



Welcome to the **JERSEY AERO CLUB**

September 2026 members newsletter *Editor - Eveline Hawkin*

FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Tuesday 8th September at 18:30 - Talk by the Crew Chief, David Legg, of the Catalina which is over for the air display

Thursday 10th September - Jersey International Air Display

Sunday 20th September - *Helping Wings Young Children's day*

Thursday 24th September at 19:00 - Ask the AME: What's changed, What Matters & What Pilots Need to Know ...by James Mair



Skywalker Jersey September 2026 update ... by Lee McConnell

Flying Programme

A strong month in the air, with **70 hours** flown across the fleet — 40 hours on G-JJER, our PA28 Warrior, and 30 hours on G-EHLX. That's a great total for a summer month, helped along by good instructor availability and some lovely flying weather.

It's been a bumper month for first solos, with congratulations going to **Gianfranco Bombardieri**, **Matthew Dunne**, **Mark Whyman** and **Oliver Haslam**, who all went solo for the first time. Special mention to Oliver, who at 16 years and 3 months is the youngest pilot we've had go solo at the club to date. A brilliant achievement — well done all four of you.



The summer block-hour hire offer has been extended to the **end of September** — speak to the Skywalker desk if you'd like to make use of it before it ends.

Handling & FBO

A busy month on the ramp with **804 movements** through the FBO in August.

We've had an update from ATF on fuelling: Avgas has unfortunately just gone up to **165.00 ppl**. Not the news anyone wants going into the autumn, but worth flagging so there are no surprises at the pump.

We've also seen a good number of helicopter movements this month, which is encouraging — we're keen to promote more helis coming to the island. A gentle reminder for anyone arriving by helicopter: please park into wind. It's also worth giving the Skywalker desk a call ahead of arrival so we can arrange for the fire service to position the aircraft into wind, particularly when strong winds are forecast.

On the safety side, I've been engaging with the Aerodrome Safety Manager at Ports of Jersey regarding taxiway incursions. As part of Skywalker's Safety Management System, I've drafted a Skywalker Safety Notice on the subject — it's attached here, and a copy is also up on the safety notice board in the flying room.

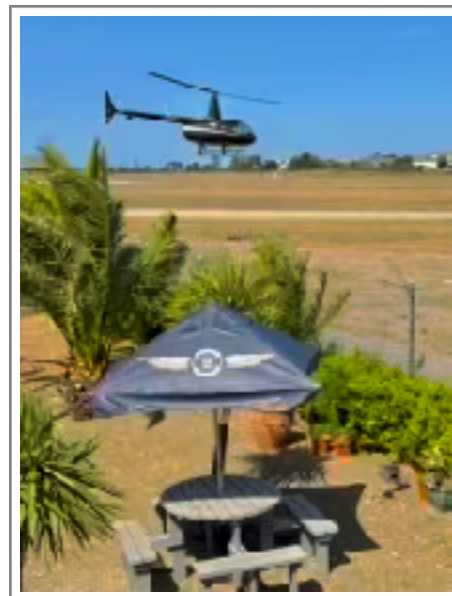
Ports of Jersey would also be grateful if pilots could complete their survey on taxiway incursions, as part of ongoing safety promotion.

It only takes a few minutes and the feedback goes directly towards improving how we all operate on the ground.

Please submit the safety survey directly to Lee McConnell lee.mcconnell@flyortac.com or Chris Kelly Chris.Kelly@ports.je

Taxiway Incursions Survey

Kobi took Suzanne, our Accounts manager, up for a flight this month — a first for her, and about time too. Suzanne handles everything behind the scenes for Skywalker and Ortac, so it was good to get her out of the office and into the cockpit for a change.



SAFETY NOTICE

JERSEY AIRPORT (EGJJ)
Runway 26 holding points (Hot Spot HSB) – and Jersey's "Ring of Red" stop bar policy

For visiting pilots, Aero Club members, and all crews operating from the general aviation area

THE ISSUE
At the eastern end of Taxiway A, the runway holding points for RWY 26 – A1 and A2 – sit within a few metres of one another, with a blocking stopbar immediately adjacent. This is a rare situation in one of our busiest areas, and one of which carries an Alpha designation. The area is marked as Hot Spot HSB.

Every departure from the Aero Club apron and the light aircraft grass parking towards Runway 26 passes through it.

WHY IT CATCHES PEOPLE OUT

- The limits are easy to confuse – pilots stop at the wrong one, or not past the one that matters.
- A blocking stopbar protects a taxiway route. Passing it is **NOT** a clearance to enter or cross the runway.
- A clearance heard for one limit gets applied to another, especially when workload is high or the crew unfamiliar with the airport.
- Visiting crews are at greatest risk: the geometry is not obvious until you are in it.

