



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

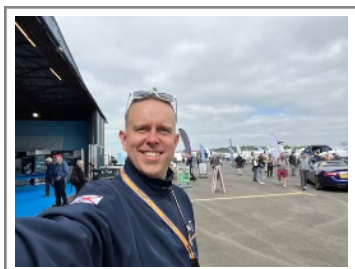
June 2025 members newsletter... *editor - Eveline Hawkin*

Skywalker Flight training ... *update by Jonathan Vibert*

Jersey First – Skywalker Flight Training attend Private Flyer event in High Wycombe

A great couple of days spent at Private Flyer Show at Wycombe Air Park for Skywalker Flight Training - representing the Jersey Aero Club, Jersey Airport Ports of Jersey, and Visit Jersey to the UK's General Aviation community!

Joined by Lee McConnell & Kobi Le Cornu from Ortac, a great place to meet with a number of our key suppliers, business partners and the general public to talk through the joys of flying in Jersey.



First Solo

17th May 2025 saw Matt McManus take his first solo flight with Skywalker Flight Training!

Many congratulations to Matt!



Extended Opening hours for Summer 2025

From 1st June until 30th September 2025, the Flying Desk will be operating extended opening hours from 8am until 8pm local. Outside these hours members will still be able to gain access via the existing out-of-hours process.

Committee update ... *by Jonathan Vibert*

Stand back – shocking.....JAC has an AED!



Having listened to our members, young and old, the club have arranged for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be installed in the ground floor foyer at the club house. It's a portable, life-saving device that analyses a person's heart rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electric shock to restore a normal rhythm in cases of sudden cardiac arrest. The device purchased has been recommended by the British Heart Foundation, and our device has been registered with 'The Circuit', a national defibrillator network to ensure its known of if such an incident arises at the Aero Club.

... Update by Paul Holroyd

'The Committee is very pleased to welcome Lucy Almeida in joining our Cafe/Bar staff. You may have met her over the last few weeks, when she has been helping Fatima.

This means that the Cafe/Bar will now be open 7 days per week commencing in June during existing hours of 10am - 4pm.

In addition we will be opening late until 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays. This will be on a trial basis this Summer, so if it is successful, it will continue. Bar snacks will be available.

... and by Andrew Renouf



Over the past 18 months, the Committee have received a good deal of positive feedback and requests on progress about updating the café. The final design has not been finalised but will involve keeping sofas but trying to divide up areas with plants and screening to allow more privacy. However, we also need to also make a flexible space for events. Over the coming months there will be more updates and images with the proposed lighting and layout.

Members may have noticed that during the winter the drafts in the void above the café are so strong that ceiling tiles lift in high winds and cold air blasts out of the service cupboard and around the spotlights. As a first stage it has been decided to insulate the ceiling which will save heating costs going forward. We have a cost estimate from a Quantity Surveyor (Colin Smith Partnership) but buying materials and labour at cost price has allowed us to complete 50% on the insulation and other preliminary work a dramatically lower costs than the QS budget.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Date	Event
3rd June	Visiting aircraft R4D
5th June	Ports of Jersey - Runway Run Event
19th June	Talk by the DCA
21st June	Proposed Alderney fly-out
6th July	Jersey Aero Club Fly-in
10th July	Ports of Jersey - Runway Run Event
13th July	Helping Wings joint event with Wetwheels
17th, 18th 19th July	Spitfires.com Visit

Flying Museum hosted by Jersey Aero Club



Following the success of the Jersey Aero Club Open Day this month, we are inviting club members, aviation enthusiasts, historians and families alike to step back in history as the Jersey Aero Club proudly hosts an exclusive ticketed event to visit and explore this flying museum!

The Douglas R4D is the naval version of the iconic aircraft more commonly known as the C-47 Skytrain, used by the USAAF and Dakota by the RAF. It was used by the US Navy during the Second World War for long-range maritime duties and anti-submarine warfare.

Built in 1944, 'Ready 4 Duty' was delivered to the U.S. Navy Atlantic Special Service Squadron and was used for airborne search and radar. It contributed to the sinking of a German U-boat in February 1945 and is the last of its kind still flying. 'Ready 4 Duty' is maintained and operated by the Dallas / Fort Worth Wing of the Commemorative Air Force.

Nigel Hall, Chairman of Jersey Aero Club said: "We are excited to offer our members and the public the opportunity to get up close to a piece of flying history. Whilst the DC3 aircraft played a part in Jersey's connectivity through until the late 70s, the wonderful team of the Commemorative Air Force will be opening up this variant of the aircraft to show people around the outside as well as a chance to visit the cockpit of this legendary aircraft."

