



Knight Aviation & GB Air Taxi



Aero Club

Hello and a very warm welcome to The Aero club. My name is Gray Brett. I am a real world PPL/IMC/Night rated pilot with a gliding Bronze certificate. This club is closely affiliated with the Knight Aviation Group and run by GB Air Taxi.

The Aero Club is all about relaxation, enjoyment, exploring, learning and making new friends. We accomplish these things mainly with our Monday & Thursday group flights. These take on various themes from local glider training sessions to high mountain soaring tasks over the Alps or similar. From local GA airfield visits, joining procedures etc, to IFR procedural training in IMC. If a theme set seems too difficult, there is no hard and fast rule with these flights and you can still join in if all you want to do is use the autopilot and no weather. The choice is yours. **Inclusion of all** is the main objective. If you can learn new things along the way then so much the better.

As a general rule Monday is reserved for practice and training sessions and Thursday is reserved for GA exploration flying. This sometimes can change depending on pilot attendance.

Monday evening practice and training

Our home base is at Shoreham Airfield, West Sussex (EGKA). Here we cover various subjects including:

- Flight planning
- Radio telephony
- Approach and departure procedures
- Circuit training
- Navigation



If we choose to go gliding, (great for the summer months) we operate from Parham (EGVS). This is where we conduct the AB initio training, along with aero tow training, winch launching, understanding thermals & ridge soaring, plus cross country tasks.

We visit other airfields across the UK just as a real world club would do. Visits also include other countries, in particular mountain flights. If gliding doesn't appeal to you then maybe you'd like to train to become one of our tug pilots. This is a favourite job with pilots as it entails many take off and landings, which if we are honest is the most fun part of flying, towing gliders up to their requested altitudes.

Restricted to the K7 glider, this event was a timed challenge with a short cross country, Parham to Ringmer, our gliding club neighbour. We all made it safely and with only 7 mins apart from first to last.

Thursday evening GA meets

Typical events might include:

- Single and multiple stop flights
- Navigation oriented flights including making use of our VFR planning log
- GPS or radio beacon guided flights
- Wild game safari style flights
- Variable weather conditions VMC and/or IMC
- Landing challenges

Plus anything else you can think of!



This was one of our Safari flights which happened across a pod of Hippos and a herd of Elephants

On group flights the type/theme of event will dictate what we use to navigate but on your own personal flights it's up to you what you choose. You may prefer just flying point to point visually, using defined nav aids such as VOR or GPS waypoints, or generate routes on airways.

Other than the Monday & Thursday evenings, you might want meet up with another member or members and share a flight either in your own aircraft or even a shared cockpit. We support JoinFS for our online activities. If you've not heard of them before take a look **HERE**. Our ethos is to make flying with our VA as simple and as restrictive free as we can make it.

I look forward to seeing you in the skies.

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