



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

April 2024 members newsletter

Committee update ... *by Andrew Renouf*

Ortac Update ...

After overwhelming support at the EGM, Ortac have taken over the Front Desk from 1st April. Security Training to operate the Airside door was completed on 27th March and, in addition to the Aero Club stalwarts who have stepped in over the last few months, you may see Jonathan Vibert, Martyn Crespel, Kobi Le Cornu and Suzanne Mooney helping out/manning the desk.

The ground floor will be transformed over the coming months with glass partitions and when Ortac move in, the Club will gain valuable rental income. The Aero Club is also investing in this area and has recently submitted Building Control Applications for a new office area for Maggie as well as to support Ortac. We are also moving the entrance door to CIASL. As the Aero Club is a non-profit making entity, all of our income is fully invested back into Club activities/facilities

New Committee Member

Jasmine Clarke is a new Club member and responded to our requests for wider member involvement. Jasmine has recently moved to the island, works for Air Traffic Control, is an active aviator & has just bought a share in N999F. She was co-opted onto the Committee on 20th March.

The Committee is aware that the past few years has been a process of financial consolidation/building up reserves but we are now in a position to concentrate on Flying activities and make larger investments in the Club. Jasmine is particularly enthusiastic on organising fly-ins and fly-outs and the Club will give financial support to promote these activities.

Club Store/Proposed Balcony/ Café

The project to re-establish the Club's storage area on the first floor is almost complete and is below budget. The Committee have taken on virtually all of the recent maintenance/building tasks by employing sub-contractors directly. This avoids a main contractor's profits and also allows the Club to buy materials at cost.

We have had many members feedback to support the Balcony extension and we plan to make a proposal to progress this at the AGM. The project to refurbish the café is more complex & expensive, therefore, it is essential to get the costings and the internal layout correct. This was discussed at the recent EGM where we confirmed that the mock up renders on the Club notice board do not show the final layout/furniture. We intend to keep the high level tables by the windows and ensure the areas for sofas remain. We will fully consult with members as detailed plans evolve.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on **30th April at 19.00**. Accounts and propositions by the Committee will be circulated in advance to allow members to vote and help shape the future direction of the Club.

Update from Ortac ... *by Lee McConnell*

Flying Training

Ortac have been conducted deep and wide search for a suitable PA28 for use as a trainer and tourer, they have identified some aircraft to view and will send a team to view these in early April - once inspections of the aircraft are satisfactory and agreement reached Ortac will advise the membership and committee. We hope to have something online as soon as possible, ideally before the start of May 2024.

Advertising/ joint advertising with the Club to boost flight training and Club membership

Once Ortac has completed the office move/ set up and a new aircraft online, Ortac intends to enthusiastically market the Jersey Aero Club flight training and services. There will, of course, be a settling in period initially. Once they have bedded in Ortac intends to promote healthy engagement with the membership on ideas and thoughts on how to improve our club to succeed and build a new reputation. Ortac will also lean on their business success as an AOC which will give extra rocket boosters to the flight training marketing and promotion. Ortac intends to have an open day for members and aviators to talk about their plans and share ideas and also listen to your feedback and suggestions.

Ortac has engaged with building contractors for our office works, improvement work will commence over next few weeks.

The flight desk will be taken over from April 1st, with Jonathan Vibert shadowing with JAC, and from following week Ortac intends to get other cleared-staff to visit for on the job training before JAC withdraw from desk from 15th April.

Dates for your diary ... *by Mike Pownall*

Thursday 18th April 2024 - 19:00

Chris Unitt, Searching for Uncle Herb. A novel evening, with a local twist! Chris tells the story of a search for an American tail gunner from a Boeing B17 Bomber lost in wartime, his search lasted 35 years, spanning, America, England, the Channel Islands, Europe & Russia. This is also a story of the Boeing B17 Flying Fortress, an evening that promises to be a very interesting one.

