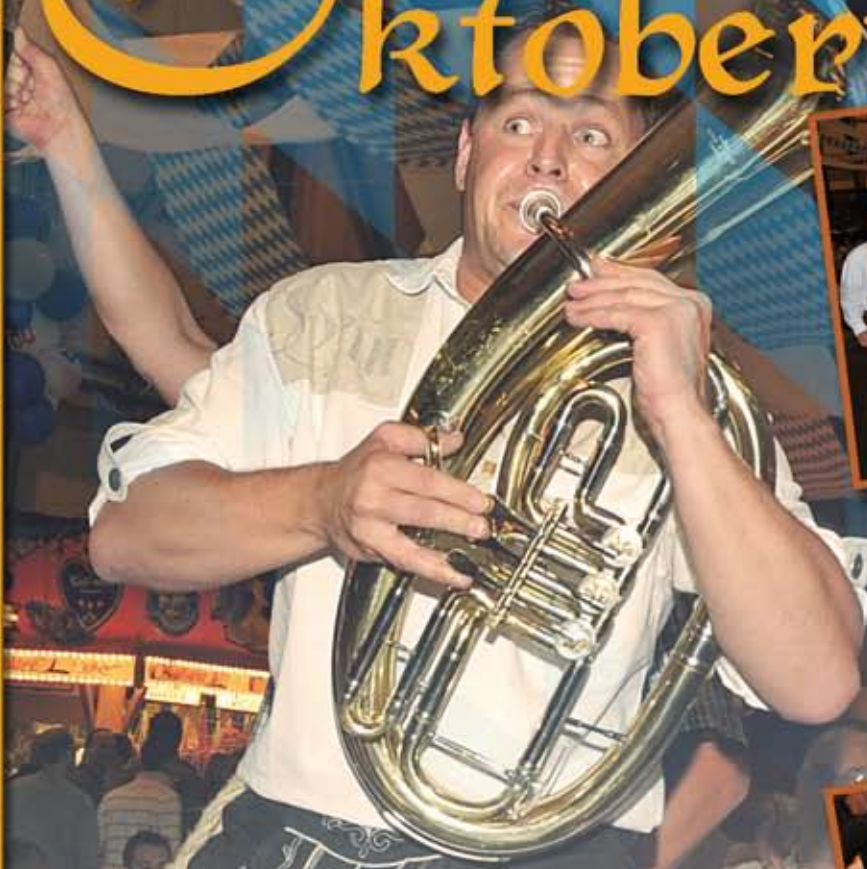
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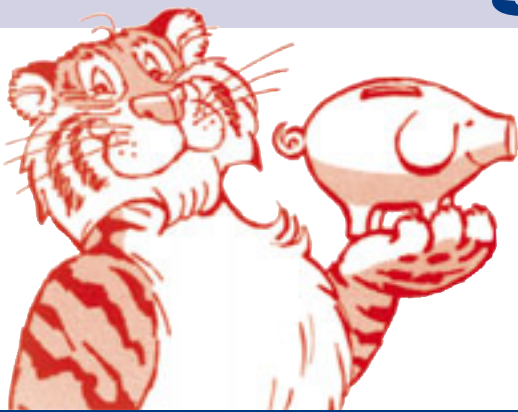
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Farewell tour launched with plenty of adrenaline

Text and photos
Capt. Manfred Rösener

A farewell tour personally designed for Col. Reinhard Mack, Commander Base Support Wing, began on 18 and 19 September. Col. Mack will retire from active duty in December this year and he will be busy attending numerous official farewell events in the upcoming months, so his Wing organized a programme of highlights for him at this early stage.

On 17 September, Col. Mack took a specially arranged flight from Geilenkirchen to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden Airport where his personal staff drove him to Kehl on the river Rhine to the nearby yacht marina for the start of the first highlight.

The roaring sound of an incoming powerboat's eight-cylinder, 570 horsepower engine made the men's hearts beat faster. After giving the Colonel an introductory tour of the boat and then doing a 'warm-up' run for about 10 minutes, Capt. Markus increased speed until the boat was 'flying' over the waves of the Rhine at up to 120 (!) km/h.

