



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

November 2024 members newsletter

Update from Skywalker ... by Lee McConnell



Autumn is well and truly upon us! Whilst we settle into the shoulder months, and the daylight hours are shorter, we aren't letting up on the activities here at the flying desk.

We have 11 active students with us now, and a further 2 new students who have come through having had flight experience lessons earlier in the summer. We wish to pass our congratulations to Thomas Crawford who undertook his solo qualifying cross-country last week (23rd October) on a day that saw many a French light aircraft take to the skies and enjoy the autumnal sunshine at Caen!

We are working with our partnered ATO (Specialist Flight Training) to enhance the offering, and in the coming month or so we aim to be running an electronic student training record framework, utilising the Cloudbase GA system to its full. This will 'dovetail' with the recent work undertaken by Jonathan to get the auto-logger setup and configured, to capture timings to support a swift check-out and return of the aircraft, whilst maintain a precise record for our maintenance provider.

Work is underway to offer a retail experience including JAC Merchandise, aircraft products and materials, other aviation-related products, as well as local Jersey products for visiting GA pilots; something that will develop further in readiness for Summer 2025.

... and by Jonathan Vibert

Did you know ... Those issued with an Airport Identity Card (AIC) have more than just the power to access airside – on the rear of the card is the contact telephone number used to report an emergency on the airfield – whether this be a first aid situation, ground incident, or similar then 'Checker-base' can be contacted. Note however, this **does not** replace direct radio communication with Air Traffic if in the aircraft.

Car Parking at the Club ... A polite reminder to members that the car park here at the Aero Club remains for the use of members when visiting the Club House or flying in/out of the Jersey Aero Club. It has been noticed that some cars, some of which aren't on the Membership database, are parking in the car park and taking up spaces used by members. The Flying Desk has been tasked with monitoring the car park usage going forward.

Retail offerings from the Flying Desk ... Whilst we are moving into the quieter period of flying, there is scope for the desk to offer a retail provision. Our aim would be to provide access to Aircraft supplies, Aviation-themed gifts, as well as local gifts and Jersey Aero Club-branded merchandise.

Work is being undertaken in the background, however I would like to hear from the members on what you would want to see, or be interested in being able to buy from your club. Please get in touch by calling the desk (01534 743990) or emailing Jonathan on jv@flyortac.com

Update from the Committee... *by Andrew Renouf*

Hangar Door Upgrade

As the test rollers installed on one door were a success, two weeks ago we upgraded all of the doors on the members hangar with floating rollers. In addition the top nuts which adjust the doors also used to move so these have been clamped with bespoke parts. As these solutions have been tested we are reasonably confident that sticking hangar doors are a thing of the past. This will eliminate emergency callouts and reduce maintenance costs moving forward.



Bespoke stainless steel roller guides



Bespoke locking collar

Stairs to Garden

By the time this newsletter is published the stairs will be open for use and the temporary fire escape will be removed.



Balcony

Planning permission was obtained for the Balcony Extension on the 15th October. This project was approved by members at the last AGM so we are immediately starting on the foundations. To keep costs as low as possible we are directly employing labour to dig the footings and will use a small 2 man groundworks contractor to lay the concrete. When the foundations are ready the steel structure will be ordered.

A nice day out ... Tours Val de Loire, LFOT 🇫🇷

by Jasmine Clarke

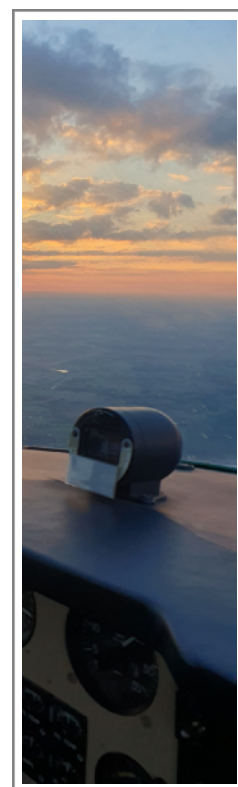
We took a day trip in N999F to Tours, a fantastic GA friendly destination with customs and close to town. It was 1 hour 20 mins there (into a headwind!) and 1 hour 7 mins home, so a nice distance if you want to enjoy some flying as well as a nice place to visit. It was a short walk, well signposted, from the airport to the tram stop where we paid €3 each for a return tram ticket into town which took around 15 minutes. It is a big town so lots to wander around and of course lots of nice French cafes to sit outside for lunch in the sunshine!



