



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

December 2024 members newsletter

Update from Skywalker ... *Jonathan Vibert*



Have you the need..... the need for SPEED??

As part of the launch of Skywalker Flight Training's brand awareness, a campaign to promote the flight experience vouchers was launched last week.

As some members saw on the Jersey Aero Club Facebook Group there was much speculation regarding 'Wing-Commander Winch' and what he was doing in a flight suit!

The campaign sees a person being given a gift voucher for a flight experience and embarks on a Top Gun – style experience! More can be found on Skywalker Flight Training's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages.

Why not dream big and get a Flight Trial Lesson for someone this Christmas - contact the flying desk

Skywalker Flight training

Following the past month, Lee McConnell has been working away at the branding for Skywalker Flight Training and we are pleased to launch our new logo alongside the recent marketing campaign on social media. Whilst the uptake during the summer of flying vouchers and subsequent conversions to flight training has been positive, we are keen to continue building on this over the winter.

Jonathan has been working on customer engagement with our visiting GA and aims to continue this over the summer to provide further services to both local and visiting GA aircraft.

We are seeing a positive continuation of flight training with over 21 hours flight training during October and the onboarding of several new students who we hope to see around the clubhouse in the coming months. Our most experienced student, Tom Crawford completed his Radio Telephony this month and hopes to complete his final flight checks in the coming weeks to complete his PPL. We have also seen with the longer nights the interest in obtaining Night Ratings, with Committee Member Darrall Pullen flying in G-JJER over the past few nights with Derek Fage.

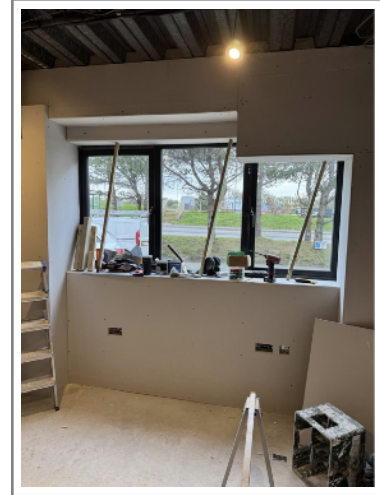
For all the latest on the GA Traffic, and for Flight Training, pop-in and see Jonathan on the Flying Desk or email jv@flyortac.com

Update from the Committee... by Andrew Renouf

Meeting room hire available again in Q1 2025

The conversion of the disused bin store to an office is proceeding as planned. The carpenter did a great job plaster-boarding this week, the plasterer will skim the walls on Monday 2nd December, then after a week for the wet trades to dry out, the decoration and suspended ceiling will be installed week commencing 9th December. All sub-contractors are being employed directly and we are buying materials at trade prices.

Completion of this office will allow us to welcome back Blue Islands, DHL and other customers to book the Training room. All rental income received is reinvested in the Club.



Work in progress, new Club administration office

Evie Cars

The Aero Club Committee and Skywalker Flight Training have negotiated a 10% discount code with Evie Cars. We now have one car which you can hire for long periods (Evie A-A car) and the new yellow car which is their A-B car. This allows single trip rentals to numerous locations all over the island. The main function is to encourage incoming GA to the island. Visiting pilots are informed of the discounts when they contact the desk, however, if any Club member needs to hire one of these cars, please contact the Flying Desk for the discount code.



New membership tier ... by Paul Holroyd

Following the decision at the AGM on 30th April, to reinforce the Club's status as a Members Only Club, we will be introducing a new tier of membership – Social Membership. This will be at a reduced subscription of £100 for Single Membership or £150 for Joint. The Social membership will carry no voting rights and the proposed bar discount will not apply. Social members will be permitted one guest as opposed to three for Ordinary Members. The Social membership will be available when joining or renewing for 2025.

All existing members may stay with the tier that they are already on, or switch to the new tier if they think it is more beneficial to them.

Members who have Airside Access, must be either Ordinary, Retired, Young Persons or Flying Members.

A Visitors Book will be placed in the entrance to the clubroom for guests to be signed in. It is important that all guests are signed in and that guests are reminded that they are not permitted to be admitted to the Club on more than twelve occasions in any year (regardless of the Member making the introduction).

Members will still be able to use the clubroom in the evenings for Parties provided that member is always present.

Several groups will be given Corporate Memberships so that they can continue to use the Café/Bar.