The next day the return journey included a stop-off at the motor racing circuit in Hockenheim. After donning the necessary racing gear,



Col. Reinhard Mack in the back of the double seater preparing for some adrenaline.

Col. Mack took his seat in a two-seater Formula 3 car and began to enjoy the second highlight, with the vehicle accelerating from 0 to 200 km/h in less than 12 seconds and then showing its incredible braking power.

Even for a very experienced jet pilot the 'g-forces' were enormously

impressive. After a meal at the Hockenheim circuit, Col. Mack and his group drove to Speyer airfield, where a 'P149 D' was waiting for him – the aircraft type in which he started his distinguished flying career. A safe landing in Geilenkirchen around 1700



Col. Reinhard Mack prepares himself for the return flight to GK from Airport Speyer.

concluded these successful days. All the members of Base Support Wing wish Col. Mack all the best for the future, excellent health and many more adventures.

2009 Adult Halloween party

The Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base 'Team5/6' (A professional organization of USAF SSgt's and TSgt's) hosts on Saturday, 31 October, from 2100 to the late hours, an adult Halloween party at the JFC HQ Brunssum Conference Centre (aka: International Inn).

All you can eat and drink for only €15 when you buy the tickets in advance; the tickets cost €20 at the entrance door. The evening brings a Live DJ, a costume contest, games

and much more, and is open to all NATO ID cardholders and their guest's... adults only. Designated drivers will be available.

For advanced tickets contact 470th: TSgt. Elias Perez (02451 99 3405), SSgt. Stephanie Perez (02451 99 3535) or SSgt. Benjamin Yost (02451 63 2235). For NATO: SSgt. Will Gray (01578 305 4357), SSgt. Edelyn Avellanosa (02451 63 3828) or SrA Melissa Schulze (02451 63 4304).



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International Women's Club (IWC) of Geilenkirchen

The E-3A international Women's Club (IWC) is proud to present the Board Members: President, Francesca Romana Concari; Vice-President, Monika Dreisbach; Treasurer, Angelique Rensen; Assistant Treasurer, Doris Topp.

The purpose of the IWC shall be to sponsor activities, which promote friendship and an exchange of ideas among its members. As in past years, we will sponsor 9 special events that will take place at the Frisbee Club at

1830, as follows: 29 October 2009, Spanish Night; 12 November 2009, USA Night; 3 December 2009, Board Sponsored Holiday/Christmas Party; 21 January 2010, Turkish Night; 25 February 2010, Canadian Night; 18 March 2010, Norwegian Night; 15 April 2010, Italian Night and 20 May 2010, Bingo Night (for members only).

Every Lady is welcome to be part of this special club. The membership fee is €40 and includes free admission to 9 events throughout

the year and the possibility to join several activities such as language conversation groups, special courses, day trips or cultural visits or concert/ballet evenings.

Please contact your representative if you have any questions or if you want to join the club, or you may contact me directly with any suggestions, comments or concerns that you may have: Francesca Romana Concari, IWC President, 02456-508544 or 0177-6292227 or alefraeri@yahoo.it

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Cars

By Mark L. Beauchamp

Members of the Component Auto Sport Recreation Society (C.A.R.S.) pose with Polizei Fahr Trainer - Mr. Dirk Kersting (centre - red jacket) after the CARS drivers training event on the north taxiway on 26 September.

Mr. Kersting put the drivers through a number of safety exercises including maximum braking, maximum braking with obstacle avoidance, and regaining control in wet conditions. The regaining control in wet conditions involved cornering and drifting in wet then to dry surfaces, which tested the skills of everyone involved. All of this was very beneficial to those that attended, supporting the goals of CARS, which includes enhancing driving safety - as well as enjoying

some international camaraderie (and of course their cars).

The CARS club is open to all military and civilian personnel assigned to/employed at the Component, and their dependants which possess a performance automobile - for more information please visit their Component WISE page (link available under Morale and Welfare Activities - Approved E-3A Component Clubs and Societies).

Turkish Community celebrated Ramadan Festival on Base

By Turkish NSU

On 20 September the Turkish community celebrated the first day of Ramadan festival with a brunch in the Frisbee Club.

