



# Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

October 2026 members newsletter *Editor - Eveline Hawkin*

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 22nd October - 19:00** - ATC RNP SIDs & STARS presentation

**Thursday 29th October - 19:00** - **UK** CAA - Airspace Infringement Prevention

**Thursday 19th November - 19:00** - SULLY - The Miracle on the Hudson



**Skywalker Jersey September 2026 update ... by Lee McConnell**

## Flying Programme

Another solid month in the air, with over 80 hours of flying training across the fleet.

No first solos to report this month, but plenty of students are making good progress and we expect to be celebrating a few in the coming weeks.

G-EHLX has now gone in to FAST Aviation at Bournemouth for its 100-hour check, along with a full repaint and re-registration. We can't wait to share the reveal in next month's issue — watch this space!

During this input we'll also be fitting the hand control adaptation for Helping Wings. Once G-EHLX is back, members flying her will need a short refresher with one of our instructors on flying with the adaptation fitted. Not much changes, but there are a few things to bear in mind.



### Handling & FBO

A busy month on the ramp, with 603 movements through the FBO in September and over 14,000 litres of fuel sold.

On fuel pricing: we've had a further update from ATF, and Avgas has gone up again to 169.00 ppl. Prices are still on the increase, driven by ongoing volatility in global oil markets linked to the conflict involving Iran. We'll keep members posted as things move, so there are no surprises at the pump.

We were proud to handle the AeroShark for this year's Jersey International Air Display, and we also supported Team Raven. A real highlight was welcoming the Catalina flying boat here at the Aero Club. It's not every day you see one of those on our apron!



### Other Activities

We also attended the Jersey Business Aviation Exhibition, which gave us one of our favourite moments of the year. We bumped into Gracie, a former Skywalker student fresh off completing her PPL with us, who was there with the British Young Pilots programme. Gracie helped show a group of schoolgirls around the Ortac Learjet 75, which was on static display at the event.

Joining them was Lois, Ortac's newest female pilot, which made for a brilliant cross-generational line-up. Aspiring young aviators, a newly qualified PPL holder and a commercial pilot, all women in aviation, stood together in front of the Learjet. Girl power on full display, and a lovely reminder of where a first lesson at the Aero Club can lead.



### Committee updates ... *from Andrew Renouf*

As usual there is always behind the scenes work which members will not be aware of. We have had several leaks and unfortunately this work is reasonably expensive as the roof seams are rusting along the entire length of the Hangar. We would prefer to schedule repairs in bit by bit over the next few years however the work needs to take place before the rust starts eat completely through the plastisol sheets. A little disappointing on a building which is only 25 years old but as with our Aircraft, the salty air in Jersey has a dramatic impact on maintenance costs.



... and from Club Manager ... *Jonathan Vibert*

### September at the Jersey Aero Club:

September has once again been a busy and enjoyable month at the Jersey Aero Club, with aviation very much taking centre stage and plenty of activity both in the air and around the Club.

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the month was the Jersey International Air Display on Thursday 10 September. As ever, the Air Display brought a wonderful atmosphere to the Island and provided a spectacular afternoon of flying over St Aubin's Bay.

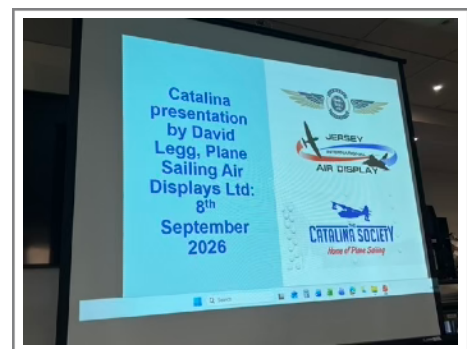
This year's programme featured an impressive mixture of historic and modern aircraft, including the B-17 Flying Fortress, Fairey Swordfish, Hurricane and Catalina, together with the always eagerly anticipated Red Arrows. It was particularly pleasing to see Jersey-born pilot John Harmsworth at the controls of the Catalina during the display!



The club was fortunate enough to get an exclusive talk with David Legg, Crew Chief with the Catalina Operator 'Plane Sailing'. David gave our members an evening filled with talk of the aircraft, its design, history and the recent tales and challenges faced seeing the aircraft being brought back into service on the shore of Lock Ness! There was also an exclusive opportunity for our members to buy a selection of merchandise of 'Miss Pick-up'.

