



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

February 2022 members newsletter

Date for your diary

AGM – Wednesday 17th March 2022

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th March to comply with the financial year end moving to December.

One month before the AGM:

- The Preliminary Notice of the AGM will be displayed on the Club notice board
- An email will be sent to members notifying them of the AGM

Three weeks before the AGM:

- The Notice inviting nominees for election to the committee will be displayed on the Club notice board
- A Notice detailing any proposed subscription will be displayed on the Club notice board
- Members proposition for the agenda must be delivered to the secretary

One week before the AGM:

- The AGM agenda will be available
- The Notice of committee nominees will be closed and removed from the notice board

News and Observations from the Chair ... by Nigel Hall January 30th 2022

Your Committee remains proactive with a number of ongoing projects in and around the Club some of which will be covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

After many months, on the 18th January 2022 the JAC signed a draft GA Handling Agreement with Ports of Jersey. The final version of the GA Handling Agreement will be used as a template for our agreement with Synergy, our GA Handling agent.

The Covid Lab remains in the car park for another three months.

Your Committee is looking at securing the car park as part of required greater security for the whole demise.

Your Committee will be conducting a review of the Membership data base to ensure that the correct amount of information is being collected.

The JAC AGM is fast approaching in March and your Committee actively needs more support from the Membership. In particular we need volunteers for the following autonomous sub committees, however the list is not exclusive:

1. Social, Club event organisation and fund raising
2. Membership database management, communication and growth
3. Flight training Boards, update, maintenance and fitting to the walls
4. Promotion and selling of JAC merchandise
5. Committee Members for 2022/2023

As a Committee we have discussed at length the opening times (and profitability) for the Cafe and Bar and continue to conclude that this area is the heart of the Club and needs to be open seven days a week, with your continuing support. We have therefore put in place arrangements to achieve this and allow Fatima time off during the week. I hope members are happy with these arrangements. The Bar and Cafe have seen far greater footfall over the last few months but this really needs to be increased as we exit Covid restrictions.

Your Committee is actively exploring exciting new opportunities to enhance the facilities offered to both current and new members. We will update members at the AGM. Please put the AGM date in your diary as it is important that there is a healthy dialogue between us all. We do not want to lose the positive momentum that has been created over the last two years.

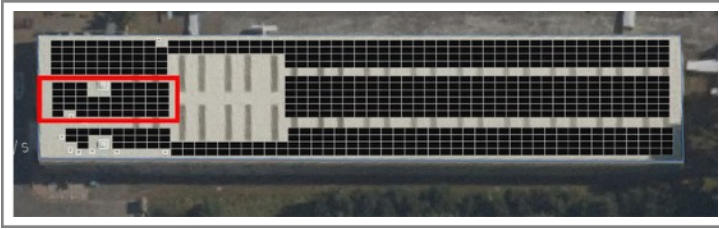
Property update ... by Andrew Renouf

Solar PV

As reported in September's newsletter we have been looking into leasing the roof space to a third party who would install a large Photovoltaic Array and pay the Club rent. The plan is to lease most of the roof space to the JEC whilst potentially retaining a small area depicted in red below for the Club's own system.

Discussions are still at an early stage but we have had an initial offer to install a 212 Kw array over most of building excluding the area over Engineering so that their natural light is not blocked.

Whilst the new constitution has not yet been approved by the Attorney General's office, the committee promised to be transparent and seek approval of any significant contracts. We are at early stages of this negotiation and are in discussions with the JEC, Sunworks and other Solar providers to ensure we are achieving a proper market rate for the roof space which is worth in excess of £ 7,000 per annum index linked to RPI.



We will present full details at the AGM and will ask members to approve any long term contract prior to making any commitments. This is great news for the Club as monetising all our assets allows us to reinvest in Club facilities for all of our members.

CCTV

Ports of Jersey requested we install CCTV over the apron area and the first high definition camera covering the apron was installed 3 weeks ago.



Brushes on Engineering Doors

The brushes on the Hangar doors had worn out or completely disappeared. Completing the Engineering doors this winter was the priority to stop water been blown under the large gaps. The brushes were obtained from UK wholesalers and were fitted ourselves to keep costs as low as possible.

This summer will do the same work on the Members Hangar as well as painting the remaining surrounds on the last four Hangar doors



Café

We will continue to invest in the members café and we have just purchased a selection of plates, side plates, soup bowls and breakfast plates and other items.



The Committee also thanks Club Member Susan Lintell for doing the artwork on our new chalkboards that were delivered with the Nisbets order.



We have many more projects bubbling away in the background. Please support your club, pop into the café to see the changes.

