



Welcome to the  
**JERSEY AERO CLUB**

## April 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to our new president!



We are honoured that His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton has accepted to become the club's president.

We hope that we will be able to welcome Sir Stephen and Lady Dalton at the club very soon.

### EGM...

Now that the extension works are nearly completed, the committee has decided to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on **THURSDAY 27th APRIL at 19:00** at the club.

We feel that it is time to update you all on the club's financial situation as well as our projects for taking the club forward.



Last month's quiz night participants enjoying the new furniture!

## News from the Flying Desk ... by James Evans

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Congratulations to Ryan Cummins (right) who went first solo on 24 March aged just 17!

Mark is off to start his commercial flight training with CTC in August, we all wish him well.



Congratulations also to Stewart Giles (left) who passed his PPL skill test on April 5th and will shortly be in possession of a shiny new licence just in time for the summer. Well done Stewart.

The annual spot landing competition was held last Sunday in almost perfect conditions, thank you to all members and pilots for your continued support of this very popular event. There were a total of 36 competitors throughout the day, and the winner with a high score of 90/100 was Paul Hancock from Guernsey in his own aircraft 2-CHEZ. Second place went to Chris Brook with 80/100 and third was Lucy Almeida with 70/100, congratulations to all!

### PPR for CAEN and GEN DEC for Cherbourg...

72 hours PPR is now required for flights in and out of Caen during the periods 06:00 utc on Fridays to 13:00 utc on Mondays. This requirement starts on the 7th April and continues through to the end of October. This is additional to the 24 hours required by Customs.

Also, available at the Ops desk are copies of the document sent to us by Cherbourg Customs who now also require 24 hours notice.

**New...** Club member Martin Hayter suggested that we have a regular feature in the newsletter:

## For sale and Wanted items

So, if you wish for anything to be advertised, please let me have the details on [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com)



1/10 share for sale in G-AVUZ PA32-300 hangared at the club. Comes with a share in a car at Dinard.

Well maintained and a well run group with a healthy engine fund.

Contact Martin Hayter on 07700770084 or [martin.hayter@sure.com](mailto:martin.hayter@sure.com)

Martin also suggested that we have a - **happy to fly/want to go** section.

So, if you are going away with some spare seats or if you are hoping to get a lift somewhere, let us know on [info@jerseyaeroclub.com](mailto:info@jerseyaeroclub.com) and we'll put it on the board at the club.

## Your story this month...Seaplanes in Seattle...by Vin Cadigan

On a trip to see my daughter (who lives in Calgary) last September, we decided to meet up just across the border in Seattle for a change with the aim of doing a short road trip down the coast on the famous Highway 101. Purely to ensure authenticity we hired a Mustang convertible for transport, which was surprisingly cheap as well as great fun.



Mustang at Canon Beach

The flight to Seattle was quite a bit cheaper than flying to Calgary or Vancouver and, on boarding the BA flight out, we were delighted to be told we'd been upgraded to Business Class, we'd never managed that before, what a result!

Once settled in our hotel on the Seattle seafront I couldn't resist the opportunity for some flying related activities while we were there and pretty soon after arriving we were on our way to see the Flying Heritage Collection Museum based at Paine field, an active airfield 1/2hr north of Seattle by car. As a confirmed WWII "Warbird Nut" I was looking forward to seeing the amazing range of British, American, Japanese and Russian aircraft on show.

We weren't disappointed as the aircraft were all in pristine condition with very informative histories of the actual aircraft on show put into the context of their particular theatres of the war.

The highlights of the display for me included two Focke Wulf FW190's, the 190A powered by the air-cooled BMW 801 engine is unique as it is claimed to be the only flyable version in existence. The second 190D powered by the Junkers Jumo 213A liquid cooled engine is the only long nosed version to have survived the war and is in very close to flying condition. The Nakajima Oscar is also a rare sight now, not least because many were destroyed when used in kamikaze attacks at the end of the war, a similar fate to the Mitsubishi Zero a lovely example of which was also on show.





Nakajima Ki-43

Hayabusa (Oscar)



During our visit we were also treated to the collections Spitfire and Mustang beating up the runway in a low level flying display for 20 minutes or so. If ever you are in that neck of the woods the museum is well worth a visit but, failing that, the Flying Heritage collection website has some superb Photo's, Histories and video flying footage.

