



Welcome to the
JERSEY AERO CLUB

May 2017 Newsletter

Message from our Chairman - Jim Buckley

After Chris Brook's excellent presentation at the EGM, I thought it timely to try and bring you up to date with our efforts to try and stem the financial haemorrhage that the Club has been suffering from for some time.

In the past there has been a similar serious financial crisis and unfortunately the problem was then resolved by selling most of the fleet of aircraft. This time there is no fleet to sell and our two old PA28's soldier on.

Therefore we must try and rent out at the appropriate commercial rent on a long term basis any spare space we have and that is primarily the ground floor of our building. One of the problems we are facing is an absolute prohibition in our lease with the Ports of Jersey to issue an Occupancy Licence to anyone but we are working with the Ports to obtain written consent to try and overcome this.

However the Ports have some very exciting plans for future development and commercial business opportunities and they are very keen to include us as much as possible because they want to see our Club thrive and enjoy a good stable future. We have two prospective tenants: The Jersey Jet Centre and the Jersey Meteorological Office.

The Directors of Jersey Jet are probably some of the most well established and immensely experienced operators in Europe, who will not only help provide financial stability to the Club but are only too eager to work with us and give us sound aviation advice on all aspects of aircraft operations. Two more helpful and nicer guys you have yet to meet!

The Jersey Meteorological Office will be of enormous benefit to local pilots but more particularly to visiting Pilots especially those with a long sea crossing ahead of them back to England.

I appreciate that there are many wondrous electronic methods of obtaining Met data but what better than a face to face briefing from a professional Forecaster.

Our geographical position can be tricky for forecasting because a change in wind direction even by a few degrees can alter the whole Met situation and anticipation of this is vital for the safe conduct of any flight. Coupled with good Radar coverage, some of the best air Traffic Controllers in the world [I am not biased] and a good Met briefing, there is not a better

In the future John Searson, the Senior Forecaster may be persuaded to give our members lectures on the vagaries of local weather conditions. We have not been in a position to let members know of these developments before as they were only suggestions with many obstacles to overcome but I am pleased to say they now show signs of gradual fruition. They will offer long term

The Security of Jersey Airport must never be compromised and to this strict objective our security arrangements have to be reviewed and a formal security plan put in place to withstand the official scrutiny of the Department of Transport Aviation Inspectorate.

Lois and David Jandron are working on this at the moment and it is almost ready for the dreaded inspection!

Lastly, please use your Club more, even if it is only for a cup of coffee. Eveline and Sandra try so hard to provide monthly Club nights and despite the fact they could be better attended, they carry on undaunted in the hope numbers will increase. I am thinking of holding more EGM's just to see old friends that I have not seen for ages! We are moving forward very, very cautiously with catering because it has traditionally suffered such horrendous losses despite the good and honest efforts of previous committees.

Hope to see you at your Club in the future,

News from the Flying Desk ... by James Evans

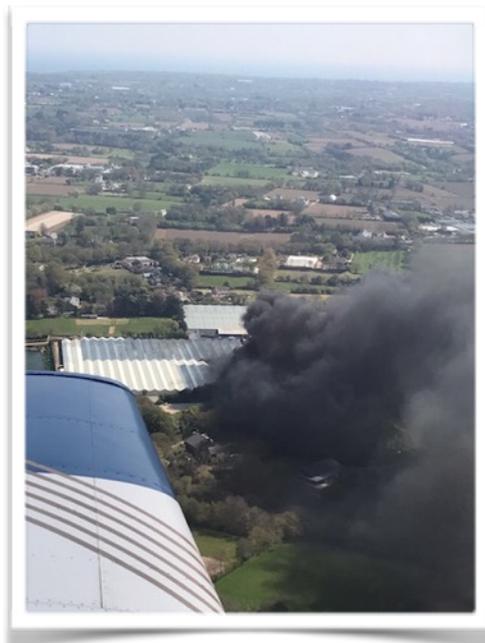
April has been a fantastic month for flying, the weather allowed us to fly lots of hours, let's hope it's a sign of a great summer to come!

Congratulations to Kobi Le Cornu, who not only went first solo, but did on the very morning of his 16th birthday on the 18th of April. That is the absolute earliest anyone can fly solo and has been an ambition for Kobi since he started flight training with us.



A date for the diary, on the evening of Friday 16th of June we will be holding a pilots BBQ/awards evening (hopefully) outside in the garden at the Aero Club, everyone will be most welcome and more details will follow.

