

International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations



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Dr. Norbert Reithofer, Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Dr. Reithofer:

The International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations represents the interests of more than 470,000 pilots and aircraft owners in 68 countries. AOPA-Germany is one of our most active affiliates. More than 350,000 general aviation aircraft fly the world's airways for personal, flight training, rescue, aerial work and recreational purposes.

Many of these aircraft operate within Europe, connecting communities and providing efficient personal transportation for thousands. In fact, I understand that BMW uses business aircraft to good advantage for their worldwide operations.

General aviation aircraft rely on a network of small airports to provide the infrastructure required for their operations. Unfortunately, the number of airports is rapidly dwindling, especially near metropolitan areas where the value of the land upon which they are built rapidly increases in value. Without these airports the general aviation system rapidly loses value and effectiveness.

One important general aviation airfield in the Munich area is Fürstenfeldbruck. This historic facility has served the German military for decades and has for some time served general aviation users. I am sure that you are aware that this strategically located airport may soon be closed. Regardless of the reasons underlying the struggle to save this facility, there is a single solution to both European general aviation's need for a suitable airport in the Munich area and BMW's need for a driving track: merge these two objectives and have the airport and BMW coexist at Fürstenfeldbruck.

I ask you to carefully consider the impact of the loss of this valuable airport on the general aviation community, not just in Germany, but throughout Europe. The large land area which Fürstenfeldbruck comprises should easily accommodate both BMW's and general aviation's modest requirements. Doing so would provide a much needed base for personal and business aircraft operations in the Munich area. Importantly, this will provide much needed revenue for local area businesses and the general population.

We would be pleased if we could announce to our worldwide membership that BMW helped to save Fürstenfeldbruck airport. Please call if you would to discuss this important issue.

Sincerely,

Craig L. Fuller
IAOPA President

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