Jersey Aero Club - Flying Events 2022 ... by David Brown

With the weather slowly improving and peoples minds turning to more things flying related it would be good to pencil in some dates and possible events for 2022.

We have been collecting some ideas and would welcome feedback from members. Some of the thoughts include:

- Spot landing competition
- What is your 'plane like - a morning or afternoon session to have a look around and maybe a circuit in other aircraft if owners are willing to spend time showing their aircraft off (Cub, Cirrus, PA28, PA32, Cessna, Microlight ... etc)
- Granville 'Direct' - Its become a bit of a backwater now as people cant be asked to go via Dinard/Cherbourg both ways. Perhaps a pre-organised customs attendance so that people can experience the fun and learnings of shorter strips and grass strips ... we may be able to pre-arrange food and perhaps other items on the day if we plan in advance
- Young peoples day - I'm speaking to Synergy to see if we can arrange some enticing cost packages to get people up and about BUT also perhaps members can 'cost share' their normal flying refresher with a planned trip and (new) passenger
- Fathers day flying - Dads come along with kids
- Mothers day flying - Mums come along with (Dads) and kids
- Navigation exercises - Timed runs Minquiers, Ecrehous, Carteret, St Lo etc
- Dawn 'til Dusk event

Please let us know your ideas ... thoughts ..

Please contact David Brown on dsbreflex@gmail.com and we will circulate an updated list of ideas and aim to get a few in the calendar.



Importing animals into Jersey ... *by Paul Holroyd*

There appears to have been an increase in activity on Social Media over the last couple of years, for people from the general public asking Club pilots to collect animals from the UK for them. There are a number of regulations relating to importing animals which are set out below.

Whilst the club has no intention of restricting members activities or policing arrivals, we feel that we should remind you of the current regulations, so that you can avoid any confrontations with the law!

We asked Customs & Immigration for their advice and they have provided the following:

"The following allowances apply to those arriving in the island on private aircraft

Duty Free allowances

- 200 cigarettes or 250g of tobacco products
- One litre of spirits
- Four litres of wine
- 16 litres of beer or cider

£270 worth of other goods

The importation by private aircraft of animals, such as cats and dogs, are deemed private if the importer of each animal or his/her representative is on board.

Such Importations of any goods in excess of £270 should be declared in advance, including the delivery cost, via <https://www.customs.gst.gov.je>. The GST due should be paid.

The Customs reference should then be included on the Gen Dec for the flight.

If the importer is not on board, the flight would be classified as a commercial freight operation which would bring with it a host of formalities not least the need for prior registration with the Goods Control Unit of the Jersey Customs & Immigration Service"

We asked what their view are on the definition of "his/her representative"

"We would expect that the importer would normally accompany the animal but may appoint a representative who would be expected to have a close connection with the importer. Such a representative would not normally be the pilot."

Please note that these regulations are for the importation of all animals and not just cats and dogs, so if you wanted to import a Boa Constrictor as a pet, the same would apply!

And also a link to the latest 'cost sharing' regulations in force is below :-

<https://www.caa.co.uk/general-aviation/aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/cost-sharing-flights/>

ATC update ... from Marc Hill Air Traffic Control Officer & Aviation Safety Manager

Recently we have had an emergency event which required an immediate response from the Airport Rescue and Firefighting Service (ARFFS). Following this event, we wanted to promote our emergency number (please save in your phones) which will put you straight through to a member of our team who can co-ordinate assistance. If you need or see an incident that requires the Emergency Services, call 01534 446250. This telephone number should only be used in an emergency. Alternatively, if you are able to, declare the appropriate emergency call on the R/T.

Any non-urgent observations should be made to the ATC Supervisor on 01534 446086.



Jersey's flying charity ... by Eveline Hawkin

We are now able to confirm our 2 dates for our main flying events -

Sunday 24th April 2022 - Young adults day with a visit to the control tower should the Covid situation allows.

Sunday 18th September 2022 - Our traditional day for young children which we move from October in the hope to have a bit more luck with the weather.

We are also planning a joint day with Wetwheels but the date has yet to be confirmed.

We are always on the look-out for pilots and so, if you have a minimum of 100 hours P1 and are looking for some excitement for this coming year, please join our team of amazing volunteers.

