GUERNSEY RALLY 2024 WELCOME LETTER

The Guernsey Aero Club

50th Air Rally

June 7th – 9th 2024

Greetings to you all, whether seasoned GAC Rallyists, first timers, or anyone in between.

This year we celebrate our 50th Guernsey International Air Rally. Quite a milestone!

This year’s ball will involve long dresses, maybe some feathers and hats, some smart suits, and masks! Yes, a Masquerade Ball. For those who have not participated in one of our rallies, we always have a theme for the Saturday evening fancy dress hangar ball and the online photos from prior years will show you how wonderfully light heartedly they are (in fact so light hearted, you can just come as you are if you so wish!). Regular attendees know just how much to allow for in their weight and balance calculations for costumes.

There is always a prize for the best dressed attendee at the ball.

We continue to provide food choices for diners at the ball, even though this involves some extra work on our part, as it has proved to be a very welcome new format for our ball goers over the last two years.

Inflation continues to impact us all but we have decided on only a small year on year increase of £5 and hope our sponsors will be as generous as they were in 2023.

As always, we are all hoping that the weather will be obliging.

Remember there are a number of trophies awarded at the rally dinner for those who like a bit of a challenge:

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| Overall Rally winner |  |  |  |
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| Overall runner-up |  |  |  |  |
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| Sportsman’s Winner |  |  |  |  |
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| Sportsman runner-up |  |  |  |  |
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| Outstanding merit |  |  |  |  |
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| Ladies prize |  |  |  |  |
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| Arrival prize |  |  |  |  |
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| Novice Competitor |  |  |  |  |
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| Club best scores in competition |  |  |  |  |
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| Club with most aircraft |  |  |  |  |
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| Furthest home base |  |  |  |  |
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| Longest distance flown |  |  |  |  |
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| Concours d ‘elegance |  |  |  |  |
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| Most interesting aircraft |  |  |  |  |
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| Pre-flight competition |  |  |  |  |
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| Fun Cup |  |  |  |  |
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Given that this is our 50th rally we’d like to have an idea as to how many each of our rallies each of you has attended, so please do note the extra column on the entry form which we would love for you to complete.

Please could you complete and return the last four pages of this communication at your earliest convenience so we can plan and organise accordingly. You can then sit back and relax knowing you are all set for what we intend to be another great Guernsey Aero Club Rally weekend!

The usual pilot’s information pack will follow much nearer the time, together with a few suggested sightseeing ideas.

Please do ask whatever you need to by e-mail, or if easier pick up the phone.

Many thanks.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Paul Guilbert

For the Guernsey Aero Club Rally Committee 2024

**GUERNSEY AERO CLUB INITIAL RALLY INFORMATION**

E-mail: [manager@guernseyaeroclub.com](mailto:manager@guernseyaeroclub.com)

Tel: +441481 265267

**Weekend timetable and information:**

**Friday:**

**Arrivals throughout the day:**

Park East Apron (hard standing), transport to the GAC club house.

12:00 – 15:30 Lunch served. \*

18:30 - 23:00 Welcome drink and canapes\*, with bar open thereafter, and optional curry dinner (£15:00 per head, please see form over the page).

**Saturday:**

08:30 (briefing) Muster in the club house for the optional NAVEX (£30 per aircraft, please see form over the page)

12:00 – 14:00 Sandwiches/tea/coffee for any Rallyist in the club.

**18:30 – Late Hangar Fancy-Dress Masquerade Ball\***

**Sunday:**

08:30 Free coffee/tea plus light snacks/gauche available, optional aspirin.

Departures from the East Apron throughout the day.

\*Arrival buffet lunch, welcome drink and canapes in the evening, the hangar ball, pre-departure tea/coffee, landing fee and 2 nights’ parking are included in the rally fee.

**GUERNSEY HIRE CAR COMPANIES**

Value Telephone: +44 (0) 1481 243547 (or online: [www.valuerentacar.co.uk](http://www.valuerentacar.co.uk))

Europcar (Harlequin) Telephone: +44 (0) 1481 239696 (or online [www.europcarguernsey.com](http://www.europcarguernsey.com))

Economy Car Rentals <https://www.economycarrentals.com>

Hertz Telephone: +44 (0) 1481 239516 (or

www.hertz.com/p/car-rental/united-kingdom/guernsey )

Hire cars can sometimes be delivered to the GAC by the hire car company the day before the rally if required (so they are all ready for immediate collection on the Friday).

