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The Great Bruntingthorpe Buccaneer Race.

XX900 and XX894 Fly Again

Two teams made up of cadets from 272 (Wisbech) and 2430 (Holbeach) Air Cadets with Sea Cadets from TS Falcon (Wisbech) raced each other down the runway at Bruntingthorpe Aerodrome and Proving Ground, nothing unusual about that, but they were each towing Buccaneer Fighter Bombers at the time.

The cadets travelled to Bruntingthorpe at the invitation of one of the aircraft restoration groups there, On-Target Aviation, and the owner of one of the Buccaneers, Guy Hulme. The event was a trial run for some fund raising events planned for next year. Squadron Commander of 272 Sqn, Flight Lieutenant Jeff Goodley said, "We did not raise much money but that was not the idea, the day was arranged at fairly short notice and we had a great time. The contact has been made and we can now plan some fund raising days for next year. The aims for the day were to have fun and for the cadets to get close to some historic aircraft. Both were targets were achieved and all the way home the cadets were asking when we would be coming back".

Guy Hulme the owner of Buccaneer XX894 said, "The cadets certainly had fun and we enjoyed hosting them, they were a well behaved and well turned out bunch, it was a pleasure to show them these historic aircraft. We look forward to them coming here again."

The 'Race' took place over a 100 meter course in front of a crowd of enthusiasts at the aerodrome for an open day. XX900 in it's original RAF camouflage was towed by 17 cadets from 272 Sqn and XX894, resplendent in a new Navy colours, was towed by 12 cadets from Holbeach and 5 Sea Cadets for TS Falcon. It was a close thing, after a slow get away XX894 came from behind to win by a short nose. Pete 'Captain Flack' Thompson, one of the On-Target Aviation team said, "They didn't quite make lift off speed but the cadets were great and all of us enjoyed the day".

Air Cadets is for anyone, young people aged 13 to 17 can join and benefit from activities such as flying, adventure training, citizenship and technical training. Adults can become staff or civilian committee members, knowing that by giving a few hours a month they can help the next generation achieve so much.



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For more information about how you too can become involved in Air Cadets call Flt Lt Jeff Goodley on 07050 222600.

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Pic 1. XX894 in the Great Bruntingthorpe Buccaneer Race

Pic 2. Cadets from 272 Wisbech, 2430 Holbeach and TS Falcon (Wisbech) show off their Orange safety gloves celebration their successful tow at Bruntingthorpe.

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