

Finland

Fly-In *An Icy Tradition*

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A wide-angle view of the Nummijärvi Fly-in.
Photo by Joni Öfverström

An aerial view of Nummijärvi.
Photo by Peter Tähtinen



First, a bit of geography. Finland is a Nordic country located between Sweden and Russia. The Polar Circle crosses northern Finland. There are also more than 60,000 lakes in Finland.

Nummijärvi (järvi=LAKE in Finnish) is a small lake in Western Finland (approx. location N62.17 E22.26). The nearest “real” airfield is Kauhajoki (EFKI).

The Nummijärvi Fly-in event began on Friday, March 11th and lasted until Sunday, March 13th, 2005. It was arranged by local aviation enthusiasts and advertised on the Nordic/Scandinavian aviation website www.fsnordic.net, which is the #1 website among aviators in Finland.

There were two temporary runways plowed on the ice, 18/36 and 9/27, both around 1000 meters long. Electricity was available for visiting planes staying overnight, and like in every “real” airport there were even separate taxiways and a ramp for parking.

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The oldest Arrow in Finland—A beautifully restored 1967 model.
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A Cessna 170B that stopped in for the fly-in.
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A close-up of an Arrow.
Photo by Joni Öfverström



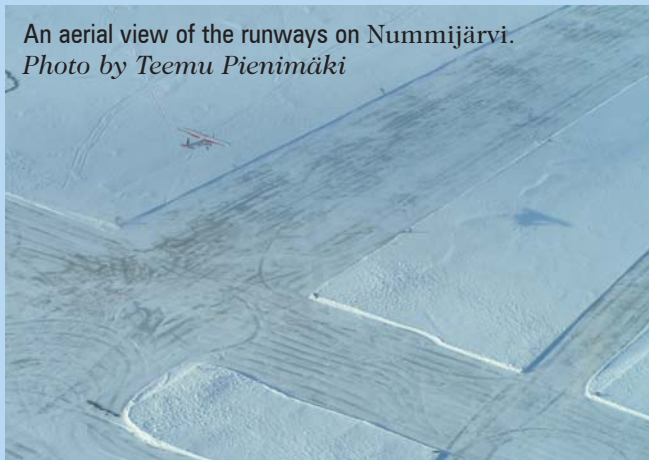
Passing nearby Kauhajoki airstrip (EFKJ).
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Landing at Kauhajoki (EFKJ).
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Some glider fun.
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An aerial view of the runways on Nummijärvi.
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A Cessna 180H.
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Experimental plane "Super Sytkys—chubby cheeks and beautiful blades"
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