



## **CHANNEL ISLANDS REGION**

### **NEWSLETTER JULY 2017**

#### **JULY FUEL FIGURES**

##### **ALDERNEY**

The recent problems with fuel delivery in Alderney have been resolved with both Avgas and Jet A1 available again. Avgas is now 116.00 ppl and Jet A1 88.00 ppl.

##### **GUERNSEY**

July sees a small drop in both Avgas and Jet A1 prices -

Avgas - 101.80 ppl ( 96.71 ppl with AOPA discount ) and Jet A1 - 56.30 ppl ( AOPA price 53.49 ppl )

##### **JERSEY**

There is no change to the Jersey fuel prices for July so -

Avgas - 102.50 ppl ( 97.375 ppl with AOPA discount ). Jet A1 - 58.00 ppl.



#### **AOPA UK BEST AERODROME AWARD**



***Ports of Jersey's Lee McConnell and Senior Air Traffic Controller, Les Smallwood, receiving the Best Aerodrome Award for Jersey Airport from AOPA UK Chairman, George Done, at AeroExpo.***

#### **PLYMOUTH RE-OPENING ?**

Later this year, the situation regarding the future of Plymouth Airport will be resolved. The campaign led by FlyPlymouth has, so far, been very successful. This an extract from their June news -

*News around Plymouth airport has been a little quiet over the past few months but much is going on. We hope that this newsletter will assure you that we are in good shape and looking forward to a decision later this year that we hope will bring matters to a head.*

*So the present position is that Plymouth City Council, West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council have all unanimously adopted the draft Joint Local Plan which states clearly that there is sufficient housing land available until 2034 without having to build on Plymouth Airport and that the airport should be allocated for aviation use to address the City's strategic transport requirements.*

If you wish to support the re-opening of the airport then please help this succeed by writing or emailing your support to: FlyPlymouth, Office 18, Genesis Building, 235 Union Street, Plymouth PL1 3HN, [mail@flyplymouth.com](mailto:mail@flyplymouth.com)

## **GUERNSEY AIR RALLY**

Guernsey's 45th annual air rally took place between the 9th and 11th June. This report is provided by Guernsey Aero Club's Rob Le Page -

*The Guernsey Aero Club held their 45<sup>th</sup> International Air Rally on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017, and it was a huge success.*

*55 aircraft, with 150 PAX arrived on the Friday in good weather conditions in Guernsey, but unfortunately, a few had to drop by the wayside because of poor weather conditions in the UK. Whilst the first aircraft arrived shortly after 10.00 in the morning, the marshals attended to two late arrivals at circa 20.30. On arrival, the rallyists enjoyed a marvelous buffet lunch followed by a huge selection of desserts and cheese and biscuits. Early that evening at the Aero Club there was a Vin D'Honneur when the airport director Colin Le Ray provided the rallyists with a welcome.*



*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June was a day for either exploring the island or the other islands, or joining in the activities which had been organized for the rallyists. These included a flight competition with ASG, an aviation quiz, car treasure hunt, a morning coastal walk at Pleinmont Point and then in the afternoon a medieval St Peter Port walk. In addition, and last but not least, was the ever-popular flying navigational competition to France and back, with maximum numbers taking part. That evening was the Hangar Extravaganza, held in the hangar adjacent to the Aero Club, with the presentation of the Awards and Trophies, the prize draw, and then there was dancing until very late with disco sounds of Island FM's own Josh Gabriel.*

*The following morning, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June was departure day. The morning dawned with quite thick fog early on and departures didn't really start until late morning. The departures, however, went well with not too many delays.*

*The weekend was a huge success and with a large percentage of the rallyists being very complementary and vowing to come back again next year.*

*Plans are already in the pipeline for the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Air Rally to be held around mid-June 2018.*

## **EASA AWARDS JERSEY ANSP STATUS**

Following a range of intensive safety, quality and training audits, Jersey's Air Traffic Services have achieved certification of



its services as an Air Navigation Services Provider (ANSP) by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Jersey is the first airport directly certified by EASA allowing Ports of Jersey to offer its services elsewhere in Europe.

On behalf of Ports of Jersey, Airport Director, Stephen Driscoll, says, "This is a significant achievement for Ports of Jersey and is testament to the capabilities of our Air Traffic Services team that we meet the strict aviation standards needed to operate safely. A great deal of work is required to achieve this certification, including essential regulatory approval of various processes, equipment, training and manuals, etc. As a result of this certification we are now actively pursuing new opportunities with other European jurisdictions to utilise our services and technical capabilities".

## POOLEYS DISCOUNT FOR AOPA MEMBERS



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## 25TH ALDERNEY FLY-IN

Despite the fog, 22 aircraft made it to this year's fly-in held between the 23rd and 25th June. Unfortunately another 30 aircraft were expected but couldn't make it. This year's winners were -

Classic: G-ARXT – Jodell 1055: Steve Moody

Modern: G-CCZT – Vans RV9A: Jon Roberts

Homebuilt: G-OCRZ – Sport Cruiser: Richard Hopkins

External Colours: G-BRPK – Cherokee: Simon Cassia

Spirit of the Fly-In: G-JAMZ: Sophie Cuthbertson, Age 10

Special Award: Marc Naylor



Junior Pilot: G-OSFS: Danny Collingham

Senior Pilot: G-ETIV: Charles Prior

Longest Distance: HB-DGI: Marcel Geering

## IAOPA EUROPE NEWS

The July IAOPA news is available at – <http://www.iaopa.eu/contentServlet/iaopa-europe-enews-july-2017>

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**Richard Hawkin**



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