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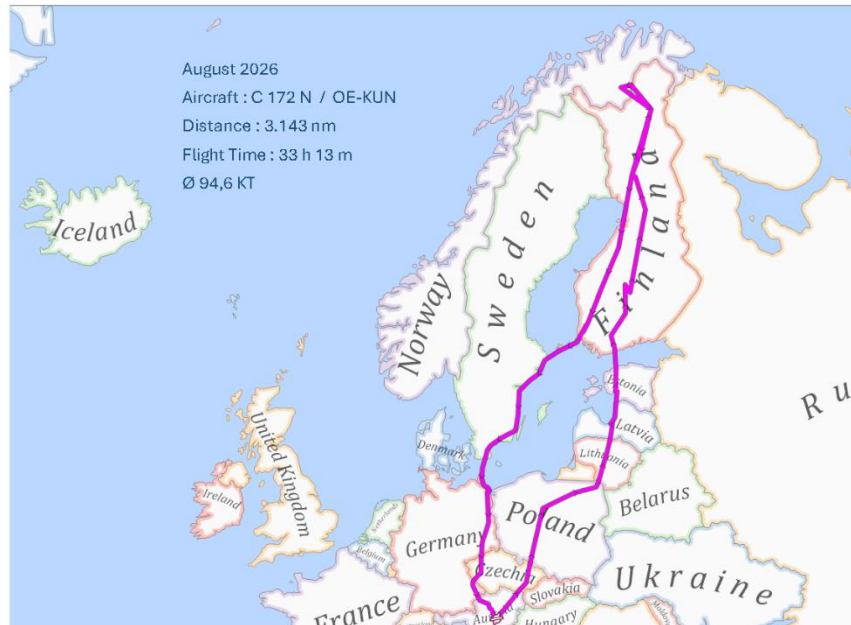
Dear Friends

I hope you are all doing well. Once again find your monthly dose of EPFU News. Many thanks to René, Martin and Manfred for their contributions to this edition.

You will find a bunch of articles from various sources about topics of interest to the wide field of General Aviation.

I wish you all a good September, stay safe and healthy!

Antti, your President



Manfred Kunschitz' Nordic Expedition of August 2026 is presented in Part 2 of this News Flash Edition.

Elixir Aircraft and Turbotech Launch the Elixir Turbine Industrial Programme

22/7/2026 Elixir, Turbotech Move Turbine Trainer Toward Certification. A text composed by the manufacturer: "After a successful year of flight testing with the demonstrator, Elixir Aircraft and Turbotech are taking the next step by signing a MoU to launch the industrial development of the Elixir Turbine. Combining the simplicity of single-lever turbine operation, a multi-fuel engine compatible with Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), extended time between overhauls (TBO), and exceptionally low operating costs, the program paves the way for a new generation of aircraft designed for flight training organizations, with entry into service targeted by 2030." For more information:



<https://elixir-aircraft.com/news/elixir-aircraft-unveils-expanded-product-lineup-copier/>

Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 1/8/2026 and 31/8/2026. Title or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

Public Consultations by EASA: None.

ToR: None.



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Notice of Proposed Amendment: None.

Focused Consultations: None.

Agency Decisions: None.

Opinions: None.

Repetition

EU Consultations/"Have your say".

Have your say on the progress review of the Drone Strategy 2.0

14/7/2026 is the publication date. The European Commission is inviting citizens and stakeholders alike to support the progress review of the Drone Strategy 2.0 by sharing their views on the future of Europe's drone ecosystem. **Comment period ends on 6/9/2026.** The "link" for your inputs:

https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/have-your-say-progress-review-drone-strategy-20-2026-07-14_en

New EU Consultation/"Have your say"

Sustainable aviation fuels – targeted revision and simplification of the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation

About this initiative, summary: The ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation provides a long-term framework for the deployment of sustainable aviation fuels. It is essential to preserve its ambition for aviation decarbonisation and competitiveness, while protecting investment stability in the EU and beyond. The Commission has identified potential for targeted simplification of the rules to:

- improve clarity and transparency
- simplify reporting requirements
- facilitate development of such fuels and resilience to crisis situations.

This brings you to the website for the timeline and for more information:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/19073-Sustainable-aviation-fuels-targeted-revision-and-simplification-of-the-ReFuelEU-Aviation-Regulation_en

New EU Consultation/"Have your say"

Noise at EU airports – evaluation of the Balanced Approach Regulation

The Commission writes: "The Balanced Approach Regulation establishes a process for Member States to manage noise problems at EU airports. The Regulation's aim is to provide a framework for noise management to increase the sustainability of air transport while ensuring that the economic impact of measures on all stakeholders is taken into account. The evaluation will assess whether the Regulation has achieved its objective and is still fit for purpose." Comment period ends on 19/11/2026. Here is the "link":



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EU Regulations: None.

