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The RED ARROWS Talk 1: looks at the introduction and development of formation and display flying, then focuses on the selction and training of the pilots of the Red Arrows

The RED ARROWS Talk 2: an unusual experience of "a full Reds' display" in the comfort of your venue. Complete with sound and a brief overview of aerobatic display flying. (I have used this presentation to raise considerable sums for



The Flying Boats of Southampton (Ships of the Sky) recalls the Golden Years of the flying boat era, when Southampton and its Empire flying boats led the world. From the beginnings in 1913 to the swansong in the 1950s and later.



The Story of the Schneider Trophy Air Races covers the history of the Schneider Trophy from its inception in 1912, to the last race in 1931..... and beyond. A time when Britain led the world in aviation design and technology and took pride in its achievements.



CALSHOT: the flying years looks at the history of one of Britain's few military flying boat bases. How many different aircraft types do you think might have been seen here? Most people are surprised by the answer and can see the evidence through my pictures.



Strange Planes We've all seen some of the wonders of modern aviation but nothing is new in the world of aviation and some things are VERY strange indeed. From flying fleas and katydids to ekranoplans and the edge of space man's imagination has explored the realms of flight.....!!



SPITFIRE! An examination of the world's best-known fighter of WW2, looking at its origins, production and development, set against the Blitz in Southampton and the Battle of Britain.



CANBERRA: the final homecoming After thirty-six years the 'Great White Whale' is about to retire. This is the story of her last triumphal return to Southampton. Brief introduction using archive photos, followed by unique film on DVD. With music by Gerard Kenny



SOLENT SKY: (formerly "Southampton Hall of Aviation")

In the heyday of aircraft manufacturing the south of Hampshire was home to more aircraft manufacturers than anywhere else in the world. The world-famous S6 and Spitfire from Supermarine; Saro's SRA1 (the world's first jet flying boat) and the giant Short Sandringham - formerly a WW2 Sunderland. Plus many more exhibits. If you can't come to the museum I can 'bring the museum to you'!



Sign of the Times A series of three amusing and popular presentations examining everyday things we 'take for granted but don't really notice'. A little educational interest and lots of amusement, looking at accidental as well as intentional curiosities, all found in public places.