You can contact us on hello@helpingwingsjersey.org

Plane spotter's corner ... *from Bob Sauvary's collection*

Part 2 of 2 - Images from 1986 wanderings in USA



NC18407 Stinson SR.9C Reliant
July 1986 Oshkosh WI



NC34696 Stinson 10A Voyager
July 1986 Pontiac MI



N1935B WACO Classic YMF
July 1986 Oshkosh WI

NC17474 WACO YKS
July 1986 Oshkosh WI



N37401 Interstate S.1A Cadet
July 1986 Oshkosh WI



N51RH N.A.P-51D Mustang
July 1986 Oshkosh WI





N4892K Ryan Navion A
July 1986 Oshkosh WI



CF-HUY Grumman G-21 Goose
July 1986 Oshkosh WI



NC379M Travelair C-4000
July 1986 Oshkosh WI



Dawn to dusk ... *By Richard Hawkin*



Now in its 59th year, Pooley's Dawn to Dusk competition is open for entries. The closing date for this year's competition is the 30th September.

The competition provides a unique aeronautical challenge participating in a day's flying using an aircraft of the competitor's choice. It is an opportunity to further your flying, to expand your horizons and to give you the excuse you need to have the flying adventure you have always wanted to have.

The Objective of Dawn to Dusk is to encourage the most interesting employment of a Flying Machine within the limits of competent airmanship and to demonstrate the capabilities of pilot and machine in a day's flying, in the hours between Dawn and Dusk, whilst undertaking an original and praiseworthy objective.

All that is required is for the competitor to set themselves a challenging goal with a theme and fly it. You then need to write up a detailed log of your preparations and flight.

Themes are diverse. Many have used historical events be it civil or military. Geographic, geological or environmental themes have become popular as well as old flying routes, test pilots and testing centres. The only limit on the challenge you set yourself is your imagination! Many choose to link their challenge with a charitable endeavour, raising money as they fly. Examples of previous themes can be found below under 'Previous Winners and Themes'.

An entry can be flown at any time of the year, with the cut off date for submission of your log falling on the last day of August. Entries received after this date will be entered into the following year's competition.

For full details, go to - [Dawn to Dusk | Pooleys Flying and Navigational Products and Accessories](#)

For sale and wanted items...

Don't forget that the newsletter is for your use. If you have anything you want to sale or buy, just contact me on evelinehawkin@gmail.com and I will ensure it's done for you. Photos are always a good idea but please send those separately from the text.

Aircraft winter covers for sale

I recently purchased a set of used grey Cambrai fuselage and wing covers for a 2002 Piper Arrow 3, hoping they would fit 2-GOLD, but they don't unfortunately. I paid £850 for the covers (which come in three separate draw string Cambrai bags), so would like to sell the covers for around the same price I paid for them if possible, but I am open to offers.

My contact details are:

Mobile: 07786309243

Email: martin.welsh@barrick.com

Also for sale ... The items below which have been gifted very generously to Helping Wings.

If you would like to make us an offer please email hello@helpingwingsjersey.org



Pooleys Headset
(RRP £102)



Transair crew pro lifejacket
(RRP £117)



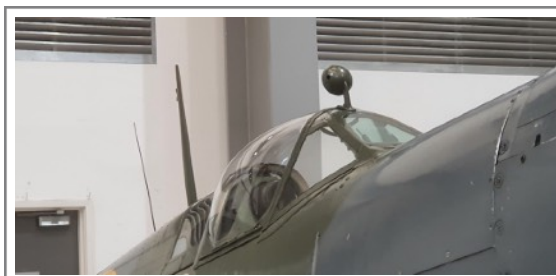
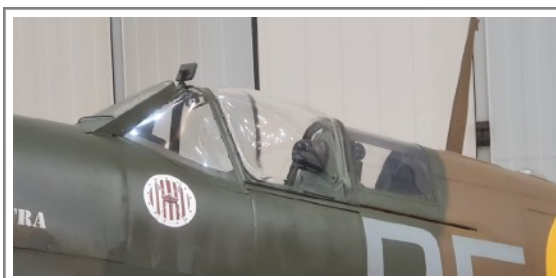
Transair aircrew lifejacket
(RRP £100)

Letter from overseas - Start of 2022 (part 2) ... from *David Brown*

Well it's been a very cold and frosty start to '22 over here ... the low temperatures in Norfolk is something I wasn't expecting .. also, having thought I would miss the sea loads ... I'm finding the huge fields and long, distant views pretty awesome.

Duxford and those Spitfires

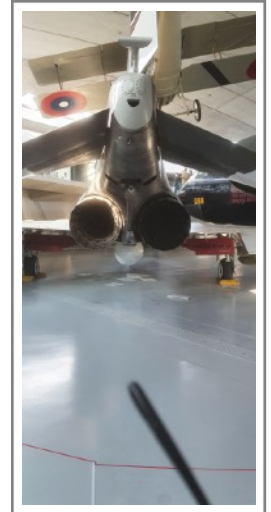
Duxford announced they were clearing their Space hangar out, the one just on the left as you come out of the shop on entry ...and filled it with 12 iconic Spitfires ... representing the history of the amazing aircraft from Mk1 through to much later Griffon powered beasts. Those who follow various FaceBook groups will have seen the time lapse of them being pulled into this vast empty white space .. there is literally nothing in that hangar to distract you and they have been set out so beautifully with dinky little red string on small 12" high posts .. so hardly likely to prevent you getting up close and personal !



