

The visit of Luftsportverein Rietberg e.V to LLHA Israel / Yigal Merav Sep. 2010

It has all started on January 2010 when I received an email inquiry from Winfried Berthold of the aero club in Rietberg Germany (<http://www.lsvr.de>) about the possibility to visit Israel with a group of 6 club aircrafts.

Winfried took the charge of organizing the fly out and was doing all the planning and budgeting the trip as well as checking the route, LL100 availability along the way according to range and handling cost.

The initial plan was spending two days in Israel but I suggested this was too short time to spend in Israel considering the relatively long way inbound and out.

After the extended discussions and views exchange the final program was concluded, arrival date was set to 3.9.2010 and departure planned to 8.9.2010 with a full excursions program visiting Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee and northern part of Israel, with a bonus to those pilots who would like to fly and land at the lowest strip on earth, LLMZ Messada (-1244) ft below sea level.

Final list of participants included 5 airplanes (2 Cessna 182 + 3 PA 28) and 16 pilots, spouses and guests arriving to Haifa LLHA on Friday 16:30 local time flying in from Rhodes LLRP.

Upon arrival and passport control we found out that one of the group member has lost his passport in Greece just before take off to Haifa. To make long story short, it took us 3 hours on weekend afternoon, when all offices closed and officials on day off to make many phone calls and eventually arrange the temporary entrance of a foreign passenger without a passport to the holy land.

The touring program was perfectly and completely done as planned and on schedule, and to the best of my knowledge to the full satisfaction of the visitors

Just for general information I have just received updated information regarding handling charges and fuel cost from Winfried in Istanbul:

Handling in LTAF Adana = € 210 per A/C + € 2.9 per liter AvGas, In Istanbul = € 300 per A/C + € 3.15 per liter AvGas, In LLHA Haifa = € 40 per A/C landing + 5 days parking (no need for handling) + € 1.2 per liter AvGas

According to Winfried experience nobody **should try to fly into Turkey** without the support from Goezen Air or other handling agent.

It was my real pleasure to welcome fellow pilots visiting the holy land, host them and give them the opportunity to see the real situation so different from what they thought.

We look forward to host the next group...

D-EJNG	Cessna C182	Pilot		Dirk	Linn
		Pilot		Gerd	Janke
		Pax		Katharina	Slusarczyk
		Pax		Marco	Gieffers
D-ELJC	Piper PA28	Pilot		Roland	Damann
		Pilot		Winfried	Berthold
		Pax		Ina	Plassmann
D-ELPA	Piper PA28	Pilot		Hans-Leo	Sonnet
		Pilot		Mahalia	Paris
		Pilot		Werner	Hoeing
D-ETIV	Piper PA28	Pilot		Dietmar	Gieffers
		Pax		Marianne	Möller
		Pilot		Joan-Wilhem	Schwarze
D-ELIC	Cessna C182	Pilot		Christoph	Hartmann
		Pilot		Stefan	Schink
		Pax		Elvira	Weidemann



Briefing before CVFR flight to Messada LLMZ











The man without a passport

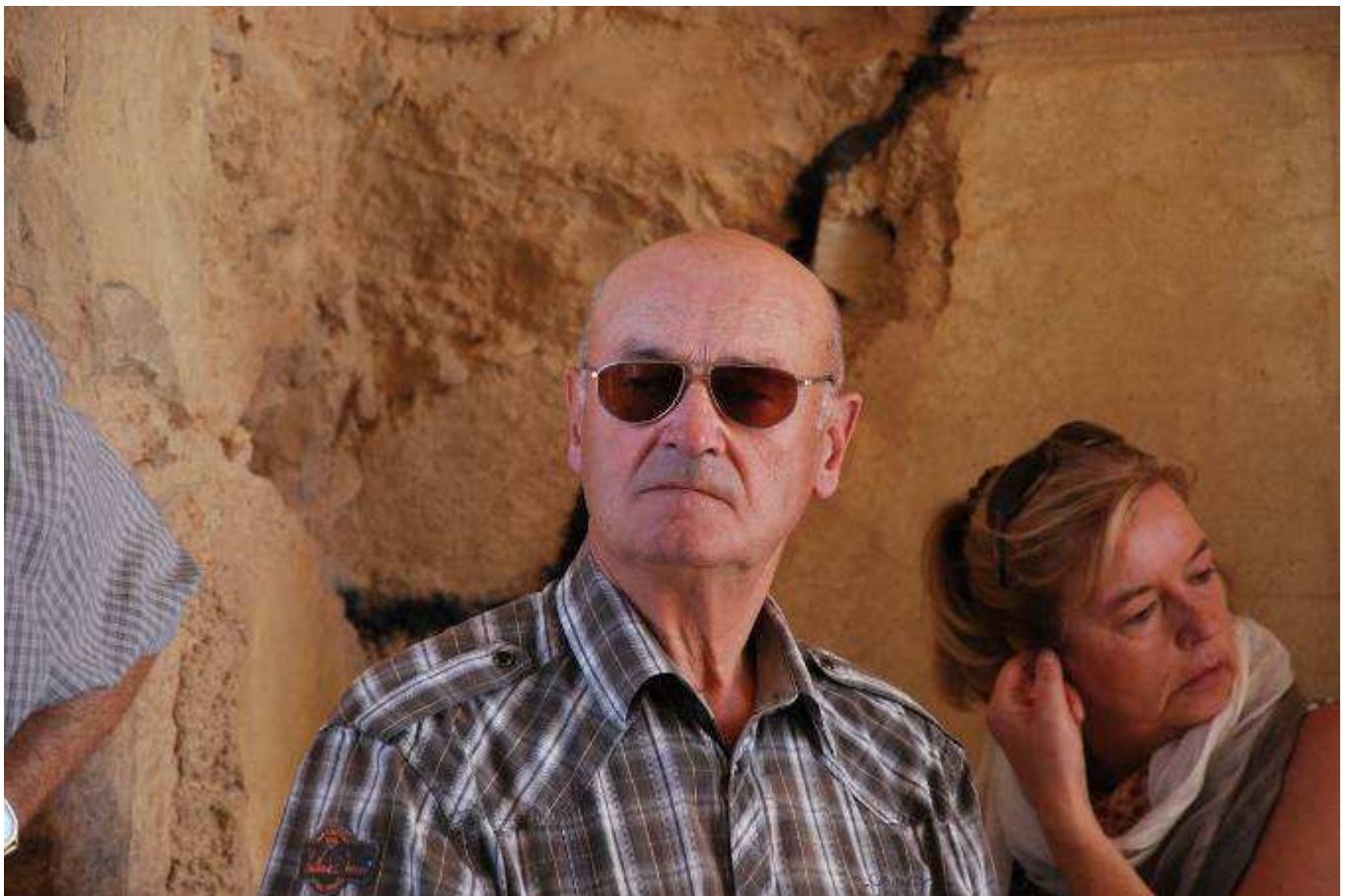




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