Italy Seizes Foreign-Registered GA Aircraft

14/8/2026 From AVweb: European GA groups say N-registered and other foreign aircraft are facing increased scrutiny from Italian financial authorities. For all details please go to

https://avweb.com/aviation-news/italy-seize-foreign-registered-ga-aircraft/?utm_source=omeda&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Email-News0-AVW-260817-Daily&oly_enc_id=4135F0705301H4Y



Aging GA Fleet Faces Growing Aircraft Parts Challenge

26/8/2026 From AVweb, not new, nevertheless disturbing : "A new Airworthy.com survey finds that GA maintenance professionals are facing rising parts costs, longer lead times and growing supply challenges." For the full text please go to

https://avweb.com/aviation-news/general-aviation-aircraft-parts-shortages/?utm_source=omeda&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Email-News0-AVW-260827-Daily&oly_enc_id=4135F0705301H4Y



Last Airworthy Original DH.88 Involved in Accident

17/8/2026 The 1934 England-to-Australia race winner was involved in an accident during an airshow in the U.K. For details please go to



https://avweb.com/air-shows-events/last-airworthy-original-dh-88-accident/?utm_source=omeda&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Email-News0-AVW-260818-Daily&oly_enc_id=4135F0705301H4Y



World Aerobatic Championship Begins In Iowa

24/8/2026, by Matt Ryan. More than 35 pilots from eight countries are competing at Mason City Municipal Airport. For more information please go to

<https://avweb.com/air-shows-events/world-aerobatic-championship-begins-iowa/>





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GNSS Jamming and Spoofing - Latest July 2026

Understanding GNSS Interference, Spoofing and Conflict Zone Risks

28/7/2026, by John Franklin: «Modern aviation increasingly depends on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS). From flight management systems and performance-based navigation to terrain awareness, surveillance and operational efficiency, satellite navigation has become an integral part of everyday flight operations.» For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/community/topics/gnss-jamming-and-spoofing-latest-july-2026>



EN-ICCA — Report on the state of science and knowledge on atmospheric icing in a climate change context

18/8/2026 EASA writes: “This report provides a comprehensive assessment of the current state of scientific knowledge regarding atmospheric icing and its implications for aviation safety, operations, and regulation, both now and under future climatic conditions. It is part of a broader initiative under the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) European Network – Impact of Climate Change on Aviation (EN-ICCA), aimed at understanding how evolving climate conditions may affect aviation-relevant weather hazards.” For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/general-publications/en-icca-report-state-science-and-knowledge-atmospheric-icing-climate-change-context>



Repetition

EASA Artificial Intelligence Days 2026, 9-10/9/2026

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site), EASA Headquarters at Cologne.

Related domains: Aerodromes Air Operations Air Traffic Management Aircraft & products Aircrew & Medical Cybersecurity Drones & Air Mobility Research & Innovation Rotorcraft & VTOL

Event dates: This report provides a comprehensive assessment of the current state of scientific knowledge regarding atmospheric icing and its implications for aviation safety, operations, and regulation, both now and under future climatic conditions. It is part of a broader initiative under the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) European Network – Impact of Climate Change on





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Aviation (EN-ICCA), aimed at understanding how evolving climate conditions may affect aviation-relevant weather hazards.

Day 1: 9/9/2026, 08:30 - 18:00 LT
Day 2: 10/9/2026, 08:00 - 17:30 LT

For more information and/or a registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-artificial-intelligence-days-2026>

Repetition

The Batteries Are Fully Charged!

10th Electrify-In, Bern Airport, Electrify-In Switzerland in Bern-Belp (LFSB), Switzerland:

Save the Date! The dates for **11th –13th September 2026** are confirmed. With all permits already in place, the stage is set for the 10th edition of Electrify-In Switzerland. It promises to be an event you will not want to miss — so be sure to save the date for a weekend filled with innovation, inspiration and premier networking. This is the “link”

<https://electrify-in.ch/en/>

For a bunch of more information in German, English and French texts please go to this comprehensive site:

https://electrify-in.ch/?mailpoet_router&endpoint=view_in_browser&action=view&data=WzQ0LCIxMDYxODEwMWJiZjYiLDlwNSwiZXViOGhod3dpMXcwY2djY293MDhndzRnNHhNzNGtrZzAiLDM0LDBd



Repetition

European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) Workshop 2026, 22-23/9/2026

Related domains: Aircraft & products

On-site event at EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Köln

Event dates: Welcoming and Registration 22/9/2026, 08:30, event start

Day 1: 22/9/2026, 09:00 - 17:30 LT
Day 2: 23/09/2026, 09:00 - 17:30 LT

For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/european-technical-standard-order-etso-workshop-2026>