"RING OF RED" – WHAT IS IT AT JERSEY, AND WHEN

- LED stopbars are installed at all runway holding points and are in **permanent operation**. This is Jersey's "Ring of Red" policy.
- Stopbars at all intermediate holding points are also in permanent use, reinforcing taxi clearance limits.

NEVER CROSS AN ILLUMINATED RED STOP BAR
Whatever clearance you believe you hold. If the bar stays lit, hold position and tell ATC.

CROSSING A LIT STOP BAR – THE ONLY EXCEPTION
Jersey controllers will not instruct you to cross a lit stop bar in normal operation. If clear is unreasonably withheld from services and an alternative route is used.

ONLY IN VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES – NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE AVAILABLE AND THE BAR CANNOT BE SUSPENDED – MAY AN AIRCRAFT BE INSTRUCTED TO CROSS. IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE CAPTAIN'S DECISION.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
- **ADDITIONAL:** stopbar is never visible. Cross red stop bar at A2.
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GRASS SURFACE – BUTTED, SOFT AND SLIPPERY WHEN WET
The grass is rutted – maroon with caution at all times. When wet it becomes soft and slippery, and the ground at the east end of the Aero Club access track can be very wet and muddy. Take extreme care there in wet conditions.

1. BEFORE YOU TAXI
Before you set off for holding point H, study the ground chart and identify exactly where you will stop and which designator brief it as a threat and aerodrome management knows where the aircraft is to be parked. Do not waste it waiting. Take the time to know this hot spot.

2. AT THE HOLD
Read the sign, not just the paint. Confirm the holding point designator matches the one in your clearance, and know which stopbars you expect to see it on your route. Read back every hold short and crossing clearance in full, including the designator.

3. IF IN DOUBT
Stop. Hold position. Tell ATC you are unsure of your position and say what you can see. Ask for progressive taxi – nobody minds, and there is no rush. An incursion is a very different conversation. Minimum separation distances. Suitability for transit and parking rests with the aircraft commander at all times.

PILOTS MUST EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING RUNWAY 26 HOLDING POINTS. The proximity of Holding Points A1, A2 and a blocking stop bar may cause confusion. No green centre-line lighting exists on Taxiway D01.

This notice is a safety reminder only. It does not replace the current LAAIP (ICAO 2020) aerodrome chart, the Aerodrome Manual, or any other document issued by Jersey ATC. Where they differ, they prevail. RWY 08R-020 (04/24) – 18 August 2026. Issued by: Skywalker Flight Training, Jersey Aero Club. info@skywalkerflighttraining.com 00324 703000

Other Activities

Progress on the **AL250 simulator** has been slower than we'd hoped — it's taken longer than any of us expected to get to this point. That said, following a recent visit from the supplier, the outstanding works needed to complete the installation have now been mapped out, so we finally have a clear path to finishing.

The main job is raising the projectors into the ceiling void so they project down across the full area of the raised screen. As well as sorting out the shadowing caused by the cockpit position, this will widen the field of view considerably — better side-window visuals for circuit training, and a much easier job for students picking out external visual reference points.

Alongside that, Nelio will be working his magic by making up 40cm timber screen extensions, finished in matt white to match the existing curved screen. Nelio's work around the club has been absolutely phenomenal and deserves a proper mention here — thank you, Nelio. Between the extensions and the projector work, we should end up with noticeably better coverage and a far more immersive experience, which will have future proofed the whole set up going forward.

The supplier's technicians expect around three days on site for the technical works, followed by two days of training. There's some preparatory work for the JAC works team to complete beforehand, which is in hand.

Committee updates ... *from Andrew Renouf*

Café Refurbishment

Although a low priority project, earlier in the year the Committee decided to carry on with limited work to make use of the building materials which were already purchased in 2025 and had been stored in the loft area above the offices on the first floor.

The layer of structural plywood will eventually be clad with the fireproof decorative finish, however, this strong base layer allows complete flexibility as we will be able to obtain fixings anywhere when it comes to lighting, hanging large scale model aircraft and even future air conditioning. The photo shows almost 50% of the ceiling has now been clad and the first fix wiring of the fire alarm system is complete.



In addition, the 100mm PIR insulation has already been fitted on the opposite side. Attention to detail is important with this type of work as all cracks need foaming/ taping with silver tape to prevent air leakage. This has been completed to an excellent standard which will reduce heating costs in the café going forward.

CLUBHOUSE KIOSK

MORE CHOICE. MORE CONVENIENCE. MORE FOR MEMBERS & VISITING CREW. ✈️



We're pleased to introduce our new self-service kiosk – designed to enhance your club experience and offer greater choice and convenience.

