



Welcome to the JERSEY AERO CLUB

August 2025 members newsletter... editor - Eveline Hawkin

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2nd-3rd and 30th-31st August	North West Aerobatics
Sunday 7th September.	Helping Wings Young Children's Day
Thursday 11th September	Jersey International Air Display & BBQ at the club.

Update from the Flying Desk ... from Jonathan Vibert



Cost Sharing Flights - Guidance updated

Recent amendments to the UK Air Operations Regulations (Regulation No 965/2012) regarding Cost Sharing rules will come into force on the 1st of October.

[We have published new information and guidance on our website](#), ahead of the amended rules coming into force.

CAUTION - Our own Channel Islands rules differ from these.

Ready 4 Duty was here! ... by Jonathan Vibert

After a number of months of negotiations, plans were in place for the aircraft to visit and nightstop with a members talk put on for June time. With all good things in aviation, the one thing we couldn't guarantee was the weather, and as such the visit was binned but the aircraft still came to purchase some of the Islands Avgas before continuing on to France.

As the season on tour continued, I had kept in touch with the Tour Director, Chris, to see if an opportunity could be found to still bring the aircraft over.

With their last public display planned for the weekend 26-27th July, and a few 'down-days' planned for 28-29th July, we managed to agree on a day-trip for 28th July. With only 6 days notice, a significant amount of preparation, planning and coordinating with business partners across the airfield, I am so pleased to have been able to bring this aircraft over to open to members and the general public.

The main goal of the Commemorative Air Force, is to educate, inspire and honour those who worked on these magnificent aircraft. N151ZE is based at Lancaster Airport in Dallas Texas, and came to Europe this year as part of their Navy to Victory tour to commemorate the D-Day landings in June.

The aircraft, originally developed from the commercial DC-3 airline, the Douglas transport when to war with the Army Air Corps as the C-47 and the Navy and Marine Corps as the R4D. The aircraft is painted in Atlantic over-water camouflage scheme, designed to make it blend with the dark grey water from above and the white clouds from below.

In 1985 this R4D flew across the Atlantic Ocean to the United Kingdom and Netherlands to represent the Commemorative Air Force at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the DC-3/C-47/R4D aircraft, where she was recognised as the best restored military version!



N151ZE, 'Ready 4 Duty' parked proudly in front of the club house apron.



Wing Commander Chris Volpe(front), along with the operating pilots Glenn (Middle) and Garrett (back) flight planning their return to their UK base at Duxford whilst they've been on detachment to Europe.



Cockpit view, with Garrett (Pilot) who will be watching over the crew on their return to the USA.



Club members and visitors here getting a talk from Pilot Glenn on the aircrafts history, with a number of displays within the cabin.



Crew Chief Andy O'Dell showing the team from Channel Islands Aero Services around the aircraft



View of the club balcony full of onlookers, watching the aircraft depart the Aero Club



The team from ATF refuelling the aircraft up on stand 21, before she departed back to the UK



Lots of media interest in our visitor, with JEP capturing their arrival, BBC Radio Jersey doing a radio interview, and here the ITV Channel team interviewing crew and guests with a prime feature on the 6pm local news!

Friends of Jersey, Come Fly with Me...GIVEAWAY... by Jonathan Vibert



The Jersey International Air Display is now celebrating over 70 years of shows, and is a cornerstone of our community, providing opportunities to bring people together, stimulate economic growth, and celebrate unique traditions. These benefits extend way beyond the event itself to leave a lasting impact on our island.

The largest Free, Not for Profit event continues on, with thanks and recognition to generous and private sponsors and a government grant, making it accessible for everyone to enjoy, while remembering the Battle of Britain as a defining moment in military history.

Sharon Betts, High Hopes Helper for the JIAD explains,

This year we have begun to diversify our fundraising efforts with Enhanced Visibility, to raise awareness of our mission and work, Adaptability, as we adapt to changing circumstances and emerging trends, and Increased Reach, to ensure financial stability for this year and beyond. We are very keen to expand and grow the Display.

It was also important to us at £10 to enter the GIVEAWAY, the prize is accessible to all to promote inclusivity, broaden participation, and increase the potential for fundraising success. Our objective through, Come Fly with Me, a prize accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial status or background, the JIAD could engage a wider audience and foster a deeper sense of community and shared purpose for what is and remains an important item in the Jersey Event and Hospitality Calendar.

