

1st European RV-Formation-Event



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What: Learn flying your RV in well coordinated and safe formation with other RV-aircraft. Two very experienced formation flight instructors and airshow performers from the US are going to support us at our first event. It is a great opportunity that you shouldn't miss. Real formation flying is more than just flying alongside another plane for some minutes. It is a thoroughly briefed and precise coordination of more than one plane from engine start until engine shutdown after the flight.

When: September 14.-22., 2019 **Plan to attend at least three days in that period.**

Where: 14.-17.09. in EDTD (southern Germany)
17.-22.09. in LIDT (northern Italy)

Cost: Basically it is for free. However, we would like to offer the two visiting instructors free accommodation. We would split that cost between the participants.

How: Training is mostly done in your own RV. Expect two to three flight hours a day. Also we will make sure that you will see more of the event location than just the airport...
Don't worry too much about your level of English. For most of the participants English is a second language and we will make sure, everybody understands the required information before we go flying.

Where to stay: Both airfields have suitable hotels nearby. We can give you recommendations and transfer to those places will be available. Camping might be available in EDTD.

For your application, please copy this into an email, complete it and send it to info@rv-pilots.eu as soon as possible but no later than September 6:

Name/Surname:

Phone number:

Type of RV flown:

Engine(HP):

Home Airport:

Days you can attend:

Experience (free text – e.g. total time, aerobatics, instructor ratings, anything that might help give us an idea about your level of experience):

Details:

It has been around for several years in the US: RV-formation flying. With the increasing number of RVs in Europe, we'd like to give it a try here as well and meet for the 1st European RV-Formation-Event in September 2019.

Formation flying is different from normal flying. It is a lot of fun and a big challenge. It requires full control of your aircraft in any situation, very good coordination with other pilots and detailed briefings. The only way to do this is a professional way with no room for misunderstandings or neglect. This way it can be done safely over and over – that has been shown in the US in thousands of hours and formations made up of dozens of airplanes.

Initially, we want to be able to organize flights so we can do cross-country-flights in formation, photo flights and more formation practice. No airshow performance standard in the near future. No formation aerobatics.

For our formation clinic, you will start with an experienced pilot on your right or back seat – but you are in control of the aircraft. You will then be able to work your way up until you can safely fly in a four-ship-formation – this allows you to practice almost all aspects of formation flying.



We will use FFI-Procedures. Download them here:

→ [FFI Formation Guide](#)

Good preparation and knowledge is mandatory. Using these procedures will make sure our kind of training is compatible with training conducted elsewhere. Furthermore, it is well proven and frequently updated. (As a secondary source, please refer to the [FAST-Guide.](#))

We'd like to provide formation flight training for any RV pilot (except RV-12 and RV-10 due to performance and configuration) who's interested and is proficient in normal operation of his aircraft. In the end it depends on number of applicants whether we can accept every applicant.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Expect to learn a lot about flying and coordination.

Expect to get clear feedback about your piloting skills that will help you become a better pilot.

Expect a friendly and encouraging atmosphere.

Expect it to take (many) more than three days to master formation flying.