After the obligatory purchasing of fromage and boulangerie items we headed back to the airport to fly home to Jersey. 🧀🥖

We arranged customs and handling through the MyHandling website, so easy and stress free! It's free to set up an account and use; you submit your aircraft, POB and flight details for your selected airport, it submits the request to the required personnel and you get a response to confirm your flight is accepted/rejected. You can also use the website to request a taxi on arrival. At LFOT it directed us to Edeis handling who were very polite, welcoming and helpful with excellent facilities.

The grand sum of landing, handling and parking for the day came to €18.00. 😊



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



This is the last planned event this year. Mike Pownall would be very interested to hear from you with suggestions for talks for the coming year.

If you have any thoughts, please email him on the email below -

events@jerseyaeroclub.com

Christmas Fly-Out ... *by Jasmine Clarke*



Really hoping the December fly-out will prove a success as many of you have mentioned how fun the Christmas trips to Dinan were in the past.

If you have not already done so and wish to join the fun, please email Jasmine on

jj_clarke@live.co.uk

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

Part 2 of 2 - A Selection of images from LAA Rally 2024 at Leicester East



D-MWDY Aerospool WT-9 Dynamic
on 30 August 2024



EI-HMC ICP MXP-740 Savannah S
on 30 August 2024



G-BLES Stolp SA.750 Acroduster Too
on 30 August 2024



G-JCBS Piper J.3C-65 Cub
on 30 August 2024



G-BBRC Fuji FA.200-180 Aero Subaru.
on 30 August 2024



G-BOPO FLS Aerospace OA.7 Optica 301
on 30 August 2024



F-JKNT 71-TH B & F FK-14B Polaris
on 31 August 2024



G-CEEX ICP MXP-740 Savannah Jabiru
on 30 August 2024



G-AMVP Topsy Junior
on 31 August 2024



G-CBYH Aeroprakt A.22 Foxbat
on 31 August 2024



G-AVOU C8846 Slingsby T-56 SE.5A Replica
on 31 August 2024



G-IP11 Steen Skybolt
on 31 August 2024



update ... *by Richard Hawkin*

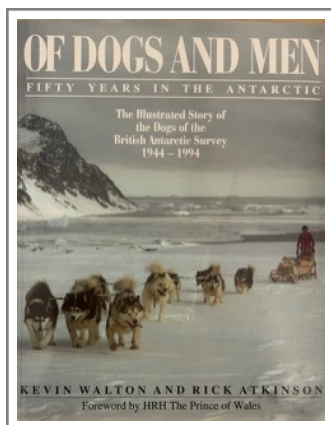
FAA CERTIFICATE HOLDER ?

Do you have an FAA certificate but don't live in the U.S ? If so, be prepared to arrange for an agent to act as your mailbox. Overseas holders of an aircraft registration, pilot, cabin-crew, maintenance, medical or drone certificate will be required to employ a U.S. based agent to receive communications from the FAA.

The ruling, brought about by apparent difficulties in communicating with overseas certificate holders, will be introduced in July 2025 for existing holders.



Update ... *by Eveline Hawkin*



The "OF DOGS AND MEN" book was offered on auction last month with the profit going to Helping Wings.

On the presentation night, an offer of £80 was made but this was outbid by a member who offered £100 for which we are very grateful!

Flying training & 2025 events

Of course, with winter fast approaching, things are a lot quieter for us. However, with Skywalker Flight Training now fully operational, our bursary students are able to carry on with their training.

Our latest bursary winner, Tobias Hosking is progressing very well and is already in the circuit .. 1st solo next?

As soon as next year's dates are approved, they will be published on our website www.helpingwingsjersey.org and on social media.

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 your request is in the next newsletter, remembering to send the photos separately please.

And finally ... from Tony Paintin

Following the demise of the Cub G-AWPW, we are looking to form a new group of 5 or 6 members, to operate a low cost fun aeroplane.

We are currently thinking about a Groppo Trail. It is fairly new, has low hours and burns 20 litres an hour, also a quick wing fold system which would reduce hangar costs. It operates on a permit to fly, so cheaper to maintain.

If you're interested please contact Tony Paintin or Brian Heath at the club.

<https://afors.com/aircraftView/60787/2018-Groppo-Trail-MK2-with-folding-wing-system>

Looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Eveline

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