The methodology behind this approach, by building neighbourhood bonds, individually you can make a significant impact by engagement in our efforts, creating ripple effects. After working in the Third Sector for many years, our tiny islands community involvement and care should never be underestimated!

Now is the time to get involved.

Local Community Support Required: Making a Difference Through
The JIAD 2025 GIVEAWAY

Friends of Jersey, Come Fly with Me

One Prize One Winner

The Prize:

*An opportunity to fly in a display plane (Min 1 seat, subject to availability)

*6 airside visits to the static display

*2 places at the Government House reception on Wednesday evening

*5 tickets to attend the hospitality marquee in Lower Park with canapés and drinks included

*2 seats at the after party on the Thursday with the flight crew!

To enter, tickets can be bought via the website., www.jerseyairdisplay.org.uk

Community events bring people together, fostering a sense of belonging and shared identity.

*Live from August 1st, 2025. Entries will close at 23:59 on the 31st of August 2025.

*To enter the Jersey International Air Display GIVEAWAY, you MUST be aged 18 or over and a Jersey Resident

*Please read Terms and Conditions before purchasing

also by Jonathan Vibert ... Club BBQ at the Club House Thursday 11th September



This year we are looking to invite club members to come up and enjoy the roar of engines and smell of burning rubber from the new club house balcony, for this year's Air Display!

The club will be hosting one of this year's Display Acts – top secret, but more to follow in due course!

From the balcony members will be able to watch the take-off and landings of the aircraft, and we aim to be showing the live-feed of the display on the Club's TV screen inside.

BBQ tickets will be available for members to purchase for £18 per person from Fatima and Lucy behind the bar.

and ... Achtung, Spitfire!

A great couple of days were had this month with the last of this year's Spitfire flights.

Whilst the weather delayed operations until Thursday afternoon, majority of the flying was able to take place.

In addition, Mark Hillier (Head of Operations for Spitfires.com) was able to speak to a group of supporters of the Royal Air Force Association Jersey at their evening event



All above photos by courtesy of Jonathan Vibert

and finally...from Jonathan Vibert - Northwest Aerobatics return this month!



Reminder to members that the team from North West Aerobatics are over 2-3rd and 30-31st August 2025 offering Aerobatic experiences from a leisurely round island experience, through to the 'Airshow Hero'!

For more information or to book, check out www.northwestaerobatics.co.uk/jersey or call 01617 102 290

Pitch Trim Runaway ... by Kevin Perryman FRAeS, CIASL

Although occurrences of pitch trim runaway are rare, when they do occur the results can easily be catastrophic, particularly if it happens at low altitude where there is limited time to respond.

Irrespective of whether a pitch trim runaway was the cause of the fatal accident involving a Piper PA-23-250 (G-BKJW), the AAIB investigation identified ways to reduce the risk of such an event.

The full report can be found on our website: <https://lnkd.in/ezdBU3wR>

ATC update ... from Marc Hill



Over the next few weeks, the Airport will be repainting the Runway holding points.

Golf and Delta will be done during the day, Alpha 1, Bravo 1, Echo and Foxtrot overnight.

For the period Golf and Delta are not available, light aircraft power checks are required to be carried out prior to taxi to the runway holding point. Info on the closures will be disseminated via the ATIS. With most of the work overnight, hopefully this will cause minimum disruption.

This month's story ... day trip to Dinan by Brian Heath

Dinan airfield lies only about 10 nautical miles South of Dinard airport. With no Customs facilities, and a French only air to air frequency, it is perhaps unsurprising that most visitors from the Channel Islands don't make the extra hop to visit even if headed for Dinan town. However, Dinan airfield does have an aero club, some interesting aircraft in the hangar and a decent restaurant on site. It also has an engineering facility with an avionics workshop which was the primary reason for our recent visit as 2-KOOL needed some work.



The weather was pretty perfect if a bit on the warm side with 30 degrees forecast for Northern Brittany. Dale in 2-KOOL with me shortly behind in G-BSME arrived at Dinard for our pre booked Customs slot at 1230 local time. Dale was given runway 35 behind a bizjet; I was offered and took a straight in for 17 with a light tailwind. Dinard was busier than on recent visits, with two large business jets, G-AYPU from Jersey and some local activity, which was good to see. The airport fire fighter helpfully collected the fees for the out and return flights to save time. Customs of course required a return visit on our way out of France.