The two pictures below were taken by one of James's student Mick Halsted, (don't worry, James was flying the plane!) of the fire at Tamba Park on 19th April.





Other flying news...from Richard Hawkin

PPR FOR CAEN

Last month, I reported the new requirement for 72 hours PPR, Fridays through to Mondays at Caen, due to lack of parking space. AOPA CI challenged this saying making the case for 24 hours PPR to align with the recently introduced customs/immigration requirements. I'm pleased to say that the Aéroport de Caen listened, and with the participation of the Maison de Normandie, has reduced the PPR to 24 hours.

The latest NOTAM is slightly at odds with the correspondence received from the airport's director -

- "on Mondays and Fridays between 12.00 and 14.00 and from 17.00 to 19.00
- on Saturdays and Sundays between 9.30 and 11.30
Any times before and after those time slots are good. "

The NOTAM says -

Q) LFRR/QFAAP/IV/NBO/A/000/999/4910N00027W005
B) FROM: 17/04/28 00:00C) TO: 17/10/30 23:59
E) ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WITH PPR 24HR TO AD MANAGER
BY MAIL : AEROTRAFIC(A)CAEN.CCI.FR
EXCEPT FOR HOME BASED ACFT AND MEDICAL FLIGHTS
SCHEDULE: FRI SAT SUN H24

Regardless, you will need to give 24 hours notice for customs and immigration anyway and both requests are done to the same e-mail address, as in the NOTAM.

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

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



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 and we'll put it on the board at the club.

Your story this month...DH83 'FOX-MOTH' G-ACEB...by Willy Weber

The two monochrome pictures were taken on 24th May 1934 at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, UK. The first one shows three members of the Southend Flying Club, all wearing smart, fashionable hats. In the middle, leaning against the lower wing, is my grandfather Gustavus Ernest Weber. He was the Club President that year.

G-ACEB with Ernest Weber, Club president that year



History does not record which of these intrepid aviators was hanging on to the stick when disaster struck later that day. No-one was seriously injured and the aeroplane was repairable.

The Fox-Moth is powered by an air-cooled, 130HP, inverted four-cylinder de Havilland Gipsy Major. It is unusual in that the four passengers sit comfortably in the cabin while the driver sits outside in the cold. It first flew in January 1932 and 154 of them were built in the UK, Canada and Australia. Only a handful of them survive but several restoration projects are under way.



G-ACEB...oh dear!

In 1934 G-ACEB was registered to Southend Flying Services Limited (Southend Flying Club). The following year she changed ownership and emigrated to Australia, where she took the registration VH-USJ and worked for the Aerial Medical Service (Flying Doctor).

The poor lady sustained substantial damage in a hangar collapse in January 1939 and crashed on take-off at Port Hedland, WA in April 1942. After a few more mishaps she retired in 1960. As of 2003 she has been painstakingly restored and her home is now at Perth (Jandacot) WA.

The colour photo was taken at a 'tail-draggers fly-in' at Langley Park, on the site of Perth's first aerodrome, now long closed.

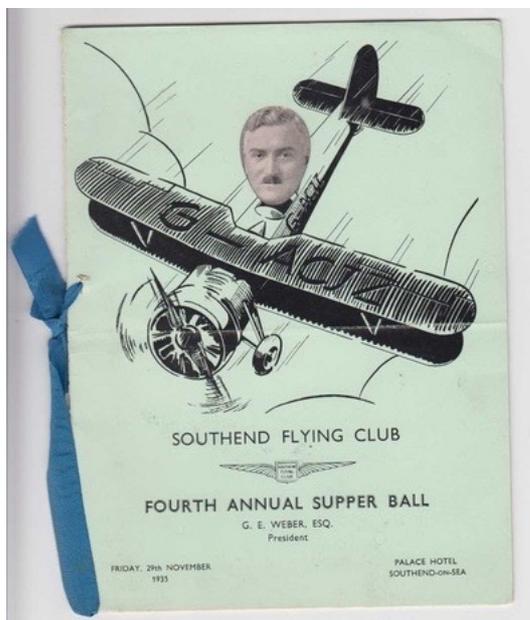
VH-USJ



Imagine my surprise to be contacted (through the DH Moth Club) a few years ago by the new owner, as my family name appeared in the old log-books. I was offered the chance to acquire her for a very sensible price.

I was sorely tempted but having just had my pilot's licence cancelled for medical reasons, I declined. With hindsight, this was probably a mistake - she would have been an asset to the club and I can think of several experienced members who would be delighted to ferry me around in her!

A question for the next club quiz evening - does the DH 83 have folding wings?