I think pretty much every aircraft in there was an actual flying machine, most having drip trays underneath.

Even the Air Displays U.K. Facebook site was getting overrun with pictures of these and people were saying we should try to get different shots and angles .. I opted to take cockpit shots .. all of which were absolutely immaculate so they obviously either have access to a great moulder or a very clever polisher as I gather you can use special pastes now to remove the inevitable myriad of scratches that build up in everyday life.

I must admit that having broken 2 screens on the Sherwood with passengers catching them on entry, exit, I almost look forward to replacing them. They are so cheap to change and relatively easy to fit (around an hour) and the next time you fly you jolt as it's as if you have nothing in front of you !



Local Flying

Priory Farm Tibenham has been a relative hive of activity as has Lakenheath which seems to be getting F14's up in pairs and foursomes ... all pushing afterburner on a regular basis ... it's nice as they finish their sorties they roll out in long finals and our house is about 20 miles straight from threshold .. the strip can get a variety of visitors as well !



RAF Priory farm.

Chinook HC.6A arrived and was on the ground for about 2 minutes at about 1245 on 26 May 2021

Image taken by Bob Sage



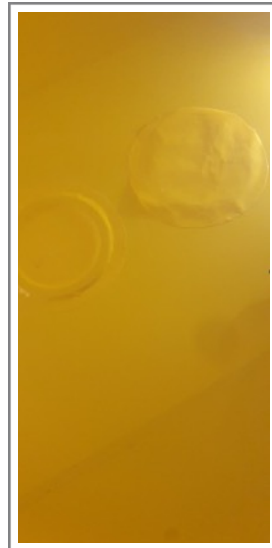
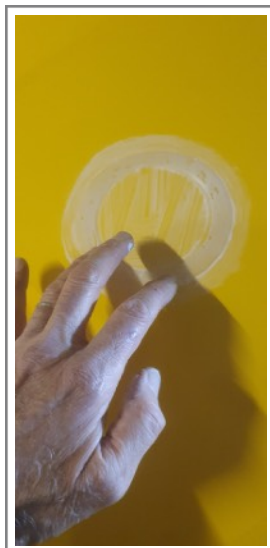
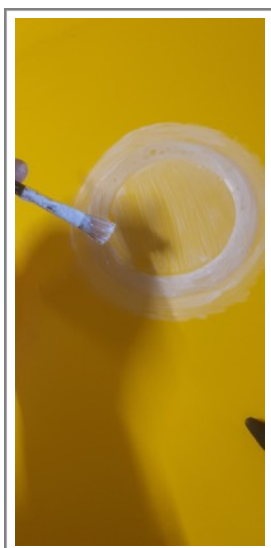
Priory has been very wet and, as you can see from the pictures, we have a very high tech method of flagging when the runway is wet ... a board gets hung on the fence ... the nice part is that a camera has been installed and it not only looks out towards the runway threshold and windsock but also “sees” the “wet” notification board if it’s out.



Sherwood update

I’ve been continuing with the starboard lower wing recover and offering to show people how Oratex works .. most aircraft on site being covered in ceconite ..they are applied in a similar way BUT with Oratex ..once applied... that’s it. With ceconite you have to paint and proof to finish .. and several coats at that.

I had been advised that my original inspection rings, which I’d fitted internally, should really have been fitted externally. So I’ve learned the (new) (correct) method cut a disc, larger than the inspection panel, apply glue to the area and also glue the plastic inspection ring in place ... then let it all dry. Having also pre glued the patch that covers it all, you bring the patch over the pre glued circle and use a MUCH lower heat than normal .. around 80°C to warm the glue and allow you to ease the patch on pushing out all the bubbles and creases slowly and carefully. Only when all this has settled and cooled you can bring a hotter flat iron into play to bond it really securely.



New pinked leading edge cover finishes it off.

Next steps were to refit the lower wing ... tricky but you can manage with 2 of you ..then the interplane strut .. then carefully bring the top wing in place. Then, finally get the flying and landing wires reconnected.

I used to have dihedral and incidence boards, cut out of large pieces of wood, but have now invested in a super small electronic device that is supremely accurate. 3 degrees lower wing.

and finally...

This month, David Brown sent me part 2 of his letter from overseas. We need more of those as well as some local ones as they add such an interesting touch to the newsletter.

I don't have anymore in reserve and so, would really be grateful for any member's contribution. Thank you!

Eveline