



Welcome to the
JERSEY AERO CLUB

JANUARY 2015 MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

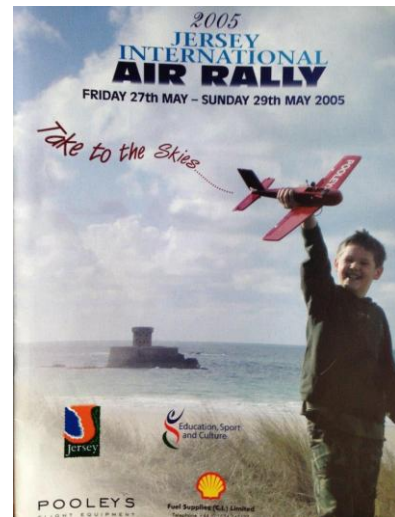
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

This month, we welcome 2 new members – Robert Mallett and Luc Dams. I hope that they will both enjoy being part of our busy club and join in our diverse activities.

A MESSAGE FROM CAROLINE AND JAMES.....

“ Caroline and James wish to sincerely thank the many members for their support and kindness received since Olly’s accident in October. Olly has been a part of the Aero Club family since 1997 and even featured on the Air rally brochure in 2005.

Olly’s condition remains serious but is being kept comfortable in hospital with family and friends at his side”



NEWS FROM THE FLYING DESK.....from James Evans.

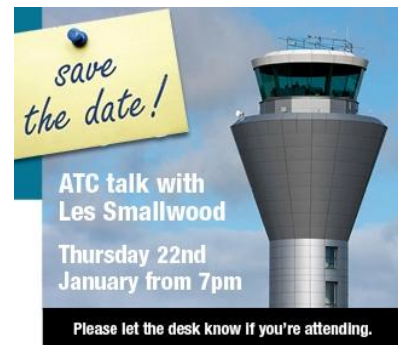


Many congratulations to Sarah Mallet who successfully completed her PPL skills test on 30 December. Sarah managed to make good use of the only 2 good weather days in December to pull off an excellent pass just before the end of the year!

STILL CONFUSED ABOUT CLASS D AIRSPACE.....?

If so, join us on Thursday 22nd January at 19:00 at the aero club when Les Smallwood and Richard Price will be talking about how the change to class D airspace has affected pilots and how they can use it effectively, along with the proposed changes to the radio failure procedures.

After the break, when a free buffet will be served, the second part of the evening will be an open forum dealing with questions from the floor. Pilots are free to submit any questions to the flying dept in advance and they will be dealt with.



AOPA.....UK's chief executive to visit Channel Islands.

Martin Robinson, AOPA UK's Chief Executive and Regional Vice-President of IAOPA Europe, will visit the Channel Islands on Thursday 22nd and Friday, 23rd January 2015. His visit will coincide with the presentation by Les Smallwood and his team from Jersey ATC which will take place on the Thursday evening at the Jersey Aero Club starting at 7pm.



Martin will be based in Jersey for the duration of his visit, arriving on Thursday morning and departing later on Friday. He will meet the DCA for the Channel Islands, Gus Paterson, but will primarily be available to meet AOPA members and prospective members. It is hoped that Guernsey and Alderney members will fly over to Jersey to meet him. There will be no agenda. Talk about any flying matter which concerns you, or simply come to say "hi".

As most of you will know, Martin represents AOPA UK and European members at high level meetings, any time there is a matter affecting GA pilots. Thanks to his efforts, many over the top regulations have been stopped in their tracks or, at least, modified into more a pragmatic form.

SOCIAL

December proved to be a very busy month....It started with a wine tasting evening hosted by Flo Aranda of Randalls. It was a fun evening enjoyed by many who were able to sample a selection of wines and champagne. This was followed by an excellent Boeuf Bourguignon prepared by Tracy.



Two overseas members, Jean-Pierre Quoniam and Luc Dams from the Granville Aero Club flew in specially for the night!



Then came the annual Christmas trip to Dinan organised by James Evans. 44 pilots, bikers (Mike and June Rosser!) and friends joined in for what proved to be yet another fantastic week end.

We were lucky to have great flying weather and to be able to enjoy walking

around the old town and sampling the Christmas spirit....in more ways than one in some cases!



We were delighted to be joined by some club members from Guernsey and Wellesbourne



However, those who could not joined us were not left out as Tracy had organised for Father Christmas to visit the club that week end!



And of course, December finished with the planned New Year's Eve party which, by the sound of it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended!

YOUR STORY.....this month.... *Confessions of a Rookie Second Officer..... by Willy Weber*



Having recently started his third job in the airline industry, there follows a slight incident which nearly led to him looking for a fourth. Read on...

T'was in the year of '65. A domestic scheduled service, Tempelhof (EDBB) to Bremen (EDDW). It involved a low-level, 45 minute dash through the notorious central corridor where comrade Nikita's fully armed Migs were making regular and somewhat dangerous nuisances of themselves.

