



# Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

## July 2024 members newsletter

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### Committee update ... *by Darrell Pullen*

#### Exciting News! View from the Aero Club with Our New Webcams!

We are thrilled to announce the publishing of webcams, allowing, members aviation enthusiasts and the public to get an up-close view of Jersey Airport from the Aero Club. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or simply curious about aviation, these webcams provide a unique perspective on the bustling airfield.

#### What Can You Expect?

- **Runway Cam:** Watch as planes take off and land on. Witness the precision and skill of pilots as they navigate the skies.
- **Apron and parking:** Get a glimpse of aircraft parked at the Aero Club apron and on the grass
- **Aero Club Runway:** Enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape, including and nearby St. Peter's Village from the Aero Club

#### Access the Webcams:

Visit the website to access the live feeds: [Jersey Aero Club Webcams](https://www.jerseyaeroclub.com/webcams) or type <https://www.jerseyaeroclub.com/webcams> into your favourite browser.

**Stay Tuned!** For Hangar Tenants, we will shortly be emailing you with the details to securely access webcams that show the inside of the hangar. These cameras will allow you to see the position of your aircraft. Handy when deciding to move it outside of CIASL availability.

Additional cameras to cover all Aero Club grass parking areas are planned to be added in the upcoming months.

## Update from Ortac ... by Martyn Crespel



### News from the operations desk ...

Skywalker Flight Training are pleased to announce that they have decided, as a trial, to extend the Flying Desk opening hours as follows:

7.00am to 21.30pm daily for the month of July

The team will comprise Jonathan, Martyn, Suzi, James and Charlie.

### Return of the Dragon Rapide to Jersey, even if only for one day! ... by Jonathan Vibert

Taking the opportunity whilst visiting our sister island, the team behind G-AHAG visited us in Jersey on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and made a couple of round island pleasure trips.

In the colour scheme of Scillonia Airways, which the aircraft operated for, until the airline ceased operating in 1969.

Whilst the aircraft is now in private ownership, she can be seen on static display around the UK & a small number of public pleasure flying days.

*"It was a phenomenal privilege to have the opportunity to fly an 80 year old aircraft, so synonymous with the Channel Islands, on such a beautiful weekend and we can't thank Jersey Aero Club and Jersey Airport enough for hosting us and accommodating our commercial operation. With their help we were able to take a few lucky passengers for an unforgettable trip along the south coast. On a personal level, having started my commercial flying career some 26 years ago working for Aurigny as a First Officer on the Shorts 360, Jersey has always remained close to my heart and to be flying our beautiful Dragon Rapide in such a magical place was simply mind blowing."* Shona Bowman – Pilot of G-AHAG

Our thanks to Shona and her team for bringing her over, and to Lee & Jonathan of Ortac for arranging the pleasure flights.



Photo courtesy of Nigel Vibert

## [Spitfires.com](https://www.spitfires.com) comes to Jersey! ... by Jonathan Vibert



Set up in 2010 [Spitfires.com](https://www.spitfires.com), formerly Boulton Flight Academy, has become a leader in the Spitfire world creating a number of industry reforming regulatory changes and successfully delivering some 'world first' Spitfire experience products and events.

They were the first company in the world to gain Academy status, giving the ability to train Spitfire pilots in two seat spitfires and as such they created the mechanism to become the first company in the world approved to take paying passengers in the back of a two seat Spitfires for Spitfire flight experiences.

Following discussions with [Spitfires.com](https://www.spitfires.com), the Committee and Jonathan Vibert from the flying desk, it was arranged for Matt Jones and his team to come over for a week to provide experiences to club members and islanders.

A total of 45 people were flown over the course of the week, with only 3 having to be postponed just because of the weather.

“The whole [Spitfires.com](https://www.spitfires.com) team has loved being in Jersey. The island is so beautiful to fly around and relax in in the evenings. Everyone we have met has been really charming, friendly and passionate, whether flying the Spitfire with us or simply watching from the ground around the island.

Particular thanks go to Jonathan at ORTAC and the Jersey Aero Club, who have made it all possible, and to everyone at the airport generally. Air traffic control have been particularly accommodating in allowing us the use of their airspace, making it both very safe and hugely enjoying at the same time. I don't tend to do much of the flying myself normally as my time is normally spent running the business, but I couldn't resist it here and have logged over 20 of the flights myself”

We are pleased that the Spitfires experience will hopefully be replicated with a further opportunity to go flying around Jersey in late August – 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Link for booking an experience in Jersey [here](https://www.spitfires.com/spitfire-flights#jersey-spitfire-flight-options) (link: <https://www.spitfires.com/spitfire-flights#jersey-spitfire-flight-options>)



Picture - courtesy of John Geugan, Jersey Evening Post - Other pictures available to buy using the QR code via the JEP



*... update from Richard Hawkin*

## Charles Strasser OBE



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of AOPA member, Charles Strasser, at the age of 97. Charles passed away on Monday, 10th June only days after taking part in the D day celebrations in Normandy and just a few weeks since being guest of honour at a birthday party hosted by the Czech ambassador to the U.K.

To the aviation community, Charles was a key figure. He was vice president of AOPA U.K. , former Chairman of the AOPA Channel Islands region, and a very active member and former worldwide President of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. One of his many achievements was the creation of the Strasser Scheme whereby nearly all U.K. airports and airfield agree to waive their fees for an aircraft making a diversionary landing so removing any concern of cost from the pilot's decision making.

