

Pilot Profile of Mark Jefferies

Snapshot

Born Cambridge, England.
DOB 29th August 1958
Family Married, 2 daughters.
Home Lt Gransden Airfield, Sandy Beds, SG19 3BP England.
Interests Aerobatics, Competition, travel, skiing, excelling
Website www.yakuk.com work
www.aircraft-finance.co.uk work
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www.markjefferies.com stuff



Achievements – winner of the following UK contests.

World Aerobatics 2007, 8th freestyle and 9th overall.

2007	Unlimited Nationals	Unlimited
2006	Unlimited Nationals	Unlimited
2006	Perrin trophy	Unlimited
2006	Icicle Trophy	Unlimited
2005	Unlimited Nationals	Unlimited
2004	Perrin trophy	Unlimited
2004	Extra trophy	Unlimited
2001	Advanced nationals	Advanced
2001	South Wales	Advanced
2001	Don Henry	Advanced
2000	Advanced nationals	Advanced
2000	Air squadron	Advanced
2000	South Wales	Advanced
2000	Don Henry	Advanced
1999	Nathaniel Alony	Advanced
1999	Advanced nationals	Advanced
1999	South Wales	Advanced
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1998	South Wales	Advanced

1995	Icicle Trophy	Unl/ Advanced
1994	Unlimited Nationals	Unlimited
1993	Morse Computers Masters	Advanced
1989	Dutch open	Advanced
1988	Kernow Trophy	Intermediate
1988	Golding Barrett	intermediate
1987	Icicle surprise	Intermediate
1987	Air squadron	Intermediate
1987	Roy Legg	Intermediate
1987	Swinsted Trophy	Intermediate
1987	Golding Barrett	Intermediate
1987	Intermediate National	Intermediate
1986	John McLean	Standard
1986	Elwyn McAully	Standard
1986	Air squadron	Intermediate Joint winner
1985	Thursford Museam	Standard
1985	Fenland Trophy	Standard
1985	Standard Nationals	Standard
1985	Etiger trophy	Standard
1985	Tiger Club trophy	Standard

Competition level: Unlimited

Aircraft Type: Extra 330sc new for WAC 2009



Biography

Mark Jefferies took up aerobatics flying immediately after he got his PPL in December 1980. His first contest was in 1984, in 1985 he entered 6 contests and which saw 5 wins including the nationals in the 1936 designed Bucker Jungmann he rebuilt from a pile of parts obtained from the Spanish Airforce. In a quest for performance and the ability to enter at the higher levels he built a Laser 200 which enabled a win at the Unlimited nationals in 1994, the only person in UK aerobatics to have built and flown to the ultimate goal of aerobatics winning the national title at advanced and unlimited. He has now been national champion at all levels on 10 occasions.

Mark is managing director of YAK UK Ltd, surely one of the UK's light aviation success stories. Flying his home-built Laser 200 he became the British Unlimited Champion in 1994, retiring and then coming back to aerobatics in 1998 has since won the Advanced crown for five straight years from 1998 to 2002. Mark won a bronze medal and a podium appearance for his 3rd place in the Advanced World Aerobatics Championships held in Slovenia in August 2002. Mark and his wife Cathy have two daughters Jasmine and Tara, the family home being the farm at the heart of Little Gransden airfield in Bedfordshire. He flies many types of aircraft, notably from the Russian YAK series. It was the YAK 11 rebuild that led to Mark becoming the major exporter from the FSU of various types of sporting aircraft. Generally speaking an aircraft is brought in from the FSU every month (130 to date), on one occasion this leading to a rather close encounter with an SU-27 Jet fighter whilst in Russian airspace. The Polish, he says, are also quite "aggressive". Mark returned to Unlimited aerobatics in 2003 winning the national championships again in 2005, 2006 and 2007, also in 2007 Mark flew to 9th place in the World Aerobatic championships, Granada, Spain in the Extra 300s. Mark flies air shows most weekends throughout the summer in a selection of aircraft, Extra 330SC, YAK 11, L-29 jet & YAK 50 and has also flown with the Aerostars formation team of seven aircraft.