**ACCOMMODATION**

Guernsey has many beautiful hotels to suit all budgets, including the newly built Premier inn close to St Peter Port. These are all easily found on booking web sites such as <http://www.booking.com> and more information is available on all aspects of your trip to Guernsey, including accommodation on <https://wwwvisitguernsey.com>

We have again negotiated a 15% discount at La Barbarie Hotel in St Martins. A stunning hotel set in leafy lanes with excellent facilities, just 10 minutes from the Aero Club. The discount applies to the bed & breakfast rate shown at the time of booking. To take advantage of this offer please contact [sally@labarbariehotel.com](mailto:sally@labarbariehotel.com) quoting AIR RALLY.

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| La Barbarie | The Farmhouse |

We have a further hotel discount offer for GAC Rally 2024, this time at The Farmhouse, a lovely hotel, not far from the airport: Tel: 01481 264 181 and quote ‘Guernsey Aero Club’.

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| **Farmhouse discounted rate** | **per room incl breakfast** |
| Petit Boutique | £193.59 per night |
| Boutique | £209.79 per night |
| Boutique with Balcony | £217.89 per night |
| Superior | £242.19 per night |
| Junior Suite | £266.49 per night |

Please do contact us if you struggle to find appropriate accommodation and we will do our best to help.

**GAC Rally 2024 – Entry Form**

***Aircraft Registration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Aircraft Type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

*Based airfield: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Departure airfield: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Club membership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Navigation exercise? yes / no*

*Approx Arrival Time (CICZ): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Approx Arrival Time (EGJB): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Approx Departure Time (and date): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ALL local times BST)*

*Number of Passengers On Board (POB) \_\_\_\_\_*

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:  
Arrival buffet lunch, welcome drink and canapes in the evening, the hangar ball, pre-departure tea/coffee, landing fee and 2 nights parking (Friday and Saturday)\*.

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| Rally entry fee @£110 per passenger\* |  | £ |
| NAVEX per aircraft @£30 |  | £ |
| (optional) Friday curry dinner @£15.00 each\*\* \*\*Please advise names and any special dietary preferences |  | £ |
| **Grand total** |  | **£** |

**\*** Please liaise with the office regarding arriving early or staying extra nights after the rally

**Payment by bank transfer preferred, as follows (but credit card also accepted):**

Account Name: Guernsey Aero Club

Account Number: 74181661 Sort Code: 60-09-20

Ref: Your Plane Reg (X-XXXX)

**PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS TO US AT:** [**manager@guernseyaeroclub.com**](mailto:manager@guernseyaeroclub.com)

Or post cheque (remember them?) payable to ‘Guernsey Aero Club’ with plane reg written on the back and send, together with these 3 forms to:

**Guernsey Aero Club, Forest Guernsey, GY8 0DT**

All monies deposited with us will be segregated from club funds until the rally takes place. If the rally is prevented for any reason, we will refund your monies within 30 days.

Individual cancellation with full refund is possible until April 30st 2024.

**GAC Rally 2024 – PASSENGER details\* Form**

***\* required in advance by Guernsey Border Force.***

***Aircraft Registration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Aircraft Type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

*Number of Passengers On Board (POB) \_\_\_\_\_*

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| *POB:* | *Details:* | *Number of previous GAC Rallies attended* |
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**\*Passport number, or driving licence number (UK ONLY). National ID Cards are not accepted, sorry. EVERYONE MUST BRING THE RELEVANT ID WITH THEM 😊**

**50th RALLY dinner and Hangar Ball 8th June 2024**

**MENU**

**(Pre-order and names required on the form below or on website)**

*A glass of bubbly on arrival*

**APPETISERS**

1. Smoked Duck Breast, Asian Slaw, Soy Dressing (GF)
2. Smoked Mackerel Rillette, Fennel and Pickled Cucumber Salad, Toasted Ciabatta (GF)
3. Curried Cauliflower Bites, Mixed Leaf Salad, Raita (V) (GF) (VEA)

**MAIN COURSES**

1. Crispy Pork Belly, Seasonal Greens, Bramley Apple Compote, Port Jus, (GF)
2. Whole Skate Wing, Seasonal Greens, Brown Butter Sauce
3. Mushroom, Spinach & Chestnut Wellington, Butternut Squash Puree, Vegan Jus (V) (VG) (GFA)

**DESSERTS**

1. Eton Mess (GF)
2. Apple and Blackberry Crumble, Warm Custard (VEA) (VG) (GFA)
3. Dark Chocolate Profiteroles, Guernsey Pouring Cream

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| **V = Vegetarian** |
| **GF = Gluten Free**  **GFA = Gluten Free Available**  **VG - Vegan**  **VEA = Vegan Available** |

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| **MENU CHOICE FORM** |



**PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS TO:** [**manager@guernseyaeroclub.com**](mailto:manager@guernseyaeroclub.com)

**CHECKLIST  
( ) Entry details  
( ) Passenger details  
( ) Menu choices  
( ) Payment**

**or post to:**

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