

SANIGOLE NIGHT AND DAY



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The Sunset show was spectacular as the light of the sun was perfect putting nice colors on the planes. The major surprise to start the Sunset show were some fly-by's a B1 Lancer from the US Air Force. This plane left of course a big impression of power. Following the B1, the show started with the well-known Trescal Starduster. One of the most spectacular aerobatic shows without any slack between the figures, flown by British champion Mark Jefferies on his Extra 330 SC. Through some figure the forces were around 10 G's, simply incredible.

A nice introduction was done by the Swiss Air Force Super Puma flying in formation with the PC-7 Team. The crew demonstrated the impressive capacity and maneuverability of this heavy helicopter. This helicopter demonstration was of course followed by the PC-7 Team. As usual this demonstration was perfectly synchronized and the Swiss speaker confirmed this in terms of "Swiss precision". The major figure called the tunnel was done in front of the public showing some superb light effects. A premiere for myself, but a well appreciated team in the airshow circuit was the Breitling Wing walkers aerobatic demo team with 2 charming girls performing some terrific figures on top of the wings of the Boeing Stearman planes. After the landing, we could see the joy and a big smile while the public acclaimed them. Still in the competition for the replacement of the BAF F-16AM fleet, the SAAB JAS-39C Grippen performed the high maneuverability of this fighter. High speed pass, high speed climb and much more. Following this jet, we had a WW2 formation with a P-38L Lightning and a Vought F4U-4 Corsair from the Austrian Red Bull Team. The sun lit extraordinary lightings on these legendary aircraft, especially on the Lightning in full metal livery.

To celebrate 70 years of the Belgian Air Force, the traditional F16 and Spitfire Mk.IX formation performed some low passes. This was the intro to the BAF F-16AM display flown by "Gizmo" for his second year. This remains currently one of the most powerful demonstrations. As said by the Canadian speaker Ric Peterson, flare launches are a privilege on this side of the Atlantic as in the US and Canada, this is not allowed. After the power demo of the Belgian F-16, it was time to start the "night show" itself with a lot of pyrotechnical effects. Special clearance was given by the authorities to allow such aerial effects. Magnificent demonstration of the Swift S-1 glider from the Sky dance Airshow Team. It was like an "air ballet" served with some good music on the field. This ballet was followed by the O'Brien flying Circus Otto helicopter (Schweizer 300C). Sometimes it was difficult to see where the helicopter was as the fire work illuminated the sky around it, but it remained an impressive night demonstration. Otto was followed by a very nice duo, the AeroSparX flying team equipped with Grob 109 Motor Gliders. But the show was perfectly synchronized. Amazing... To conclude this Friday night show, a last demonstration of a Marganski MDM-1 Fox from the Swift Aerobatic Display Team. Once again beautiful lights effects in the dark sky of Sanigole airfield. After this wonderful Sunset show, it was time to leave the airfield but with the goal to be back on Sunday for the main airshow... Stay tuned.

The Sunday show this year was more dedicated to smaller airplanes and solo displays. As



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