For those members who came up to the Clubhouse on the day of the Air Display, you will have enjoyed Fatima's usual hospitality along with the array of aircraft taking-off/landing - along with the odd 'missed approach'!!

For the Aero Club, Air Display week is always a special occasion. It brings together pilots, members, visitors and aviation enthusiasts and reminds us just how strong Jersey's connection with aviation remains. A sincere thank you goes to everyone who helped around the Club and contributed to the atmosphere during what is invariably one of the busiest aviation events in the Island's calendar.



### Member's 2026 Survey:

Our **Annual Membership Survey** is your opportunity to tell the Committee what you think about the Jersey Aero Club and, importantly, what you would like to see from your Club in the future.

We've made a number of improvements over the past year, from enhancements to the **Clubhouse Bar and Café** and new self-service refreshments to continued investment in our facilities and services. Now we want to know what difference these changes have made to you.

The survey asks for your views on everything from the **Flying Desk, aviation services and facilities, food and service, communications and events**, through to future opportunities such as the **Flying Simulator**. We also want to know what would encourage you to visit more often and whether your membership is delivering the value you expect.

**Your feedback really does matter.** It helps the Committee understand what is working, where we can improve and where we should focus our efforts and investment.

So - please take a few minutes to complete the survey and have your say - [Jersey Aero Club Members Survey – 2026 – form](#)

**It's your Club – help us shape its future**  
Thank you.

### Club events ... from Mike Pownall

#### Thursday 22 October at 19:00

We are pleased to let you know that our local Air Traffic team will be giving a short presentation on the new RNP SIDs and STARs being introduced on 29 October. They will also touch on a few additional ATC topics that are relevant to pilots flying in and out of Jersey.

This will be a practical, informative session and a great chance to understand what is changing, why it matters, and how it will affect day-to-day operations.

We hope you can join us.



## Introduction New RNP SID's and STAR's

### Thursday 22 October 2026 at 19:00

Hosted by Jersey Air Traffic Control

Topics include:

- Introduction to the new RNP SIDs & STARs coming into effect this month
- Operational updates for pilots flying in and out of Jersey
- Local procedures, best practice, and Q&A with the ATC team

Open to all club members, student pilots, who want to stay current with upcoming changes and local ATC guidance.

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

### Understanding Airspace Infringements

Thursday 29 October 2026  
19:00 - 21:00



Presented by the UK Civil Aviation Authority's Airspace Infringements Team.

#### Topics covered

- Background statistics and data
- Prevention based on common root causes
- Local and cross Channel considerations
- The airspace infringement review process

#### Join us in person

Thursday 29 October 2026 19:00

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### Thursday 29 October at 19:00

The UK Civil Aviation Authority's Airspace Infringements Team will be visiting the Jersey Aero Club on Thursday 29 October, 19:00–21:00, to deliver an in-person presentation on understanding and preventing airspace infringements.

Members can expect a practical and insightful session covering current statistics, common root causes, local and cross-Channel considerations, and the infringement review process. As noted in the event details, the team will walk through “*background statistics and data*” and “*prevention based on common root causes*,” giving pilots clear, actionable guidance drawn from real-world cases.

This is an excellent opportunity for pilots at every stage to strengthen their situational awareness and stay aligned with best practice. Logbook stickers will be available for those attending in person.

### Thursday 19 November at 19:00

#### MOVIE NIGHT – Save the Date

#### SULLY - The Miracle on the Hudson

Date: Thursday 19 November Time: 19:00

Venue: Jersey Aero Club

Join fellow pilots and members for a special screening of the film celebrating Captain Sullenberger's extraordinary airmanship. Pizza and Pop Corn for all. Further details to follow.



... and from Marc Hill ... Jersey ATC

As well as the CAA talk in the Evening, we also have the **Channel Islands Airspace Infringement Team** meeting on the **29<sup>th</sup> October at 1430**. It would be great to get some more General Aviation Pilots involved. If you'd like to join us, please email [Marc.Hill@ports.je](mailto:Marc.Hill@ports.je)



## Update ... by *Eveline Hawkin*

After months of glorious sunshine, Sunday 20th September proved to be a disappointment weather wise. The forecast had been for a clearance late morning but this did not happen till gone 15:00. By then it would have been difficult to re-organise the 22 flights booked and so, the HW Team decided to cancel the flying.