Christopher Volpe, Wing Leader for 'Ready 4 Duty', Commemorative Air Force said "With the youngest WWII veterans ninety-seven years old, the window to honor these men and women is closing quickly. Navy to Victory is our way to help them take flight one more time."

David Oliver, President / CEO of Commemorative Air Force "The Navy to Victory Tour is a heartfelt tribute to the countless Allied sailors and airmen, who served with courage and conviction during the Second World War. This commemorative mission embodies the transatlantic bonds forged in the fight for freedom and remain a cornerstone in our shared history."

Tickets

The aircraft and crew are partaking in activities to commemorate the D-Day landings week beginning Monday 2nd June 2025, and have a window of opportunity to visit Jersey on 3rd June 2025.

Operating on a live airfield, the Jersey Aero Club will facilitate airside tours afternoon of Tuesday 3rd June from 14:30 to 18:00 which can be booked via our website – www.jerseyaeroclub.com/navy-to-victory-hosted-by-jersey-aero-club/

Bookings are necessary per person, and photographic ID required on the day for those 16 and over.

Tickets are paid on the day £5 per person (12+), under 12s for £3 per person at the Flying Desk, and donations made will go to support the Commemorative Air Force, their educational programme and aircraft preservation efforts.

The Aviator Bar/Cafe and car park will be open to members of the public during this time also.

Club members are invited to meet the crew from **1800 on Tuesday 3rd June 2025** in the Club House, talking through the aircraft's history as well as the work of the Commemorative Air Force. Tickets are free of charge for members, and non-members will be permitted for a nominal charge of £5 per person.

Also this month - A visit by the DCA ...by Mike Pownall

Update ... from Jasmine Clarke



Evening with Our DCA, John Nicholas

Thursday 19 June
2025 at 19:00



Join us for an exclusive update on current local developments in aviation, presented by the Director of Civil Aviation. This is your chance to hear the latest insights and put your questions directly to him. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed.

Jersey Aero Club - L'Avenue De La Reine Elizabeth II, St. Peter, Jersey



Club Fly-Out

After the much enjoyed fly-out to Cherbourg on 10th May, the next club fly-out destination is Alderney with a proposed date of **Saturday 21st June**. There will be an optional boat trip around the island of Alderney to spot wildlife with the Alderney Wildlife Trust, a train ride (yes there is a train on Alderney!) and a casual lunch at a local restaurant. Please let Jasmine or Jonathan know if you plan to attend just to aid in booking of the boat trip and restaurant for lunch. Here are some pictures of our jolly time in Cherbourg!

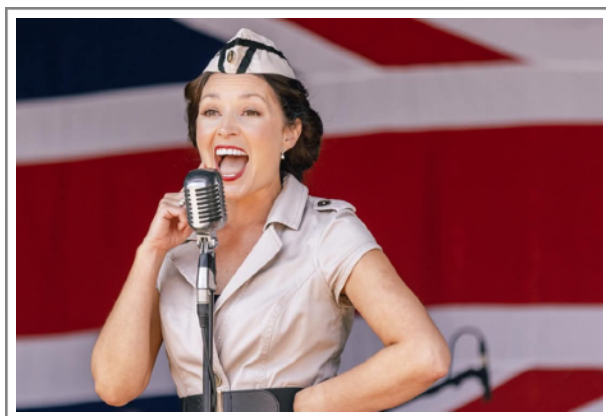


Jersey Fly-In 2025

Sunday 6th July will host this years Jersey Fly-In and in very exciting news, we will have The Optimistic Voices performing in the club! Some of you may have seen them at various events across the island, particularly Liberation celebrations.



They are an 8 piece swing style band and will bring a collection of 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s music to their show. They will be "on stage" from approx 13:30 local in the clubroom and it would be fantastic to see you and enjoy their fabulous performance. Similar to last year, there will be a BBQ and a quiz with prizes up for grabs as part of the day! What a great way to enjoy the new balcony terrace, hopefully in the sunshine! The event will not be ticketed, but pay-as-you-go for food and beverage.



JAC open day update... by Mary Frawley

Impact and outcomes

Thanks to everyone who supported the Club's inaugural Open Day which was held on Sunday 11th May from 10a.m. until 4p.m.

