



Welcome to the  
**JERSEY AERO CLUB**

## August 2017 Newsletter

Congratulations...



*...to Sarah and Simon for tying the knot recently.*

*wishing you both many happy years together.*

Many of you will know Simon who has been a club instructor for the past seven years. Sarah has caught the bug too and is now leaning to fly.

### News from the flying desk...by James Evans

Congratulations to our 2 new PPLs - **Yann Le Tallec and Camilla Nielsen**  
They both completed their licences successfully last month.

## News from AOPA...from Richard Hawkin



### SERA IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

AIRAC date 17 August sees the following comments made in the UK AIP -

*VFR clearance to operate within the Jersey ATZ will not be granted to aircraft if the reported visibility is less than 5 km or the reported cloud ceiling is less than 1500 ft in accordance with Standardised European Rules of the Air SERA.5001.*

*Pilots must note that the Channel Island Director of Civil Aviation has not adopted the SERA derogations issued by the United Kingdom, and therefore they do not apply in Channel Island Airspace.*

*The Channel Island Director of Civil Aviation has approved the issue of Special VFR clearances at night.*

The rules regarding SVFR weather limits also change -

*Special VFR clearance to operate within the Jersey ATZ will not be granted to a fixed wing aircraft if the reported visibility is less than 1500 m or the reported cloud ceiling is less than 600 ft.*

### Social News...

Great atmosphere recently at the club when Rebekah and Michael Porter celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and Michael's 50th birthday



## Your story this month... Don't forget to cover your static vents by Willy Weber

Picture the idyllic long weekend. Autumn in the Perigord for the walnut harvest and festival. A thoroughbred, classic aeroplane with several half-sets of clubs in the boot. A good time was had by all.

**Town of Perigueux (right) and Perigueux airfield (below)**



Time to head home on the Sunday evening. The aeroplane had been parked since Friday out in the open. Thorough pre-flight inspection, then climb up the stairs to chat up the Air Traffic Controller, who is not usually present on a Sunday but has come in specially, just to 'see us off'.

The landing / parking fee for the three days will be €15.00. However, if we promise to carry out 'un passage' (beat up the airfield) after departure this will be waived. How could we refuse?

Wind calm. +30C. Airfield elevation 328 feet. R/W 30 in use. Terrain to the west rises gently. A request to use R/W 12 was politely refused. Something to do with noise. 'Le Consul-General - il habite en bas'. Sacred bleu.



Off we blasted on runway 30, our four Gipsy Queens at full power. Airspeed seemed reluctant to build but I put that down to the heat and slight tailwind. However, it stuck rigidly at 70 knots and that was it.

With the end of the runway looming up I made a 'seat of the pants' decision to rotate into a climbing attitude. Airborne - and climbing, albeit very slowly. Wheels up. Looking forward, I noticed that the terrain was behaving in a most unfriendly way - climbing up with us.

I found myself in a staring match with a couple of large Charolais bulls. They stood their ground remarkably well - must be quite used to this. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed that my co-pilot was becoming a little agitated. He was tapping his airspeed indicator and mumbling something about the flap limiting speed. It suddenly dawned on me that my ASI was speaking with forked tongue (I'm quick that way!) The reality was that we were doing 130 knots and still accelerating.

Flaps up, turning left downwind we try to assess the situation. The aeroplane seemed to be behaving normally, so what are our options? We decided we could live with the situation. The ATC man suddenly chirped up, reminding us about our promise - how could we refuse?

The beat-up was one of my better ones - lots of friendly waves from the little Aero-Club. Then a hand-over to Aquitaine Control with a request to come back and visit again soon.





Aquitaine called us before we had a chance to call them:

“Duchess 2, what are you doing up at 36,000 feet?”

“Nothing. Perhaps we should turn our transponder off?”.

“Oui - Bon idea”.

After parking the aeroplane back home in Jersey, we blew into the static system with a proverbial bicycle pump. A large, plump French animal of some kind emerged blinking into the sunlight, went ‘plop’ onto the grass and disappeared before we could identify it. Lesson learned all round.

Happy flying.

**For sale and wanted items...** If you have anything for sale which you would like To be advertised, please let me have the details on [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com)



**Happy 70th Birthday PW!**  
**Shares available in a real aircraft.**  
**Contact Alan Gay for details on 07797 717468**

**Happy to fly/want to go...** Going away with some spare seats ? 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.

## News from your local flying charity...



On Wednesday 2nd August, Helping Wings presented its 2017 Flying scholarship awards at the club in the presence of His Excellency Sir Stephen Dalton, our Patron, Lady Dalton and Myra Shacklady of Ports of Jersey.

Over 50 people attended the evening and Sir Stephen presented the lucky winners with their certificates.



Cody Crocker was awarded the scholarship sponsored by Ports of Jersey



Stephen Cerioli was awarded the scholarship sponsored by Chakotay Wood and the Islanders of Jersey



Jack Brown was awarded the scholarship for the lower limb disabled sponsored by The Sir James Knott Trust

Emma Le Seilleur, Shauna Lois and Charlotte Volante were awarded 5 hours of flying training each whilst Val Gavey and Pierre Brochure both received an hour's flight experience

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Wednesday 9th August

SERA presentation with Jersey ATC - 19:00

Saturday 26th August

Lunchtime BBQ Cherbourg

Friday 1st September

Club night (bar open till 22:00)

To come...Wine tasting evening and...Christmas Fayre (DATES TBA)

**Postponed till September**

Exhibition - Jersey Airport of Yesteryear

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

Some July visitors.



25-AFJ F-JBRG Phoenix Air U-15

04 July 2017

D-EXYC Diamond DA20C-1 Katana

13 July 2017







**D-EQDK Breezer Aircraft Breezer B600**

**04 July 2017**

**G-CEKT Flight Design CTSW**

**17 July 2017**



**OY-IPA Van's RV-6A**

**14 July 2017**

**PH-DHA Aquila AT-01**

**18 July 2017**





## This month's mystery airfield....?



July's airfield...too easy of course...Lugano-Agno. Congratulations to Alan Heard, Jean-Marie Mognetti and Martin Hayter who sent the correct answer. See who will get this one first!

### *and finally...*

Of interest to those of you who may be thinking of taking your car to France. This was sent to me by club member Steve Cummins.

The text below is from the [rac.co.uk](http://rac.co.uk) website. Worth having a look.

*"France has introduced 'clean air' windscreen stickers, as a legal requirement in some of its major cities, to identify a vehicle's emissions levels.*

*British drivers heading to the France capital are advised by the RAC that driving without a France 'clean air' sticker, called a Crit'Air vignette – which costs as little as £3.20 – makes them culpable for an on-the-spot fine of up to £117"*

We've got ours now!

Next month's story is by Mike Le Galle about the Trislander. Do you have a story you want to share? if so, send it to me as well as anything else you'd like published to my usual email - [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com).

*Hope to see you at the club.*

**Eveline**