Ramadan, also known as the candy festival in Turkey, is one of two religious festivals in the Islam religion. Ramadan is the Islamic month of fasting, in which participating Muslims refrain from eating, drinking and smoking from dawn until sunset. Ramadan is followed by three days of celebration during which gifts are exchanged, family members gather together for large meals, and people pay their respects to their ancestors by visiting the graves.



Photo Maj. Erdinc Etkin

Lt. Col. Fikret Celik, Turkish Senior National Representative, stated, "By organizing this brunch all of our members can celebrate each other's festival

and that helps us to reduce the homesickness on this special day." The day ended by giving candies and small gifts to children to make them happy.

CFC 5K Benefit

The 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has kicked off in the Geilenkirchen Area. Every year hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised for charities through this campaign program. However, there is also the option to fund the Family Support and Youth Program by filtering "undesignated donations" to the local area. All proceeds will go towards the GK CFC goal.

The 5 km run/jog/walk is on 2 November, starting at 1400; registration from 1230-1330; location is the jogging trail behind the New Gym.

Donations will be collected at the registration table in a glass jar. Fruit, water and cookies will be provided and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes in Male and Female categories will be awarded.

For more information contact SSgt. Robert Buckner, ext. 4331. If you would like to make a donation contact Capt. Scott Wilson, ext. 3061 or Capt. Jacob Tarrant, ext. 3032.

T-Mobile opens office on base

By Lt. Col. Michael Lückenbach

Services Squadron is pleased to announce that T-Mobile, available as of 2 November, as a contractor of the Deutsche Telekom, will soon be able to offer its range of services to all military and civilian personnel of the NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen.

An office has been set up in Building 81 for this purpose. This brings a number of advantages to all Component members: They can offer you advice about your mobile and fixed line contracts, not only in German and English, but also in Dutch and in Turkish.

T-Mobile is able to offer all NATO ID cardholders special conditions for fixed line and mobile phone contracts and services.

JFC HQ Alliance Theatre presents

The theatre is located in Building #406, JFC HQ Brunssum, the Netherlands. Doors open 30 minutes prior to film start. Admission for adults is €4, and for children (11 and under) is €2.



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Post Grad (PG-13)

Saturday, 24 October, 1600
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Saturday, 24 October, 1900
Rachel McAdams,
Eric Bana

District 9 (R)

Friday, 30 October, 1930
Sharlto Copley,
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Shorts (PG)

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Christmas moonlight family steam train ride

Santa Claus is already planning to join the traditional International Youth Activities` Moonlight Ride for international Component children and their parents on the historic Selfkant Steam Train. On Friday, 4 December, at 1900 we will get on the train at Gillrath Station, and travel to Schierwaldenrath in the restored antique wagons built between 1889 and 1956. There will be one short stop on the way, though, when our special passenger arrives in a carriage drawn by a horse. Santa will welcome all the children and present them with a bag of Christmas goodies on the journey to Schierwaldenrath. There everybody has the opportunity to enjoy refreshments in a heated tent listening to Christmas songs, before returning to Gillrath. Tickets at €6.90 per child and €11.50 per adult include 'Brötchen' with hot chocolate, coffee, Glühwein, or a soft drink at Schierwaldenrath, plus Christmas goodies for children, and can be purchased at the IYA Office, starting 2 November.