Southern Flying Club

29/11/1935

Social news...

Last month's wine tasting club night was a real success and very well attended by members and their guests.

Grand MERCI à Flo Aranda from Randalls who was the perfect host sharing his knowledge of good wines with us all.

Many thanks also to Sandra Carroll who slaved in the kitchen and with the help of Maura Wakeham served us a great Spaghetti Bolognese

Thank you to all who attended!



oh, by the way....someone ordered 11 bottles of wine on the night and still has not collected them. Unfortunately, that person, Tony Sangan, we think, did not leave a contact number!

So, if anyone knows him, we would be grateful if he could be contacted!

Thank you.

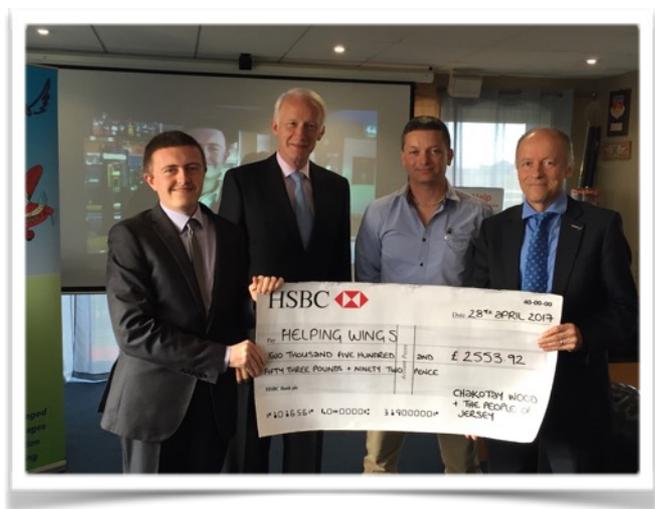
News from Helping Wings...

April was a very busy month for HW. We started with our day for teenagers and young adults on the 22nd. We were very lucky that the weather was perfect and we were able to complete 26 flights taking just under 80 passengers!

So, yet again, all our thanks to our volunteer pilots, all our helpers and sponsors not to forget Air Traffic Control who had a stream of visitors throughout the day!



Then on Easter Sunday, Chakotay Wood did a skydive to raise money for HW. Although he was all smiles on landing, I am not too sure that he is that keen to do it again!



On Friday the 28th, Chakotay presented HW with a cheque for over £2500! Quite amazing.

The money raised will be used towards a flying scholarship from Chakotay and the people of Jersey.

Chakotay's evening was made even more special when our patron, H.E. Sir Stephen and Lady Dalton made a surprise visit to the club.

Helping Wings has had two children's life jackets donated. They have just been fully serviced by South Pier Marine and are available on loan to any local pilot, provided they are returned after each trip.

There's no charge but, of course, any donation to Helping Wings, would be gratefully received. If you would like to borrow one or both, contact the flying desk and leave any donation in one of the Helping Wings boxes.

REMINDER - If you know of anyone who might benefit from a flying scholarship, we've kept the applications open until May 31st.

£2000 sponsored by Ports of Jersey for the disabled and disadvantaged (min 15yrs)

£5000 sponsored by the Sir James Knott Trust for the lower limb disabled using the hand control

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Now postponed to August

Exhibition - Jersey airport of Yesteryear

Friday 2nd June

Club night (ideas welcome)

Friday 16th of June

Pilots BBQ/flying awards evening (more details to follow)

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

Some of April's more interesting visitors.



2802-SK Eurocopter EC725R-2

6 April 2017

ZD982 Boeing CH47 Chinook HC4

5 April 2017



87 Embraer 121 Zingou

11 April 2017

G-MUTZ Avtech Jabiru J430

13 April 2017.



G-GRIN Van's RV-6

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M-ONTE Piaggio P180 Avanti

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N182K Cessna 182Q Skylane

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This month's airfield....?

Your answer to ...evelinehawkin@gmail.com



Well done to Jean-Marie Magnetti for correctly guessing last month's mystery airfield. The answer was Itxassou (LFIX).

Itxassou is a restricted use grass airfield, principally used for gliding. It is situated on top of a hill, Mont Urzumu, at an altitude of just over 600 feet, in an idyllic location in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

You might not be able to fly there but, if you're travelling in that area, stop in the small town of Itxassou, pick up provisions, then drive up the hill to enjoy a picnic and the views from the airfield.

and finally...

If you have anything you would like published, including the answer to the picture above, please sent it to my email - evelinehawkin@gmail.com.

Eveline