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Repetition HOT TOPIC! **General Aviation Structures Workshop** **29-30/9/2026**

On-site event organised by EASA, related domain:
General Aviation



Event dates

Day 1: 29/9/2026, 09:00 - 17:30 LT

Day 2: 30/9/2026, 09:00 - 16:00 LT

Location: EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Köln, Germany

Description, by the Agency: “The workshop is a forum to discuss General Aviation (CS-23, CS-VLA, CS-LSA) Structures topics between the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), National Competent Authorities (NCAs), and applicants for type certificates (TCs) and supplemental type certificates (STCs). Structural requirements along with the related acceptable means of compliance, as well as EASA policies (Certification Memorandum), related to Materials (metallic, composites, wood, additive manufacturing), Statics, Fatigue and Damage Tolerance, Aeroelasticity (Flutter), Loads and Crashworthiness will be presented. An overview of ASTM and the structures related consensus standards will also be reflected on the agenda.

Please contact structures.workshop@easa.europa.eu for queries or to suggest specific topics to be addressed.”

For more information and for your registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/general-aviation-structures-workshop-0>

Repetition **Save the Date: Part-IS Workshop 2026 –** **7-8/10/2026**

Related domains: Aerodromes Air Operations Air Traffic Management
Aircraft & products Aircrew & Medical Cybersecurity International cooperation Rotorcraft & VTOL.

Event location: EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Köln. For more details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-part-workshop-2026-october-07-08>





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Repetition

SAVE THE DATE — Innovative Air Mobility Implementation Forum 27/10 2026 to 28/10/2026

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site). Description: “The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is pleased to announce the second edition of the Innovative Air Mobility (IAM) Implementation Forum.

Following the strong engagement and fruitful exchanges of the inaugural event, this new edition will once again gather authorities, industry leaders, technical experts, and community representatives to discuss the evolving IAM, UAS and U-space regulatory implementation.” For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-innovative-air-mobility-implementation-forum>



Repetition

EASA Annual Safety Conference 2026

Event dates

18/11/2026 11:30 - 18:00 LT

19/11/2026 09:00 - 16:00 LT

Location: Dublin, Ireland, more details will be published later.

EASA writes: “The theme for this year's conference is “Safety Together: Turning Priorities into Action”. The event is being held in conjunction with Ireland's EU presidency and in cooperation with the Irish Aviation Authority. The 1.5-day event will begin early in the afternoon on Wednesday November 18 and continue for the full day on Thursday November 19. There will be a moderate fee charged to cover the conference costs. A networking get-together, open to all participants, will be held on the evening of November 18.”

For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-easa-annual-safety-conference-2026#group-description>



Murphy's Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

On page 229 there is De Nevers Law of Debate: “Two monologues do not make a dialogue.”

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Best wishes, kind regards

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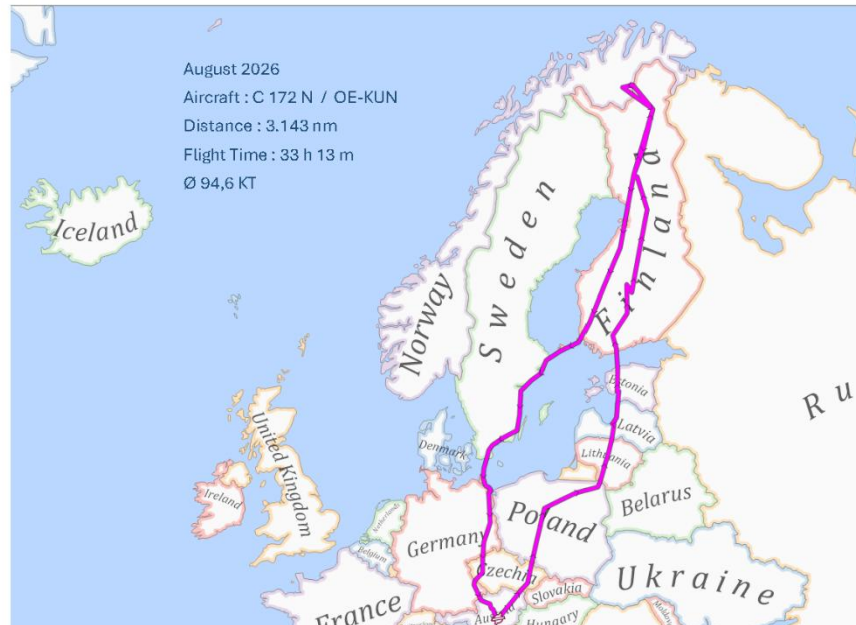
Dear Friends

This is the routing of Manfred Kunschitz' Nordic Expedition of August 2026.