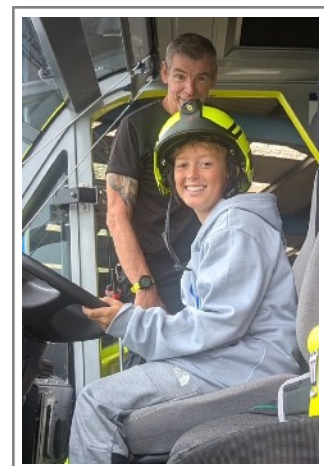
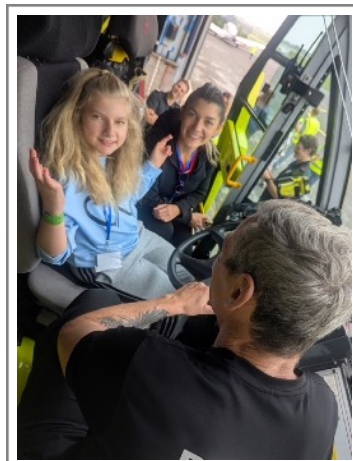
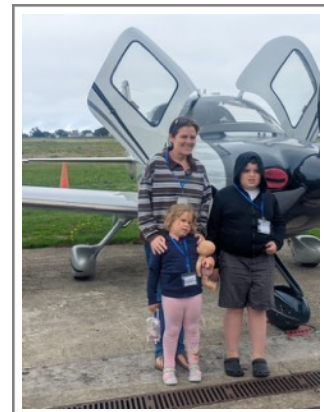
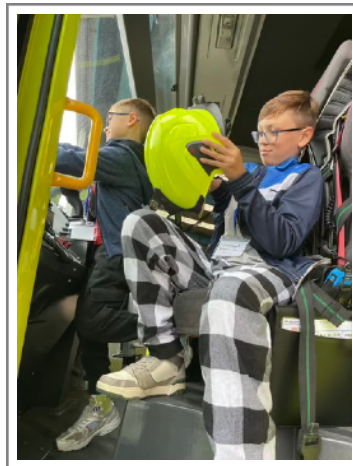
However, we had plenty of activities on offer - The Airport Fire Service Team with their tender, our magician, rides in the vintage potato lorry, face painting and drawing. Some pilots were able to stay on and offered to take the children to sit in their aircraft and become a pilot!

Once again, we are so grateful for the support and generosity of everyone involved - our pilots, ground crew, sponsors and supporters without whom, we simply would not be able to carry on with our activities.

The pictures below speak for themselves!

If you'd like to join our team, please contact us on:

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



F-PSCZ Europa Aviation Europa  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-AFZA Piper J.4A Cub Coupe  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-ATJN Dormois built Jodel D.119  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-BUDL NX534 Auster 3  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-BWGF XW325 BAC 145 Jet Provost T.5A  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-BXGL DHC.1 Chipmunk 22  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-CMLM Van's RV-7  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.

Plane spotter's corner ... from Bob Sauvary' collection (continued)



G-CMZV Aeroprakt A.32 Vixen  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester Easy.



G-TCFS MX457 Airmasters (UK)  
built Ultralight Concept Stampe SV.4RS  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-SLGG Sling Aircraft Sling TSI  
on 4 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-ET0Y CASA 1-131E Jungmann 2000  
on 5 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-ONCS Topsy T.66 Nipper III  
on 5 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-SRCB Van's RV-12  
on 5 September 2026 Leicester East.



G-CNEA Ellipse Aircraft Ellipse Spirit 912iS  
on 5 September 2026 Jersey.

For sale and wanted items ...

## Aircraft share for sale



G-OSCC Piper PA32-300 (Cherokee Six)

- Locally based and hangared since 1997
- IFR equipped
- One quarter share or, alternatively two fifth shares for sale

Please contact Jonathan Gready via e-mail for further details:

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*and finally ...*

*Do you have a story or tip to share?*

We'd love to feature it in the newsletter. Email me at [evelinehawkin@gmail.com](mailto:evelinehawkin@gmail.com)

Anything else regarding the club, please email the committee at - [committee@jerseyacroclub.com](mailto:committee@jerseyacroclub.com)