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Where else but Duxford! Spitfires line up along the famous grass airfield, a scene straight out of the pages of history. Photo: Peter Arnold

Cambridgeshire's famous fighter base was once again the venue for the sights and sounds of yesteryear, with the United Kingdom's premier warbird show 'Flying Legends' being held over the weekend of 12-13 July. The threatening weather that had seen the cancellation of the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) saw a rather gloomy backdrop for the Saturday, but the much improved Sunday weather saw a larger than expected crowd, the cancellation of the RIAT no doubt being a contributing factor. This year's show, whilst perhaps familiar to regular attendees, had something for everyone, whether it be the sight of three B-17s lined up together,



P-51 Beat Up! 'Little Friends' provide cover for the B-17s as they prepare for take off.



Yak-3UA D-FJAK, 0470107 flies as 'White100' and is based at Bremgarten, Germany.



Douglas A-26B Invader, N167B, 434602/S 'Sugarland Express' of the Scandinavian Historic Flight



several 'new' aircraft on the flight line and in the air, or just catching up with like minded old friends! Whatever the crowds considered to be their personal highlights, all can be assured that it was through the sheer hard work and dedication of engineers, pilots, organizers and volunteers that the show was staged in a professional and above all, safe manner, and these same people are now hard at work bringing the 2009 event to life - 'Legends' indeed!

Hawker Heaven! Nimrod K3661, G-BURZ and Hind, K5414, G-AENP. The former was discovered in 1972, half buried on a scrap dump in Kent, and flew again on 16th November 2006. The Hind was delivered to the Royal Afghan Air Force in 1938 and presented to the Shuttleworth Collection in 1970.

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