*Charles was born in Czechoslovakia but moved to the U.K. with his parents in 1938, aged 11. By the age of 18, he was a dispatch rider with the Czech Independent Armoured Brigade and led a convoy of allied troops into Kasejovice. He was made an honorary Czech citizen in 2021.*

*He became a successful businessman on his return to the U.K. and was actively involved in many charities. Charles was the regional coordinator for the Midlands St John Ambulance Air Wing. He was awarded an O.B.E. for humanitarian services in 2000.*

*An active pilot for many years, his Piper Seneca was a well known visitor to many airports and airfield throughout Europe and beyond. He held an FAA CPL and IR.*

*Charles made a significant contribution to general aviation and pilots will benefit for many years to come from his efforts to get a better deal for G.A. pilots. Charles was a tough but fair negotiator, not easily accepting bureaucracy and red tape.*

*AOPA has lost a member and the aviation community in general has lost much more .*

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

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10:00**

Channel Islands Air Search will be bring their aircraft to the club to give a presentation to the RNLI. Peter Mourant has said that members are welcome to attend the presentation. Usual airside access rules apply should you wish to go and see the aircraft.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 19:00**

James Mair will be giving an talk about the aviation medical.

There will be a Q&A at the end.

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 19:00**

Peter Clift, one of our members and his colleague Ben Rombough from Proptech Aero Limited will be giving a talk around the prop maintenance process, talking us through Supplemental Certificates along with giving us some tips on propeller maintenance for general aviation aircraft.

### **Fly-In 21st July**

Planning and organising for the Fly-In on Sunday 21st July is well and truly in full swing and we are now welcoming 24 aircraft to Jersey for the event! With 3 weeks to go we hope to get a few more and it will be great to have the club alive with atmosphere and people enjoying themselves.

There will be many exciting elements to the day including a BBQ from external catering, Real Jersey Dairy ice cream stall, live music in the club room 1pm - 2pm from singer Annie Law and rides in John Le Ruez's traditional Jersey potato farming truck. The club room and bar will be open in the evening for sundowners, light snacks and a quiz - obviously with an aviation theme - with fun prizes up for grabs! Tickets will be £30 per person for the BBQ, entertainment, evening quiz and nibbles and rides in the potato truck. The first 20 tickets sold will receive a £10 voucher for drinks at the bar! Please email [jerseyflyin@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyflyin@gmail.com) to order your tickets. They will also be available to purchase from Fatima at the bar in the lead up and of course on the day. It would really help with catering if we know numbers in advance to make sure we have enough food for everybody, so your help on this would be greatly appreciated.

Keep an eye out in the next few days for announcement on flights that will be available from the club as part of the event. We can't say too much just yet as we're waiting for the final bits of paperwork to come through but it's something different, very exciting and seriously high octane! As soon as we get the green light from the DCA we'll be sharing news with you and details on how to book. Those who are interested might want to save the BBQ until AFTER flying 😊 watch this space!

We would love to see as many of you as possible on the day to share the fun and really bring the club alive! It is hoped that this event will help to put Jersey back on the map as a popular GA destination.

## Talking of flying ... *by Eveline Hawkin*

On a recent visit to Dinard, we spent a little while in the customs office as they were updating their database.

Apparently, and this for the next 6 months or so, you will be requested to update your details with them including aircraft details. They ask to see the original aircraft documents, proof of insurance etc.

This is all to do with the new EU Entry/Exit Scheme (EES) which is expected to start this autumn. The EU Entry/Exit system is a new electronic system that will replace the physical stamping of passports when you go through passport control when arriving in and departing from your destination.

Obviously, other customs airfield will be doing the same and so be prepared to have your documents at hand!



**Plane spotter's corner ... a selection from Bob Sauvary's amazing collection**



**G-TCHI Cockpit**



**G-TCHI BS410 start up  
12 June 2024**



**G-TCHI BS410 Vickers Supermarine 509  
Spitfire T.9  
12 June 2024**



**G-CLXB+G-TCHI Vickers Supermarine 509  
Spitfire T.9  
5 June 2024**



**G-AHAG Brush Coachworks built DH.89A  
Dragon Rapide  
9 June 2024**



**ZJ121 + ZJ129 EH Helicopters EH-101  
Merlin HC.4  
5 June 2024**



**2601 Aero Vodochody LET.410UVP-E20  
7 June 2024**



**2312 Aero Vodochody L.410UVP-20E  
7 June 2024**



**And of course ...**

**The Red Arrows  
12 June 2024**





**Update ... by Eveline Hawkin**

## **Sunday 7th July - joint event with Wetwheels**

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we'll have a busy day flying and sailing our guests.

So, the clubroom will be busier than usual and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

I am sure we'll have some great pictures for the next newsletter!

## **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](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com) and I will ensure it appears in the next newsletter. Please send photos separately.

## ***and finally ...***

It was a sad day when we heard that Charles Strasser had passed away.

Charles was such a gentleman and his dedication to aviation was second to none.

Our deepest condolences to his daughters Sue, Diane and their families.

Charles - RIP

*See you at the club, hopefully on July 21st if not before!*

*Eveline*

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