Trip to Brussels Christmas Market

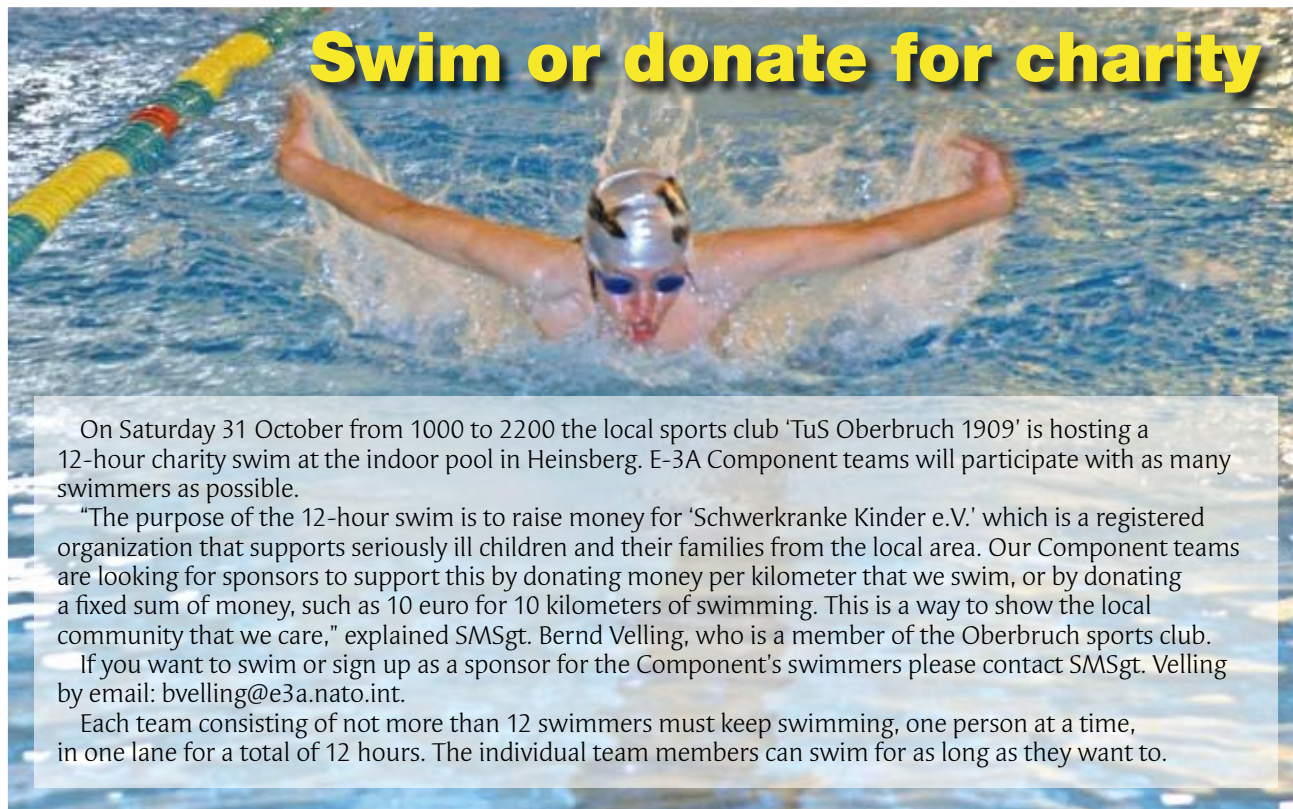
On Saturday, 28 November, 0800-2000, you can join the IYA to explore the famous Belgian capital. After a short photo-stop at the newly renovated Atomium enjoy the rest of your day in the centre with its Grand Place, Cathedral, Manneken Pis Fountain, Belle Epoque Malls and thousands of stores and restaurants. Get in the mood for the season at one of Europe's most original Christmas Markets featuring magical décor, a big Ferris wheel and an ice-skating rink. Enjoy the romantic atmosphere between the enchanting wooden chalets offering plenty of Christmas gifts and various seasonal gastronomic delights from all around Europe. Point of departure and return is the parking lot outside the Front Gate. Cost is €10 per person.

Basketball season

The IYA Basketball season for international boys and girls between 6 and 15 years is coming up. Children and teenagers of all nationalities are invited to learn and play this sport together in our international community. The season - full of fun filled and exciting games and tournaments - will run from December to February. Fee for the season: €27 per player. Registration from 2 to 27 November.

Volunteers wanted for IYA basketball season

As usual the IYA can only offer its Basketball program with your dedicated volunteer help. Call ext. 4955 right now to get further information, and to sign up as coach, assistant coach or referee for any of our leagues!



On Saturday 31 October from 1000 to 2200 the local sports club 'TuS Oberbruch 1909' is hosting a 12-hour charity swim at the indoor pool in Heinsberg. E-3A Component teams will participate with as many swimmers as possible.

"The purpose of the 12-hour swim is to raise money for 'Schwerkranke Kinder e.V.' which is a registered organization that supports seriously ill children and their families from the local area. Our Component teams are looking for sponsors to support this by donating money per kilometer that we swim, or by donating a fixed sum of money, such as 10 euro for 10 kilometers of swimming. This is a way to show the local community that we care," explained SMSgt. Bernd Velling, who is a member of the Oberbruch sports club.

