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RIAT UPDATE

The Royal International Air Tattoo has announced some significant participants for RIAT 2011 on 16-17 July. The Royal Norwegian Air Force, amongst the first air arms to contribute to the event 40 years ago at North Weald, is sending two Vampires and two F-16s from 338 Skv to perform a formation display in honour of the Tattoo's own anniversary. Meanwhile, two Spitfires that actually flew at Air Tattoo 71, the Old Flying Machine Company's MH434 and the BBMF's PM631, will add to the historic content.

There will also be a USAF A-10C display, Air Combat Command's West Coast Demonstration pilot Capt Joe Shetterley making the first 'Hog' flying appearance at a UK airshow since RIAT 2003, and the first ever on these shores with an upgraded A-10C example. He will use a 52nd FW aircraft from Spangdahlem. The Turkish Air Force's F-16C solo demo, new this year, will be a UK debutant, and Airbus Military will display its A400M. See www.airtattoo.com for participant updates.