



# February 2017 Newsletter

Traditionally people can't seem to wait to see the back of January, but this year the prolonged cold and clear weather towards the end of the month was fantastic for flying! Even though it's the season for annual maintenance checks, the planes have been very busy. What a contrast to earlier in the month when we had some very windy days, one with gusts up to 65 knots that appeared unannounced. Only one aircraft was damaged (now back on line) and thank you to Graham from engineering and the fire service for their help turning all the aircraft on the grass parking area into wind to prevent further damage.



G-OFCM attempts pilotless flight!

The annual spot landing competition is booked for Sunday 5 March, following the usual format of 2 attempts per competitor, please see the website or Facebook for details or give us a call to book your slot. Better still, come up and see us in the new flying room, we moved into our new office 2 weeks ago and have got (nearly) everything the way it should be.

## Other flying news of interest...

**RE-FUELLING STOP...** When Skydive Jersey are not actually conducting parachuting activities, the grass area directly in front of the club is now available to all aircraft on a short stay basis for refuelling and off-loading passengers.

It is not for permanent parking.

Pilot should exercise caution when manoeuvring in this area due to soft ground.

**CHERBOURG...**There has been a lot of emails flying around as well as some Facebook comments but as no one seemed certain of the facts, I've contacted the Customs department in Cherbourg and their reply is as follows :

"As from February 1st, all non-Schengen flights (outside the Schengen area) must request customs 24 hours prior to their arrival and/or departure from Cherbourg-Maupertus airport."

This has to be done via email at <u>bse-cherbourg@douane.finances.gouv.fr</u>. For cancellations or delays you can also call on 00 33 9 70 27 44 90.

**PET TRAVEL SCHEME**...Again, some confusion here, so, if you intend to help someone but bringing their pets to Jersey, you can check the relevant information on <u>www.gov.je/PetTravel</u>. For all the other Channel Islands, you will find the information on <u>www.gov.gg/PetTravel</u>.

#### For sale ...

PA-32-300 Cherokee Six group aircraft

One quarter share of G-OSCC

A six seater aircraft powered by a fuel injected 300hp Lycoming engine with a constant speed propeller.

Engine fund

Accommodated in the Jersey Aero Club hangar

Contact Robert Newman by e-mail initially

robertnnewman@gmail.com



### Social News...January quiz...

Thanks to Mike Illien and Victoria for organising such an interesting quiz. Only 3 teams entered but the atmosphere certainly made up for it and it was a real fun evening!

The next quiz is planned for Friday 3rd March when I hope we will see many more members!



Quiz night...! Although Gary Phillips and his family are missing from the picture, we definitely could do with a few more people!

#### Reminder -

Gus Patterson, DCA director for the C.I will be with us on Thursday 16th February.

He will outline the office of the DCA, how it works, what they do and...what they don't do.

The talk will last about half an hour but Gus is happy to stay as long as we like answering questions and discussing issues.

### Aviator Bar and Café...

Regular visitors to the club will have witnessed the progress with the extension - now very nearly complete.

We are hoping that the new furniture will be with us within a few days and that comfortable armchairs and Chesterfields will encourage members to come and spend a bit of time at the club, whether reading their papers, have a chat over a cup of coffee or of course, do some flight planning!

We are pleased to announce that the Aviator Bar and Café is back in business. We are offering limited choice of ready prepared meals, sandwiches and wraps.

This is on a trial basis and we really would like your opinion on the choice of dishes. We will be changing them on a regular basis so that it does not become too monotonous!



Also on offer are Fatima's delicious

### Your story...from PPL at the Jersey Aero Club...by Anders Leth Lee

On April 28th 2013 I started on my PPL at your club, and finished in about 3 weeks with Bob Powell as my instructor. You guys were helpful and friendly, and made it a fantastic experience!



(above) Anders training with Bob Powell



(left) Anders own words "I am never lost... only slightly misplaced!

When I returned to Denmark, I tried to join the Royal Danish Air force, but danish military spending was on a decline, so they didn't accept new candidates. Determined to make a career out of flying, I started my ATPL theory at Billund Air Center, and after 2 years had my CPL.

Now the job hunt commenced! Lots of applications were sent, and very few were given an answer. I got a share in a Piper warrior in Sindal, so I could do some flying on my own. In June I got in contact with a guy who does banner towing and photo flights. So from July till mid August I towed banners for a local amusement park. Great fun but also a bit scary, since it was flight at low speed, low altitude and with a terrible performance due to the banner.



Mid November I get a call from a friend, who wants to know if I would be interested in an ATR 42/72 type-rating followed by a job in Vanuatu. I said I might have the time for just that, and December 14, I started on the simulator, and on the 6th of January I passed my skill test. Today I flew my base training, and so 3 and a half years after passing my skill test with James Evans, I am now shortly on my way to the other side of the globe.

Happy landings to you all, and hopefully I just might land at Jersey again some day



#### (left) from skills test with CFI James Evans

#### to ATPL







enabling the disadvantaged and the disabled of all ages to share the exhilaration and fulfilment of flying

We are already planning our 2017 events. Starting on Thursday 9th March when we will be doing a presentation at the club for Jersey Charities and our partners. On Saturday 22nd April, we have our day for Young Adults followed, hopefully by a mini HW day for Les Amis residents in June. Our traditional day for Young Children will be taking place on Saturday 7th October.

We are also hoping to have a joint event with Wetwheels sometimes during the summer.

We are presently working on the application forms for our events as well as for the two scholarships we are offering - the flying scholarship sponsored by Ports of Jersey for the disabled and disadvantaged and the flying scholarship for the Lower limb Disabled sponsored by the Sir James Knott Trust.

If you wish to be involved either flying or helping on our event days, please contact us on <u>hello@helpingwingsjersey.org</u>

HW day...Vin Cadigan with two happy young pilots, Luc and Kenan





Our 2015 flying scholarship winner Chakotay Wood is doing a Skydive this coming April to raise fund for Helping Wings. Sponsorship form on our board at the club for anyone wishing to support our cause.

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

Austers and variants at LAA Rally 2016 at Sywell on 2/3 September 2016





G-AKSY TJ534 Auster 5 - 2/09/16

G-ALBK Auster 5 - 3/09/16



G-ARKG Auster J5G Autocar - 3/09/16



G-ASNC Beagle D5-180 Husky - 2/09/16



G-BVGT Crofton Auster J1A - 2/09/16

G-BURR WZ706 Auster AOP 9 - 2/09/16

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Thursday 16th February - 19:00 - Talk by C.I Director of Civil Aviation ,Gus Patterson.
Friday 3rd March - Club night - Quiz
Sunday 5th March - Spot Landing Competition
Friday 7th April - Wine Tasting with Flo Aranda / Randalls
Saturday 22nd April - Helping Wings day for Young Adults
Saturday 7th October - Helping Wings day for Young Children

**Reminder** - 1st Friday of every month is club night. The bar hours are extended to 22:00 (last order 21:45)

#### and finally...

I am always looking for flying stories and other stories of interest to the members. So, please let me have anything you want to publish by email at <u>evelinehawkin@gmail.com</u> sending pictures separately if possible. Thank you.

See you at the club,

Eveline