Seattle was a great base for our holiday with lots to see and do including the Jimi Hendrix Museum (He was born there), DUKW tours of the city and Lake Union, Space Needle, Pikes Place market, Seattle Seahawks and a great blues club "Highway 55" for some evening entertainment. The seafront and city itself were brimming with great shops and restaurants, with plenty of delicious seafood on offer. Among the more unusual sights were the Seattle Cops, who ride around on mountain bikes in their shorts

After our road trip down the coast to Canon Beach and Astoria, both famous as film locations for "The Goonies" we headed inland to Portland, Oregon which was just as nice as Seattle, very friendly with lots going on including a great free open air concert on Main St where the headline act was "Pepe and the Bottle Blondes" who more than lived up to their name and star billing. The laid back atmosphere in both Seattle and Portland are among the many things that make them both great places to visit. The atmosphere may have had something to do with the fact that both the States of Washington and Oregon allow the legal sale and use of Marijuana!



Pepe and the Bottle Blondes



Untitled!

We had originally planned to visit the San Juan Islands for some Whale watching but were running out of time for a stop over trip so settled for one of the sight seeing trips instead from a wide choice of ferry trips or seaplane rides. Not surprisingly we booked a seaplane ride from Lake Union, which is just a five-minute drive from Seattle seafront and where the houseboat made famous by the film "Sleepless in Seattle" is moored.

Flights are available to a wide variety of locations, including Vancouver Island and the San Juan Islands off the coast to the north of Seattle and the operator, Kenmore Air, operates a fleet of de Havilland Otters and Beavers from the lake. We were lucky to get one of the Otters together with a seat for me in the cockpit next to the pilot.

DH-3C Cockpit



DH-3C Otter



DH-2C Beaver

The scenic tour over Puget Sound started with an exciting take off on the busy lake. There didn't seem to be a clear take off path through the yachts, dinghies, speedboats, cruisers, paddle boarders and DUKWS taking tourists on rides but, seemingly by magic, they all seemed to part at the very last moment to clear a "runway" as the Otter accelerated across the lake.





Seattle Seahawks Stadium,  
Seattle Skyline & Puget Sound

The 30 minute flight took in a wide variety of scenery including the Islands off Seattle, Puget Sound, the snowcapped 14,400ft peak of Mount Rainier, SeaTac Airport, Centenary Stadium home of the Seattle Seahawks, the skyline of Seattle and the famous 605ft Space Needle (which you can also see on the skyline behind the Otter.)

Space Needle base leg for Lake Union



The approach to land took us to within what seemed like almost touching distance of the Space needle with the revolving restaurant on the top actually above our flight path. The boats on the lake parted again allowing us an impressively smooth landing, which was followed by the pilot quickly lowering the water rudders for our taxi back to the Jetty.

It was a great end to a great holiday, leaving me dreaming about getting a Seaplane rating.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Saturday 22nd April	Helping Wings 's day for Teenager and Young Adults
Thursday 27th April	EGM
Friday 5th May	Club night & French RT
Saturday 13th May	Exhibition - Jersey airport of Yesteryear (Provisional date. Details to be confirmed)
Friday 2nd June	Club night (ideas welcome)

## Plane Spotter's Corner... from Bob Sauvary's collection

A few French visitors from years past...



F-BXGS Robin HR100-250TR

15 September 2005



Groupe Tranchant

7 September 2011

F-PLMP Heitz Zenith

2 September 2003



F-PFRG Dyn-Aero

MCR4s 2002

10 June 2006

F-GEJB Eurocopter

AS350BA Ecureuil

Summer 1997



*and finally...*

**EGM** - Remember to bring your 2017 membership card on the night.

**10% discount** - As you may be asked to show your membership card in order to get your discount at the Aviator bar and café, don't forget to renew!

**Club trips** - Summer is nearly upon us. Any ideas for club trip? Let me know.

**Flying Order Book** - Now on our website. Please ensure that you have read it and signed it if you are flying a club aircraft.

*If you have anything you would like published, please sent it to my email - [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com).*



**A bit of fun...Where is this airfield?**

Free bottle of wine to the first correct answer emailed to me at [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com)