

#### Welcome to the

# JERSEY AERO CLUB

# February 2023 members newsletter

#### **Update from the committee** ... by Andrew Renouf

#### Lower car park and other projects

The Committee have been dealing with year-end issues, the sub-let on lower car park, the PV panels on the roof and other projects. When these sources of income start to flow in, it will allow us to concentrate far more on promoting the Club, social activities and aviation matters.

#### **Premises**

We have changed the last few emergency exit signs to LED self-testing types which reduce annual expenses going forward. Tie downs have been installed on the hard standing outside the airside door and regulars might have noticed some early closing to allow the annual deep clean of the café flooring and other areas.

In the next few weeks we are planning to do some minor redecoration to make good the areas where the access control pads were installed in the Flying room as well as freshening up the stairwell.



## ... and by Derek Fage

## **ALIAS (Drone) Presentation**

As reported in the August newsletter, Jersey has been chosen as the testbed for a £3.7million project that could lead the way for autonomous flights. The UK Government funded Agile Integrated Airspace System (ALIAS) programme will see drones being used to test cutting edge aircraft guidance technology aimed at making the skies safer for all aviation, and ultimately enabling autonomous unmanned aircraft providing a better supply-chain and connectivity to the UK and Europe. The project will use Jersey's world-class connectivity, which includes three separate 4G networks and multiple dedicated Internet of Things (IoT) networks.

Anthony Lawrenson and David Cleaver from the ALIAS consortium came along to the club and presented an interesting presentation and discussion with club members on Wednesday 18 January. They were joined by Robin McRae and other Ports of Jersey Airport representatives to discuss the ALIAS project which has the aim of conducting trials to integrate new and novel uncrewed aircraft with conventional aircraft inside Channel Islands airspace.

Anthony and David will come back to the club again with more information including simulators and modelling to show how the initial UK testing went and what is planned in the Jersey trial towards the end of the year which I'm sure will be very interesting.

A promotional video showing more about ALIAS and how, using Jersey as an example, integrating UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) into the same airspaces as manned aircraft is available to view at <a href="https://vimeo.com/shapedby/review/760264487/cbd84dd43e">https://vimeo.com/shapedby/review/760264487/cbd84dd43e</a>





#### **Update on G-WINS successful ditching**

Duncan Laisney has given an interview to the Jersey Evening Post on the successful ditching of G-WINS on 3 November 2023. The article can be read at: <a href="https://jerseyeveningpost.com/news/2023/01/29/ex-fighter-pilot-talks-for-first-time-about-sea-crash/">https://jerseyeveningpost.com/news/2023/01/29/ex-fighter-pilot-talks-for-first-time-about-sea-crash/</a>.

Duncan is also the subject of the latest episode of the Bailiwick News Podcast, which can be found at: <a href="https://share.transistor.fm/s/ead8be99">https://share.transistor.fm/s/ead8be99</a>.

Duncan is going to talk to Paul Clifford to look at some dates to come and host a session for club members on this, and provide the opportunity for a Q&A session.

I'm sure this will be a most fascinating and useful evening and we will send out details as soon as we have dates set.

## Temps passés ... by Charles Strasser

As many of you will be aware, the fight is still going on to get the airport reopened. Here is a distant memory ...Thought the prices might be of interest to your readers!

Plymouth and District Aero Club, Plymouth Airport, Crownhill, Plymouth (managed by Straight Corporation Ltd.). Subsidiary aerodrome, Haldon Airport, Teignmouth, Devon. Chief Instr. and Mgr.: R. J. B. Pearse. Sec.: S. J. Cox. Chief G.E.: R. W. Roedling.

Fees: no entrance, annual sub. £2 2s., serving members of H.M. Forces £1 1s., family membership £3 3s. Rates: dual £2 5s., solo £1 15s., "A" licence course £20.

Fleet: three or more D.H. Hornet Moths, one D.H. Puss Moth and various multi-

engined types for charter.

Ideal base for private owners. Newly enlarged clubhouse and restaurant. Hotel on edge of aerodrome. Taxi service 8d. per mile and good bus connections. Separate clubhouse for Civil Air Guard, which uses club instructors and fleet. Complete training for all commercial flying, engineering and navigational licences.

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# Jersey's flying charity ... by Eveline Hawkin

At last, we are making progress with the hand control unit.

It has taken a lot of time and patience but finally, the licence to fit the hand control unit in one of Synergy's PA28 G-EHLX has been issued and so, allowing training for the lower limb disabled to resume in the spring.



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



0113 Aero Vodochody L-29 Delfin 18 June 92 at Kunovice\_



D-EOAJ Piaggio FWP149D. at Cherbourg on 6 July



N29965 C.6-176 N.A.AT-6D Harvard 31 July 86 at Oshkosh

37 Mil 1 16 June 22 at Budaors.



D-FEHD Hispano HA.1112M.1L Buchon 21 August 88 at Yverdun



22+40 Messerschmitt built Lockheed F-104G Starfighter 22 July 87 at Le Bourget



23 Aero 45S 17 June 22 at Szolnok





G-ALCK LZ766 PercivaL P.34A Proctor III at Duxford



CCCP-67669 LET L.410UVP-W19A 18 June 92 Kunovice



13 Mil 4 at Szolnok 17 June 92



N65153 WG349 DHC1 Chipmunk Oshkosh 1 August 1980

#### For sale and wanted items ...

Anything you wish to sale or to buy? Simply send me an email at <a href="mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com">evelinehawkin@gmail.com</a> and it will appear in the following months newsletter. Please remember to send photos separately.

And the usual reminder .... Should you wish to contact the committee, please do so on committee@jerseyaeroclub.com

Anything for the newsletter please send directly to me on <a href="mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com">evelinehawkin@gmail.com</a>

# And finally ...

## A bit of lighthearted reading ... from Charles Strasser

Hopefully the text below will make you smile ... enjoy!!!

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight, at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"

The AirBus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is: When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important!

**Remember** ... This is your newsletter and so I Look forward to receiving anything which you would like publishing, but particularly your flying or other adventures stories.

See you at the club, remember, Fatima and Tony are there to look after you - simply for a quick coffee, breakfast or lunch they are always there with a smile! Please support your club.

#### **Eveline**