If you want to swim or sign up as a sponsor for the Component's swimmers please contact SMSgt. Velling by email: bvelling@e3a.nato.int.

Each team consisting of not more than 12 swimmers must keep swimming, one person at a time, in one lane for a total of 12 hours. The individual team members can swim for as long as they want to.

E-3A Component Orienteering Event

Text and photo Danish Delegation

On 24 September the E-3A Component had the first-ever Orienteering Run on the base. The Danish Delegation organized the event and it was also the Component Fitness Event of the month. The event had to be organized from scratch and the first task was to create a map usable for orienteering (scale 1:5000). This project started 5 months ago and resulted in a brand new map for the event. As indicated on the map, Maj. Peter Farver, who was in charge of the entire event, drew it.

The event suffered from rain in the first few hours, but 40 runners showed up and the feedback shows that everybody had a very good experience doing the run. Hopefully we now have 40 ambassadors who will spread the news that Orienteering is both fun and challenging so that we will have a lot more runners for the next event.

The idea behind orienteering is that when you arrive at the starting point you are given a detailed map of a specific area. For this event 15 posts were indicated on the map. Your task is then to find the posts in the right order. At each post you punch a control card, which you bring to the finish line. This is to prove that you have found all the posts. How you get from one post to the next is up to you, so you have to read the map and decide the best and maybe fastest way to go. Each post is placed at a specific point in the terrain so that there is no doubt where to look for it.

At this event we had participants

who had never participated in an Orienteering run before. This should not deter anyone from taking part, because after a short introduction all the runners finished the run after finding all 15 posts. The course had a length of 4 km (measuring straight lines from post to post) but normally you will have to run a slightly longer distance. The finish times were between 27 and 95 minutes, which is pretty much standard for a run like this.

Planning an event like this takes a lot of time, especially since the map had to be developed. It also takes money, but in this respect the Danish

Delegation was supported by the Danish Military Sports Association, who financed the event. It should also be mentioned that without the support of Base Support Wing and its approval of the event and the making of the map many months ago, this Orienteering Run would not have been possible.

The bottom line is that everybody had a great day and when the Senior Danish Representative Col. Martin Pedersen made his closing remarks after the prize ceremony he saw a lot of happy (and some tired) faces.

Last-minute instructions at the starting line.



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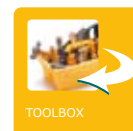
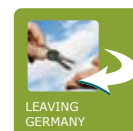
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E-3A Component Clubs

Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Brunch price €15.75; show your valid Club card and get a 30% discount! Children 4-12 years half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 on the Friday before, Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

- 01 No brunch due to All Saints' Day. Both clubs closed.
- 08 Officers' Club Family brunch. Frisbee Club closed.
- 15 Frisbee Club brunch. Officers' Club closed.
- 22 Officers' Club 'Hunters' brunch (€19.50). Frisbee Club closed.
- 29 Frisbee Club brunch. Officers' Club closed.

Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)

Operating hours bar Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1000-1800; Tuesday 1000-2000 and Friday 1000-1900. Restaurant Monday-Friday 1130-1330; Sunday 1100-1400 (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext. 4994). Lunch at the Officers' Club Monday through Thursday; A la Carte menu served, a vegetarian menu also available, Friday buffet style lunch.

Throughout the month membership appreciation. One time each month for each Officers' Club member, buy one drink of your choice and get an equivalent drink of your choice free of charge, Club cards required.

Tuesdays 1700-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available; Fridays 1430-1700 Happy Hour, free snacks available.

The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations, lunches or Commanders' Call, make your reservations now.

Officers' Club participation in Frisbee Club events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilize the Frisbee Club for breakfast, dinner and Sunday brunch (on an alternating basis between the Frisbee and Officers' Clubs). Club cards required when Officers' Club members are using the Frisbee Club.

Cancellations for Officers' Club events will be accepted up to two days prior to the event on ext. 4990. After this time, a cancellation fee of €5 per person must be charged for non-excused absences.

Visit the Officers' Club Web Page on the Component Information

MWA INFORMATION November

Portal, through Base Support Wing, Services Squadron, Clubs, for the latest information.