Luckily we were blessed with fair weather, and we were able to successfully showcase the Club, inclusive of the new balcony with its impressive views, the Flying Desk area, the engineering hub run by CIASL and we also accommodated airside access for many of the visitors, thanks to the professionalism of the Ortac and Skywalker teams. The new signage outside the Club looked great and we also had new membership flyers so we were able to distribute these on the day.

The visitors who turned up on the day were mostly non-members who had seen the Open Day advertised via the various press releases or who had heard about the event via the BBC Channel Islands radio interview which was aired on the morning of the event. There were quite a number of families who came to the Club on the day and lots of people who fondly remembered the Club but who had not revisited it in several years.

The Aviator bar had a constant flow of customers through the day and Fatima and Lucy were kept busy throughout the event. We intentionally did not hold any speeches nor announce the art and design winners during the event to avoid event bottlenecks so that the ladies could manage the expected orders, and that strategy worked well.

The children's art and the bus design competition displays were popular as was the inclusion of the various charities, such as Helping Wings, RAFA and the Channel Islands Air Search (CIAS) who brought the rescue craft to Jersey for the event.

Sonia and Paul from the Executive Committee superbly manned a Club 'membership desk' for the event. For the Open Day we did a promotional push on Social membership and the efforts paid off as during the day the Club took on 12 new memberships including:

- 1 - Flying (joint) membership
- 3 – Ordinary memberships
- 9 – Social memberships

CIASL, the aviation engineers opened their doors to the public and while they hadn't expected it, they secured a Project Trident student who will do his work experience in the engineering hub.

HELPING WINGS, who were based in the Aviator Bar were delighted to be included in the open day. Their presence attracted a lot of interest and secured a new volunteer who will help with their forthcoming charitable events.

RAFA were also based in the Aviator bar and they had amazing flags and aero models on their desk. The team secured a number of promising enquiries on the day and in addition if we can identify a suitable event, the Cadets and the Club will seek to jointly organise an aviation themed event for our younger members before the end of the year.

161 people were processed for airside access on the day and most visited the Channel Islands Air Search craft where the volunteers kindly provided first hand access to the aircraft. There are many happy potential aviators sitting in the cockpit who were photographed by their proud families.

Many of the airside access visitors also visited the engineers in the CIASL occupied hanger, and I was told by many visitors how they had been shown radar equipment, aviation electrics and many other engineering related things.

Lee and Martyn from Ortac and Skywalker were on hand throughout the day walking around the Club and answering questions on flight experiences and flight training. They had multiple enquiries which post event they are actively following up on.

Lessons we learned from hosting the event included:

- If people want to go airside then government issued proof of entity is required for all over 16s – we need to mention this on any event advertising.
- If we are showcasing aircraft, process airside access passes in advance and run things to a strict set timetable to make the airside access logistics run more efficiently.



Post the Open Day event, we held a separate 'Awards' evening for the students, parents and teachers of Les Quennevais school who had participated in the bus stop design competition on Wednesday 21st May 2025. There were approximately 60 attendees at the event which ran from 6p.m. until 7.30p.m.

Darrall from the Committee helped with the room preparation, Nigel delivered the welcome speech and the closing note, and Sonia was on hand to present participation certificates to the students.

Martyn, from Ortac and Skywalker Flight Training, explained the challenges the judges had when selecting the prize winners and how impressed they all were with the variety of the bus stop designs submitted. He presented the 'Most Impactful Design' award which was a private tour of an executive jet to three proud potential aviators.



Dougie from CIASL who explained who he was and what CIASL do, presented the 'Best Engineering Concept' prize of a guided tour of CIASL to two budding Design, Construct, Engineer! students.

Nigel presented the top prize of a 30-minute trial flight to a very grateful student who was delighted that he had pipped the others to the post. His design was selected by the judges as it most closely followed the design brief provided by the Club at the outset of the competition inclusive of budget..

Many thanks to Les Quennevais school for all of their support through the competition and for lending the Club their display boards and easels for the event.

For the Children's Art competition by the students of St Peter' school, the judging was conducted by Jasmine from the Executive Committee, Jonathan from Skywalker Flight Training and Dougie from CIASL. The prizes and the certificates will be distributed by the school during a forthcoming assembly and the updates will be available from the school via Facebook.



Aerodrome Update ... from Ali Varrie

Aero club Grass Parking Area



Work has started to rejuvenate the grass parking at the aero club and rectify areas of soft ground.

North side Parking area

Top layer of grass has been removed using a specialist machine to re level the ground. Subsoiler have been passed through to improve the drainage. The area has been re seeded with an airfield specific grass type.