	HOT, COLD & ALCOHOLIC DRINKS The kiosk offers a wide range of hot, cold and alcoholic drinks — including soft drinks, juices, beers, wines and more.		OPEN FOR MEMBERS & CREW The kiosk is available for all members and visiting crew to use during the opening hours of the building.
	AGE VERIFICATION & SAFETY We have robust safeguards in place to prevent underage purchases. Alcohol is only available when member's cards are used and the member is over 18.		ACCESS OUTSIDE STAFFED HOURS The Flying Desk will be able to offer access to the clubhouse and the kiosk for visiting GA pilots and crew outside staffed hours.
	ENHANCING – NOT REPLACING This self-service provision is here to enhance the offering from the club and is not intended to replace our staffed bar.		MEMBERS' DISCOUNT – COMING SOON Members can look forward to an exclusive discount offering when using the kiosk in due course.



We hope you enjoy this new facility and the extra choice and flexibility it brings. As always, your feedback is welcome – let us know how we can keep improving!

Jonathan Vibert
Club Manager, Jersey Aero Club

See you at the club! ✈️

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MEMBER INVITATION

TO VIEW THE JERSEY INTERNATIONAL AIR DISPLAY'S

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES!



WHEN
Thursday,
10-Sep-2026



WHERE
Jersey Aero Club,
Aviator Cafe
and Bar



WHY
Support your Club,
..... plus the first 3
orders at the bar
over £30 will receive
a bottle of wine for
their table.

We are delighted to invite you to the members bar at the Club to soak up the atmosphere for the Jersey International Air Display from 10am until 6pm.



If the weather is kind, relax on the balcony with a cool beverage in the company of fellow aviation enthusiasts. If the weather changes, drinks will still be served indoors.



Copies of the official 2026 Jersey International Air Display Programmes will also be available to purchase.



While you are at the Club, why not take a look at the fabulous new SIM that has been kindly gifted to the Club. It's not up and running yet but it is in situ, and the Skywaker Flight Training team will be on hand to answer your questions.



As always Paul will also be on hand on the day to answer any membership questions you may have.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To help us provide members with an enjoyable experience Club events, we are looking for volunteers to help Fatima on event days by glass collecting, delivering orders to tables and ensuring the bar stays stocked.



If you have any queries, or wish to volunteer and support the Cafe, then do let us know by emailing jv@jerseyaeroclub.com or committee@jerseyaeroclub.com

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB. ENJOY THE SHOW.



— PLANE SAILING AIR DISPLAYS —
— PRESENTS THEIR —
CONSOLIDATED PBY-5A
CATALINA *flying boat*

REGISTERED AS **G-PBYA** | AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "MISS PICK UP"



Expect a presentation from the **Chief Engineer** and **flight crew** of the aircraft, on its **history** and **recent adventures** around Europe.



Limited supply of merchandise will be **available to purchase too**



WHERE

Jersey Aero Club
Aviator Bar and Cafe



WHEN

Tuesday
8th September 2026

TALK FROM 18:30
(SUBJECT TO THEIR ARRIVAL TIME)

SPECIAL MENTION



We hope to have the aircraft parked down near the Aero Club, but due to the aircraft's **operational flying schedule**, we cannot offer tours of the aircraft from the Aero Club.



Club Members can visit the Aircraft, and others, during the Jersey International Air Display's Static Display on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September 2026.**



ALL WELCOME – AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS AND MEMBERS ALIKE!





WIN THE ULTIMATE AIR DISPLAY VIP EXPERIENCE WORTH £5,000!



For just £10 per ticket, one lucky winner will receive the VIP package below, worth £5,000!

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:



- THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOAR THROUGH THE SKIES IN ONE OF THE RAREST AIRCRAFT IN THE WORLD

(MIN 1 SEAT, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)



- 2 PLACES AT A GOVERNMENT HOUSE RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY EVENING



- 5 TICKETS TO THE ULTIMATE ALL-INCLUSIVE DAY OUT!
ENJOY LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA, AND A FULLY INCLUSIVE BAR!
(EXCLUSIVE ACCESS RESERVED FOR ENCLOSURE GUESTS ONLY)



- 2 SEATS AT THE AFTER PARTY ON THE THURSDAY WITH THE FLIGHT CREW



- 6 VIP AIRSIDE PASSES TO THE STATIC DISPLAY

★ A MAXIMUM OF 5,000 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE. ★

TERMS & CONDITIONS:



*You must be over 18 and a Jersey resident to enter. The winner will be required to show proof of age in order to claim their prize.



Entries close at 5pm 2nd September 2026, and the winner will be announced 3rd September 2026.



Every effort will be made to contact the winner (email & mobile) with no reserve. The winner of the Prize will be contacted by the Promoter on or within 7 days of the Closing Date.



