

International model aircraft festival on the Wasserkuppe

DMFV and IG Hangflug organise European friendship meeting

From 14 to 17 August 2025, the Wasserkuppe in the Rhön region of Hesse will be firmly in the hands of model aircraft enthusiasts of all ages. The air sports associations IG Hangflug and DMFV are organising an eventful model flying festival for up to 100 participants from Germany and neighbouring European countries on Germany's most famous and historic flying mountain. The organisers want to use this event to promote European understanding in sport and leisure. The event starts on Thursday with the individual arrival of the participants. Accommodation is in shared rooms at the DJO-Landesheim Rodholz (Poppenhausen) in the middle of the Rhön Biosphere Reserve.

After a meal together, the rest of the evening is devoted to getting to know each other and the presentation of the programme by the association supervisors.

On Friday and Saturday, the actual heart of the festival, the activity and adventure programme, will take place from 9:00 a.m. onwards. In mixed groups of up to 25 participants of all nationalities, you will alternate between exciting workshops in the 'Alte Schule' (old school), a visit to the gliding museum, a guided hiking tour through the Rhön Biosphere Reserve or flying on one of the wonderful slopes of the Wasserkuppe.



All activities focus on togetherness and international exchange. It goes without saying that model flying will also feature prominently in the workshops. In addition to completing the German proficiency test together, which will allow participants to fly at all sites in Germany, there will also be interesting insights into European hang gliding and practical workshops on building small model aircraft, optimising gliders and preparing for first flights.

An entertaining programme is also planned for the evenings of the two main days. While participants can spend Friday in the spacious grounds of the youth hostel playing games, doing sports or chatting, Saturday evening will feature a big festival party with great food and live music with a DJ in Hangar 7 on the Wasserkuppe.

On Sunday, after a hearty breakfast at the youth hostel and a photo session for lasting memories, it's time to head home. For the die-hards, there is the option of a joint final flight at another of the wonderful airfields nearby.

All groups are supervised by a group leader. All activities are conducted in German. However, all participants will be able to communicate well in French or English. Breakfast, packed lunch, group dinners and drinks with meals are included in the price of the trip, as are accommodation in shared rooms at the youth hostel, the shuttle bus to the Wasserkuppe and admission tickets and entry fees for the various activities. We only recommend bringing a small amount of pocket money for individual purchases, snacks, drinks and activities that are not included in the joint programme.

The International Model Flying Festival is sponsored and supported by the organising associations. Therefore, the individual contribution per participant for the entire programme is only **99 euros**.

As the number of participants is limited, we recommend registering as soon as possible at:

<https://www.dmfv.aero/modellflug-festival-2025/>

Registrations will be considered in the order in which they are received. We will endeavour to ensure a balanced number of participants from different countries.

