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The vintage aircraft, Miss Demeanour, has recently been wheeled out of the hangar of Aviation Paint at Bournemouth Airport, sporting a new up to date livery.

This Hunter jet aircraft is a regular visitor to Bournemouth as one of the displays at the annual Air Show and she is definitely going to be a head turner at her upcoming displays in 2011. Her previous visit to Bournemouth was at the 2010 Summer Air Show, when many will recall this outstanding jet performing at low level. She is one of the few privately owned military jets still flying in the UK, under the ownership of Jonathan Whaley's Heritage Aviation Developments, based in Aylesbury.



The specialist painters at Aviation Paint operate from their purpose-built spray shop in Hangar 435 and are skilled masters of their craft. Initially she was brought in for a pre-paint inspection before colours and designs were carefully selected and agreed for the final paint scheme. All the materials and paints used conform to current CAA and MoD specifications and regulations and at every stage of the process, the finish is inspected by the in-house quality control personnel.

BACKGROUND TO 'MISS DEMEANOUR'

G-PSST was originally built for the Royal Air Force as a Mk F4, known as XF947 back in 1956. Part of the first production batch of F4s, XF947 was initially delivered to No. 5 Maintenance Unit at Kemble, in Gloucestershire, before entering active service with Number 3 (Fighter) Squadron at RAF Geilenkirchen, Germany. After a short period of time XF947 was re-allocated to 229 Operational Conversion Unit at RAF Chivenor in Devon.

When XF947's operational career with the RAF was over, she was transferred to the Fleet Air Arm at Arbroath (HMS Condor) as a Ground Instructional Airframe before being classed surplus to requirements and placed up for disposal.

XF947 was then purchased by Hawker Siddeley Aviation in 1971 as G-9-317 for conversion to a Mk 58A to form part of the contract for the Swiss Air Force. J-4104 as she was re-serialled was delivered to the Swiss Air Force on the 2nd February 1972, and then spent most of her remaining military years as a target tug carrying the Swedish MBV-2S winch, which was carried under the starboard wing.

In 1996, J-4104 took up retirement from military service for the second time, and was sold into private ownership. She was then ferried to the British Aerospace airfield at Dunsfold in Surrey, with a total of just 1659 hours used on the airframe!

In 1997 she was acquired by Jonathon Whaley's company, Heritage Aviation Developments and registered as G-PSST. She was ferried across to Hurn Airport near Bournemouth to undergo restoration by Jet Heritage.



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