- 02-05 Bar open until 2200 due to closure of Frisbee Club.
- 06 Closed for lunch due to special function.
- 06 Component Autumn Ball – See special flyer.

Upcoming Events:

20 December, Christmas brunch;
31 December, New Year's Eve Ball.

Frisbee Club (SWPN/4994)

Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (club cards required).

Every Monday-Thursday Happy Hour from 1700 until 1800; every Friday Happy Hour from 1430 until 1900 (including snacks at 1700).

Lunch 'buffet-style' menu, lunch specials and restaurant specials can be found on Frisbee Club Wise page. Lunch-time specials of the week in addition to the regular buffet are: Every Monday: Bratwurst, 'Frikandel Spezial' or pasta special of the week. Every Tuesday: 'Frisbee Burger' or pasta special of the week. Every Wednesday: Mussels, Autumn Soup/Eintopf or Haxen, pasta special of the week. Every Thursday: Homemade schnitzel or pasta special of the week. Every Friday: Steak, fish special or pasta special.

Every Monday and Friday steak night (normal restaurant times) - steak dinner only, reservations required.

- 02-05 Club closed due to infra-structural work.
- 9, 16, 23, 30 Country Line Dance, at 1930.
- 10 Skat, 1800-2300.
- 12 IWC USA Night, 1900.
- 15 Sunday brunch.
- 17 Bingo, 1900-2230.
- 20 Blues Night 1900-2300, in Main Bar.

Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)

The 'Q&Q Corner' is located next to the designated smoking area and can hold approximately 25 people. Ideal for meetings, conferences, breakfast or other small events.

New kitchen operating hours (from Monday to Friday): Breakfast 0730-1030, Grill 1030-1530, Pizza 1030-1830. Operating hours for Saturday, Sunday and holidays remain the same.

In addition to the daily special, the



Sentry Club will also offer a weekend special, which will include a soup or dessert as well as the main course. The

weekend special will be advertised in the Sentry Club and also on the Component information web page. Monday-Friday; variety of new pizzas is available now, i.e. Pizza 'Gyros', Pizza 'Calzone' and Pizza 'Spinach'. We also will add some new toppings. As soon as the preparations are finished, the details will be advertised on our Component information web page. We will also offer little rolls made from pizza dough with herb butter or garlic mayonnaise.

Take advantage of our new Salad Bar, various types of freshly prepared salads available at a reasonable price.

Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club can assist with coffee, soft drinks, half rolls or freshly prepared muffins. For more information, please contact the Sentry Club management.

Need supplies for a party? The Sentry Club is your stop for Warsteiner Beer in 30 ltr and 50 ltr containers, various soft drinks in 1 ltr bottles and tables, benches and other items to help in organising your party. Please be sure to order in advance as certain items (e.g. tables, benches, beer wagons, etc.) must be ordered from the supplier.

In addition to our souvenir items, we also offer some very nice items of our 25th Anniversary: T-Shirt child €4, T-Shirt adult €4, textile patch €3, wrist watch €55, art print of AWACS

anniversary aircraft €7 (signed by artist €12).

Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager, ext. 4996.

Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

- 06 Cross Country Run.
- 09 Start Registration Squash tournament.
- 11 Table tennis tournament.
- 18 Deadline registration flag football tournament.
- 25 Deadline registration squash tournament.
- 26 Orientation run.
- 27 Flag football tournament.

Opening hours Sports Department: Every day from 0600-2200.

International Library

(SWPL/4956)

The operating hours are 1100-1500, Monday through Friday.

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International Pre-school

(SWPS/4957)

- 03 Art & Craft afternoon 'Lantern', 1400-1700.
- 05 Art & Craft afternoon 'Lantern', 1400-1700.
- 12 St. Martin's Parade in Teveren at 1800.
- 27 Thanksgiving Feast with children.

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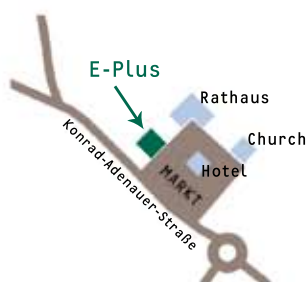
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