Short texts and some pictures will hopefully attract your interest.

And beware: AVGAS 100LL is no longer available at all aerodromes in this part of Europe. Check carefully!

René Meier, Technical Officer



Manfred Kunschitz, EPFU Treasurer on Tour

Manfred writes: "It was a kind of a memorial flight for me as my father flew to the North Cape on 16th August 1979. As I served as International Chief Judge at the World Precision Flying Championships 2026 in Torun (Poland) I decided to start on 14th August a flight to the North Cape as well. My older son accompanied me as well as two other airplanes – so we were 6 pilots in 3 planes.



Blue skies over Mariehamn, OE-KUN to the right...

Unfortunately, a low pressure system forced us to return just 50 miles before reaching Alta and 110 miles before reaching the North Cape. Instead of returning along the Norwegian West coast, we took the way back along the Finnish coast line.

Nevertheless, a beautiful trip and lots of nice memories :-)"



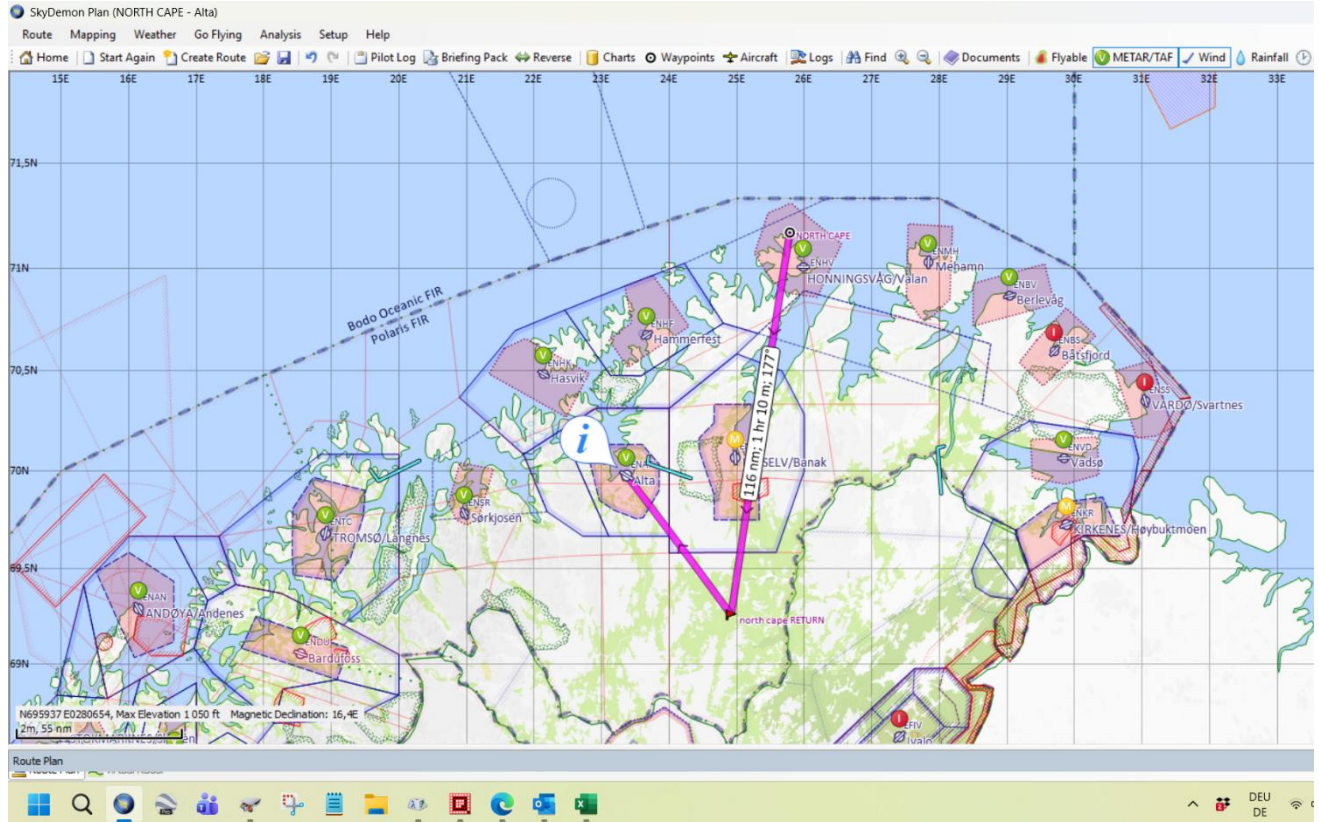


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The SkyDemon Plan North Cape Alta – Lakselv - Honningsvåg



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On page 168 there is The First Law of Travel: "It always takes longer to get there than to get back."

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