

What is the Symposium ?

The HAA annual symposium is a day-long event which takes place at the RAF Museum, Hendon, and takes the form of a series of presentations, all carefully selected to inform and entertain, putting a spotlight on developments and issues within the arena of historic aviation.



Who is it for ?

The HAA welcomes anyone with an interest in the preservation and operation of historic aircraft to attend our flag-ship event, though HAA members are offered a discounted admission. It is a chance to immerse yourself in a themed day of aviation experience, and enjoy the four main presentations, but still with plenty of time to mingle with fellow enthusiasts.

What form does the day take ?

The attendees are invited to make their way to the RAF Museum to arrive 9.30 or so, where a free day car pass is provided. Once signed in, you will be given a badge for the day, a Programme and event literature, then to our private lounge for coffee and pastries.

At 10.00 we take our seats in the main auditorium, and after a welcoming address, we start the first of our four main presentations. After nearly an hour or so, each speaker will invite questions from the audience. At midday or soon after we break for a sit-down two course lunch, followed by coffee or tea. You are welcome to explore the museum during this time, before taking your seat again for the afternoon session, and the final two presentations, which take the event through to its conclusion, usually around 16.15 hrs. A major trophy presentation will take place during the day's proceedings.

What are the themes for 2023?

The HAA is very proud that one again we have in place an excellent line-up of speakers, of great interest to aviation historians and enthusiasts.

The return of Waterbird, the UK's first seaplane, from its history, recreation and early flight trials in the Lake District in 2022.

Eric 'Winkle' Brown, a Legend Revisited. Author Paul Beaver expands on his latest biography, which throws new light on the background and career of this remarkable test pilot.

Flying The last of The Big Pistons, as described by Cath Burnham, one of the highest time DC-3 pilots in the world, who recently completed the delivery of a Dakota from the UK to the USA. As well as numerous other types, she is also a taxi pilot for the much loved Lancaster *Just Jane*.

From Cub To Hurricane an operators guide to aspiring warbird pilots on a practical and realistic route from piloting historic light aircraft towards the ultimate goal of a WW2 fighter. Mark Levy describes the challenges and opportunities of his own successful journey into the exclusive world of warbird display pilots.

We hope to see you in November, but remember, tickets are limited !