A list of Corporate Member groups will be displayed behind the bar.

Christmas is coming ... by Jonathan Vibert



Paul Holroyd hard at work cleaning the balcony in readiness for the external Christmas decorations



Fatima's wonderful Christmas tree!

Dates for you diary

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 - events@jerseyaeroclub.com

Christmas fly-out to Dinan

Sadly, the trip has been cancelled due to lack of interest. May be it was too close to Christmas for everyone to consider.

So many destinations out there ... although going to France is somewhat restricted these days with the customs requirements. However, may be the spring weather - longer days and more settled weather, will mean everyone will be keener to get up in the air again.

Any destinations ideas, drop an email to - events@jerseyaeroclub.com



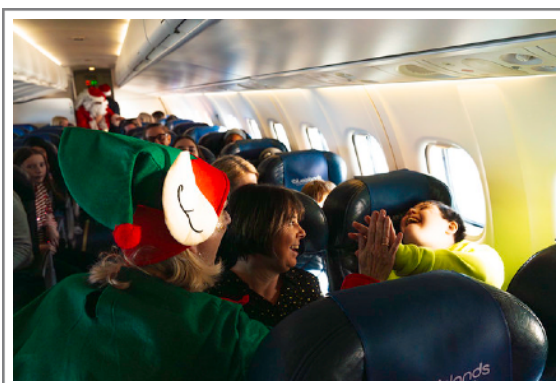
Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

Santa flight ... with Blue Islands



We are so excited to have been offered a Santa flight by Blue Islands again this year.

Weather permitting, it will be on Saturday 14th December (with a stand-by weather date the following day). Once again, our guests will meet at the club and taken to the airport by coach. After checking-in, they will make their way to the aircraft after security where Santa and his Elf will await them for a wonderful round the island flight.



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

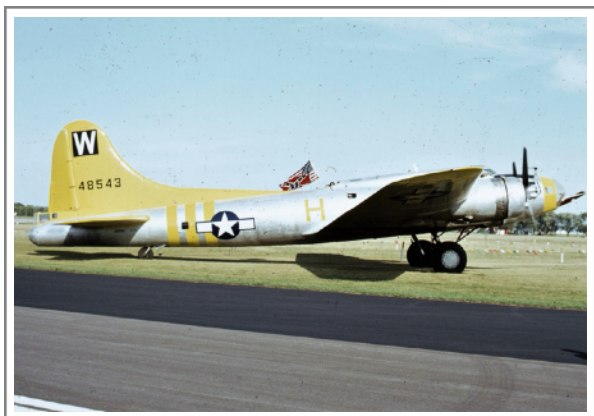
Selection from home and abroad over the years



*G-AS0A Piper PA.30-160 Twin Comanche
May 1964 Jersey*



*C-FQHJ Luscombe 8E Silvaire Deluxe
31 July 1980 Oshkosh*



*N3701G 48543 Boeing B-17G Fortress
1 August 1980 Oshkosh*



*G-AEOF Rearwin 8500 Sportster
20 May 1982 at Biggin Hill*



*G-ALWB DHC.1 Chipmunk 22A
13 June 1987 at Perth*



*G-BIID Piper PA.19-95 Super Cub
13 June 1987 at Perth*

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*F-BSCD SOCATA MS.893A-180 Commodore
7 June 1992 Laval*



*02159 Yakovlev 18T
18 June 1992 Budaors*



*G-APNT Hampshire Aeroplane Club
built Currie Wot 1 July 1987 at Cranfield*



*G-HTWO J-4087 Hawker Hunter F.58
30 September 1995 North Weald*



*N240PC Cessna 421A Golden Eagle
10 May 1996 Jersey*



*D-ENEP Bolkow 208C Junior
13 July 2002 Fowlmere*



*D-KJQA Sportavia-Putzer Fournier RF.5B Sperber
13 July 2002 Fowlmere*

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.

Looking for a share in a plane? ... 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>

... and finally ...a last minute addition from Skywalker Flight Training



A new cabinet has been bought and placed in the flying room, to show off the range of Jersey Aero Club merchandise available to buy. Alongside this are some select items of aircraft and pilot and celery items including Maps, oils etc.

if you have a need for something aviation related, pop in and see the team today!

Wishing everyone all the very best for a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Eveline

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