Tuesday 30th April 2024 - 19:00

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th May 2024 - 19:00

Talk By Nigel Webb from Guernsey - Debunking Popular Aviation Old Wives' Tales

Saturday 15th June 2024 - 18:30

Rob Hart, SkyDemon, where tech joins the sky!
The much awaited and rescheduled event from last December. Join Rob Hart, SkyDemons Marketing & Development Co-ordinator for an evening of your favourite software jargon. Find out all the top tips and tricks for using the aviators preferred choice of app, the SkyDemon, an essential demo not to be missed.

Wednesday 17th July 2024 - 19.00

Talk by our AME James Mair

November Event - (date to be confirmed)

Talk by Andrew Sayer about the history of the Scottish Air Ambulance – sub titled Drugs, Violence, Alcohol and Sex (suitable for any age group). Andrew has given this talk to many different audiences including NATS at Swanwick, Christmas Lecture for the Royal Aeronautical Society at RAF Cranwell.

ATC update ... by Marc Hill. ATCO

Jersey Alias UTM flight trails.

As you may have seen in the local media, the UK Government funded Alias UTM trials off the north coast are due to start in April. They are expected to operate Monday to Friday for up to 2 hour periods. NATS are due to add and AIS update on April 4th with details of the RA(T)

Channel Islands LAIT (Local Airspace Infringement Team)

We recently had the first LAIT meeting after a 2 year break. We are working on several initiatives to help reduce them. If any Pilots would like to be involved or have and good ideas please email aviationsafety@ports.je



Update ... by Richard Hawkin

LOW PRESSURE

The last week in March gave a good reminder about being aware of low pressure settings. With QNHs as low as the 970s in the C.I. and the U.K. , 5000ft set on those low settings equates to around FL062. The base of airway Q41 between SAM and ORTAC is FL055 ! If you're near the base of controlled airspace, you need to be careful to avoid infringement, particularly where the base of the airspace is defined by FL.



Update ... by Eveline

April is going to be a busy month for us with our first event of the year. Our Spring Flying Day is on Sunday 21st April and we are hoping for clement weather as we will have around 20 flights that day flown by our volunteer pilots.

Also, on the 19th, 20th and 21st April, Aerobility's instructor Mike Owen will be flying with our bursary students. For some of them, it will be their first chance to fly for quite a few years and so, we are very grateful to Aerobility for making this possible.

Our thanks also to Ports of Jersey for their financial support.

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

Part 2 of 2 - Visit to the Duxford Autumn Show on 14 October 2007. Trip organised by Jonathan Vibert and transport by Aurigny ATR 72.



D5649 Airco DH.9



G-AHTW V3388 Airspeed AS.40 Oxford



G-AMPY KK116 Douglas C-47B Dakota III



G-BESY 1133 BAC 167 Strikemaster 80A



G-FWAB 980554 Focke Wulf FW.190A-8



G-RRSR 480173 Piper J.3C-65 Cub



G-RUMW JV579 Grumman FM-2 Wildcat



N251RJ 484847 N.A.TF-51D Mustang



WD373 G-BXDI; WP929 G-BXCV;
WZ879 G-BWUT DHC.1 Chipmunk



WV908 Hawker Seahawk FGA.6



WV908 & G-SABR

For sale and wanted items...

Do you have anything to sale or are you looking for a particular item ? If so, contact me on evelinehawkin@gmail.com and I will ensure it appears in the next newsletter. Please send photos separately.

Destinations ...

I'd like to invite our local pilots to take a photograph of their destination airfields throughout the summer which I'll publish in future editions of the newsletter. The photographs can either be identified or anonymous ... it's up to you!

Your photographs may inspire others@

and finally ...

First of all, don't forget to put the AGM date in your diaries as well, of course, as all the other events dates organised by Mike Pownall. Please support your club by attending.

I also look forward to receiving your flying stories.

See you at the club ... Eveline