South side parking area

Previously matted areas have been re mapped and aircraft moved onto these areas over winter.

Mole trapping has continued with good results.

Rough ground markers have been strategically placed on soft ground areas to restrict aircraft taxiing through soft ground sections and creating ruts.

Newly Matted Section

New matting has been installed on grass section next to the paved taxi route to increase matted area.

ATC Update ... from Marc Hill

Changes to (EU) Radio Communication Failure Procedures in Channel Islands Airspace.

With effect from 1st May 2025, the European Union (EU) is introducing amendments to its radio communication failure (RCF) procedures. The changes came into effect in the Brest FIR from 1st May 2025 and will be implemented in Channel Island Airspace 1st June 2025.

These revised rules do not apply in the UK FIR.

Radio Communication Failure (RCF) Procedures (SERA.8035 and 14083)

There are clear new requirements for what both flight crews and ATC units must do when communication fails in the airspace regulated by SERA:

The requirements detailed in SERA collected and organised the presently applicable ICAO radio communication failure procedures described in Annexes 2 and 10 Volume II, and PANS-ATM grouping the actions to address flight crews and air traffic controllers with two differences. The first difference is that IFR flights are required to set Mode A Code 7601 to inform the air traffic services unit about their intention to continue to fly in visual meteorological conditions and land at the nearest suitable aerodrome. The other difference is that there is a common time parameter of 20 minutes for both procedural and surveillance environment to be observed before adapting the speed and vertical profile in accordance with the filed flight plan, as amended by the modification and delay messages.

Flight Crew Actions:

Set Mode A Code 7600 immediately to indicate radio failure.

VFR Flights:

Fly in VMC conditions.

Land at the nearest suitable aerodrome.

Report arrival to the appropriate authority as soon as possible.

IFR Flights:

Maintain the last assigned speed and level for 20 minutes after squawking 7600 if failure occurs outside controlled airspace.

Then proceed according to the filed flight plan.

If no limit points specified, rejoin the flight plan route at the next significant point.

Hold over the destination aerodrome, commence descent close to the ETA, perform the published instrument approach procedure, and land within 30 minutes after ETA.

Landing in VMC:

If visual conditions are met, the crew must land as soon as possible.

In this case, set Mode A Code 7601 (VMC with communication failure).

Cotentin Temporary Restricted Area to the East of CICZ



We have been advised by French ATC of 2 Temporary Restricted Areas (SFC - 1500ft) over Normandy for the following dates.

30 June 06:00 - 04 July 2025 21:59 and 07 July 06:00 - 11 July 2025 21:59 UTC

Mandatory avoidance except assisting or medical flight for its mission after agreement by telephone +33 6 44 38 95 99

FIS and Alerting service provided by RENNES INFO 134.200

Jersey ATC will provide alternative clearances as required.

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



D-) 22+40 Messerschmitt built Lockheed F104G Starfligter on 22 July 1987 Le Bourget.jpg



D-EHKA S.A.N.built Jodel DR.1050 Ambassadeur on 1 September 2017 Sywell.jpg



D-KORE Sportavia SFS.31 Milan on 1 September 2012 Sywell.jpg



41-2446 (Swamp Ghost) Boeing B-17E Fortress on 19 September 2012 Chino.jpg



FX-82 SABCA built Lockheed F-104g Starfighter on 19 September 2012



N4235Z 59604 Grumman OV-1B Mohawk. on 19 September 2012 Chino.jpg



NX3378G (33-123) Boeing P-26A Pea Shooter on 19 September 2012.jpg



Latest news... by Eveline Hawkin



Helping Wings & Wetwheels joint event

Sunday 13th July will be our second event of the year. This joint event with Wetwheels has proved very popular and a real fun day.

This year, the event will start with breakfast at the St. Helier Yacht Club in the presence of our Patron, H.E. The Lieutenant-Governor Jeremy Kidd.

The party will then be split with the first group going onboard the vessel accompanied by H.E. the other group will make their way to the Jersey Aero club for their round the island flight.

Afternoon will see the reverse with those who have flown in the morning going on their boat trip and vice-versa.

Lunch will be split between the two venues ensuring all our guests are in the right place at the right time.

Of course, we are keeping our fingers crossed for the weather!

All our very grateful thanks again to our volunteer pilots and our helpers.

... and finally ... a little reminder that we have not had a flying story for a while ... can't wait to read yours!!!

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