We took off for Dinan and once visual were handed over to the air to air frequency and the French overhead join – runway heading 500ft above circuit height and join crosswind with blind calls in French. We were sharing the circuit with a French ULM who although on final seemed to decide discretion was the better part of valour and went around to position behind the two foreign types with dodgy accents. Runway 07 was more into wind and is preferred in light winds as it has a significant upslope. The final approach is over trees but nothing to interfere with a normal profile. Both of our aircraft were stopped by the intersection taxiway with 2-KOOL heading off to the engineering hangar whilst I parked on the visitor parking "grass" area with turned out to be more like heather moorland soon to be joined by the microlight.



We had a friendly reception at the Aero Club and 10 Euro covered both the landings. By now we needed refreshment so headed for "Café Le Racer" which offers Pizza, Burgers and a set menu. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Le-Racer-Caf%C3%A9-100090874764990/> The Pizzas are all named after aircraft and although flying a Bolkow Junior I should probably have had the "Airbus" (answers on a postcard?) I opted for the BB Jodel



Of course, we had to have look in the Aero Club hangar before leaving. The club has two Robin DR400s plus a microlight. There was also a Longeze, Stearman, Menestrel (supposedly one of the sweetest handling homebuilts), Wassmer and Gyro so their Club is clearly thriving. Thibault, who was showing us around was very helpful but was unsure if there were any footpaths or quiet lanes to walk the short distance into Dinan – the adjacent dual carriageway would not be recommended. Further research needed.



It was a MAUW departure from an uphill 07 on an ISA plus 17 degree day, with negligible wind, but we were airborne well before the decision point, and made a quick call to Dinard for a straight in approach on 35 and parked up, with a whole 0.19 on the tach to clear customs again before returning to Jersey.



Plane spotter's corner ... A selection from Bob Sauvary's collection taken at the Microlight Trade Fair 2025 Popham (part 2 of 2)



G-RAFY Best Off Skyranger Swift 912S
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-SKRG Best Off Skyranger 912
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-ISAC TZ164 Isaacs Spitfire
on 4 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-LYNK CFM Shadow DD
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-MAAL TLAC built Shark Aero Shark 600
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-RSAM P & M Quik GTR Explorer.
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-NGBB BRM Aero Bristell NG-5 Speed Wing.
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-OTSI The Aircraft Factory Sling 4 TSI
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



G-ULLI Best Off Skyranger Nynja 912S
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



N1792R Cessna A.185F Skywagon
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



I-E676 ICP MXP-740 Savannah SR



N62658 Boeing Stearman A.75N-1
on 3 May 2025 Popham.jpg



Latest news ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

Helping Wings and Wetwheels Jersey joint event.

For once, we were blessed with the perfect weather for our joint event on Sunday 13th July.

The day started at the St. Helier Yacht Club where our joint patron, His Excellency Sir Jeremy Kyd joined us for breakfast when he had a chance to meet our guests.

After breakfast, our guests divided into two groups: one group headed to Jersey Aero Club for a flight around the island with our incredible team of volunteer pilots, while the other group set off for an exhilarating boat trip with Wetwheels Jersey. After lunch, the groups swapped over, making sure everyone had the chance to enjoy both air and sea adventures.

During the day, we were thrilled to have the visit from PoJ Airport Rescue Fire Fighting Service. Always a highlight at our events.

Everyone left with a certificate signed by their pilots and a goodie bag from both charities.

We are delighted to be able to work with Wetwheels giving our local families a fun day with long lasting memories.

So many people, all volunteers, are involved in making these special days happen and we are very grateful for their repeated kindness and generosity.

For details about Helping Wings, consult our website www.helpingwingsjersey.org

Our next event is on **Sunday 7th September**. A day full of fun for our young guests and their families.

If you are interested either to fly for us or join us as a volunteer, please send us an email to hello@helpingwingsjersey.org



and finally ...

Already August ... summer is disappearing rather rapidly! On Friday and Saturday early evenings, the bar is open to welcome you.

Come and enjoy our wonderful sunsets from the new balcony. Fatima and Lucy will be pleased to welcome you all!

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