If a winner cannot be contacted using all reasonable efforts within 7 days of the Closing Date, the Promoter reserves the right to withdraw prize entitlement.

DON'T MISS
YOUR CHANCE TO
EXPERIENCE THE
THRILL OF A LIFETIME!

ENTER NOW AT

WWW.JERSEYAIRDISPLAY.COM/RAFFLE



Ask the AME: What's Changed, What Matters and What Pilots Need to Know

**Thursday 24
September 2026 at
19:00**

An update on the latest CAA guidance, practical tips on making your medical as straightforward as possible, and an open Q&A session

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

Your story - *A flying trip to Scotland ... by Jonathan Grady*

In 1994 a group of Jersey Aero Club intrepid aviators decided to plan a trip to Scotland.

A lot of advance planning went into this trip. Of course, in 1994 there were no e-mails or internet to help us. Several evenings were spent poring over half mil charts, Pooleys and Bottling VFR guides.

Our stop offs in Scotland were governed to some degree by the availability of Avgas.

The overall plan was to end up in Aberdeen in order to take part in the Granite City Air Rally.

I was flying G-BEYL with fellow co-owner Mary Bassett. Tony Cleworth, Phil Stott, Sandra Carroll and Alan Nutbrown were there in three other aircraft. Ian Meade joined us for part of the trip.

We set off from Jersey on 31 July 1994, stopping firstly in Exeter and flew up the west coast of England to Prestwick via Blackpool.

Our carefully planned routing around Scotland had to be modified by the ubiquitous weather. We had an overnight stay in Stornoway. The following day the weather prevented us getting to Dornoch with a resulting diversion to Aberdeen, using my recently acquired IMC rating. This took us down the ILS with slower helicopters being vectored onto the approach in front of us. It was something of a novelty to be one of the faster aircraft on the approach.

We then hired a small minibus to get us to Loch Earn where we had booked some sea plane instruction.



Left to right -Jonathan Gready, Sandra Carroll, Mary Bassett, Phil Stott, Tony Cleworth, Alan Nutbrown

We found two seaplanes; a privately owned de Havilland Beaver G-DHCB and a Piper Cub, G-ROVE. We each had a lesson in G-ROVE courtesy of George Cormack.

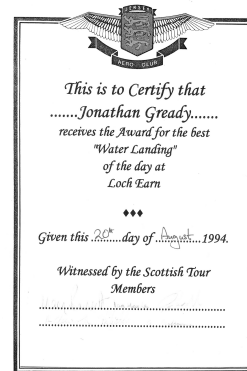


de Havilland Beaver G-DHCB



Piper Cub, G-ROVE

I was subsequently awarded a certificate by the group for the best water landing. The justification for this award was me having slipped after completing my seaplane flight and falling into Loch Earn!



From there we took part in the Granite City Air Rally. Mary and I did Jersey proud by coming first in the Navex.

Having routed up the west coast of England, for our return on 7 August we headed south along the east coast, flying from Aberdeen to Cambridge and thence back to Jersey via Southampton.

As well as enjoying the flying we also enjoyed the planning as well as gaining valuable experiences en-route.



Update ... by Eveline Hawkin

Our day for young children

A reminder that our autumn day is on Sunday 20th September . It is a very busy event with our families enjoying lots of different activities - the highlight being their round the island flight offered by our wonderful volunteer pilots.

At the moment, we are able to offer 20 flights and have a few families on the waitlist. So, if you'd like to join our team, please contact us on -

hello@helpingwingsjersey.org

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



F-BAVZ North American N.A.-145 Navion
on 2 October 1973 Toussus Le Noble



F-BAAF SNCAN built Stampe SV.4C
on 4 October 1973 Lille-Marcq



G-ABNT Civilian CAC.1 Coupe
on 13 June 1981 Biggin Hill



G-AAUP Klemm L.25a
on 22 July 1984 Middle Wallop



SE-CHP N.A.T-6A Texan
on 13 June 1988 Biggin Hill



SE-CWF Binder built Piel CP.301S Smaragd
on 30 July 1988 Moulins

Plane spotter's corner ... from Bob Sauvary' collection (continued)Moulins-1.jpg



F-BBTD Piper J.3C-65 Cub
on 23 July 1994 Moulins



ES-YLH Aero Vodochody L.29 Delfin
on 3 July 1998 Cranfield



PH-TYG DH.82A Tiger Moth
on 19 August 1989 Duxford



D2-FVN DHC.6-300 Twin Otter
on 24 September 2000 Southend



F-AJTE Dewoitine D530
on 27 October 2018 Le Bourget



C-GGUA Piper PA.31-350 Panther Navajo
on 16 January 2019 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 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

Anything else regarding the club, please email the committee at - committee@jerseyclub.com