The ship that foggy morning was a delightful 4-engined, RR Dart powered Viscount 802 c/n 151, on the British register as G-AOJB, known affectionately as 'Jingle Bells'. This elegant lady was configured in the standard 'German Internal' layout of 66 cattle-class seats, two toilets and a huge galley. The captain was Brian (not his real name) – a quiet, pipe smoking gentleman of the old school and a pleasure to fly with. My turn to drive.



Being early on a Sunday morning we had very few guests (about 5 from memory) so could (and did) tank up with plenty of Germany's finest Jet A1. The aforementioned German fog was slower to clear than forecast, so, having cleared the corridor we stooged up and down the river looking for EDDW. We found it eventually after a couple of non-precision stabs, landing on R/W 09 into the murky bright morning sun.

As often happens after a non-precision approach(that's my story and I'm sticking to it!) we were visual at the last moment and not quite lined up. This led to a 'fish-tail' sort of landing with full flap and a little bit of drift on.

B-BANG – two Dunlops on the left side had gone to meet their maker. Oh deary deary me (expletives modified).

There we are – a single runway airfield firmly blocked by 20 tonnes of Vickers' finest. We were soon surrounded by vehicles of all shapes, sizes and colours. Pork pies and synagogues spring to mind – KLM, Lufthansa and Air France who were following us scattered in various directions. Brian (nhrn) descended into fits of the giggles.

After our two delightful German flight attendants had picked him off the floor, he, they and the five guests were bussed away to the terminal by the airport manager, leaving me and a Lufthansa

engineer to attempt a double wheel-change. It took us ages – the hydraulic jack kept sinking into the soft tarmac – expletives deleted.

Just as we finished and were hooking up a borrowed tractor to the nose-wheel, Captain Brian (nhnrn), the two frauleins and the Lufthansa station manager arrived perched on a huge fire engine. They were carrying a big silver tray with biscuits, a bone china pot of hot chocolate and some dainty little cups and saucers. I remember thinking ‘what a civilised outfit I am about to be fired from’. Oh deary, deary me.

Next month.....*your story may be?*

SKYDIVE JERSEY...*Skydive Jersey Awards Night.....by Nigel O'Brien*



Johnny Kelly over St Aubins

The last two months of the year provided us a couple of crispy days for some sky time to remind us why we love it so much, sucking in the views on our scenic ride to altitude before the escape to freedom at the top.

The annual awards night was hosted at the Skydive club's home in the Jersey Aero Club bar. Mally was on top form MC'ing for the night to celebrate the high times from 2014, watch a few videos and tell some tall tales of heroics and buffoonery.

So on to the awards for the year, the four students on our first static line course had their achievements recognised with their jump certificates, congratulations again Brian, Jean Luc, Jason and Laurent. Shayne Lightfoot picked up the award and shield for the most progressed skydiver at the club in 2014, cracking his AFF and racking up the jump numbers, his eagerness and improvement made him a worthy winner. Brian Heath stepped up again, this time for services behind the controls of the trusty Cessna, so we salute you Brian for your flying this year and well done on the Prix d'Aviation award.

I created the potato head award last year to recognise a moment when someone has done something a bit special, usually as the result of a brain fart. As Mally received the award last year, it was his turn this year to present it to someone who'd given us a giggle at their expense. The chief flying instructor for the Aero club often kindly chauffeurs us to jump altitude, as you can imagine he's flown a few hours at the airport which has one runway. Rolling along the taxiway one day, we came to a halt, shortly followed by a swift U-turn, and a hasty taxi to the correct end of the runway for departure. Luckily for James the control tower didn't let him go too far without notifying him of the embarrassing mistake, but unfortunately for James, Mally was on board and delighted in giving him a good ribbing for the rest of the year. So watch out this year, James will be looking for a deserving recipient in '15.

Onto the big award of the night 'Club Member of the year 2014' and this year it was presented to Johnny Kelly, a long-time jumping member and regular volunteer keeping the club in the sky and allowing us all to enjoy the privilege of parachuting onto our own sand! So congratulations from everyone at the club for the award, kudos!



Johnny Kelly & Mal Richardson

Happy new year to all and let's make 2015 a big year for fun and achievements!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| ATC talk | - Thursday 22 nd January with Les Smallwood (free buffet) |
| Club night | - Friday 6 th February – How to build your own plane by David Brown |
| MAF talk | - Thursday 26 th February with Brian Pill of Mission Aviation Fellowship |

AND FINALLY....

On behalf of the membership, I would like to send my sincere condolences to Simonne Amy's family. Simonne who very sadly passed away on December 18th, only 14th months after her husband Graeme. Simmone and Graeme had been club members for a many years.

With all my very best wishes to you all for this coming year.

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