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"CONTACT"

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EAA CHAPTER 322

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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE JULY 2010



The FIFA World Cup is hardly a topic for CONTACT. Without doubt the tournament has been a great achievement for our country, hopefully with momentum that will continue in infrastructure upgrading and the gains from lessons learnt in a functional justice system and visible policing. Freedom of the skies will soon be ours again. Cognisance must be taken in future about the authorities unilaterally imposing restrictions on flight without consultation with the users of the airspace such as ourselves. Dr Koos Marais of AOPA certainly did not take the restrictions without a whimper. Thanks Koos for shouting across the rooftops!

Our EAA Convention and AGM is to be held over the long weekend in Margate from 6-9 August, a mere month away. The EAA is a great association that cannot exist successfully without the involvement of the members. I again make an appeal to all of you to involve yourselves in the running of the EAA and to make yourself available for the various elected office positions and support structures. Constant pressure on those in office could result in waning enthusiasm which would be to our detriment. We need new blood and it is a fact of life that many of us who run sections of the EAA are already the wrong side of 25 in body if not in mind. I have not seen much promotional material for EAA Convention 2010, but as I have so often heard requests for EAA to return to Margate, I trust we can expect a great turnout.

Karl



EAA CONVENTION 2010 MARGATE

By Dave Grosvenor

Margate Airport Friday 7 to Monday 9 August 2010. Many people have been asking for the return of the EAA convention to Margate, so here it is. Various talks and workshops. Great camaraderie and hangar talk from early until late. Mini Nav Rally, Young Eagles flights. EAA AGM on Saturday afternoon, followed by prize-giving and dinner.

The Convention takes place over a long weekend so bring the family. There is plenty of accommodation in Margate as well as lots to do to keep the family entertained while you're at the airport. Camping on the airfield if you wish. Please email margate2010@gmail.com if you intend to join us.

We need to know:

1. Will you be flying in, and if so, what aircraft?
2. How many will be attending the AGM/Dinner on Saturday night.
3. If you will be camping on the airfield, number of people camping.

For accommodation, look at <http://www.margate.co.za/accommodation.htm> There won't be a shuttle bus service, so reserve your car hire early if required. Please bring tie-downs and chocks for your aircraft. If you haven't received the list of office bearers, please contact editor@afskies.co.za for a resend.

Please send your nominations for the EAA National Council office bearers to the Secretary at vormbaum@netactive.co.za or to the Chairman nevbohm@bigtree.co.za

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Note: I tried the gomargate.co.za website as recommended in the previous CONTACT no less than 3 times to make a reservation and were not even given the courtesy of a reply – Karl Jensen

July Edition of Where's Waldow - EAA 322 Member in the USA

It has been a great month for my namesake, with trips to California in the US to visit family, followed by three cities in India for Caterpillar. Although I was not able to personally enjoy general aviation at either location, there is at least a possibility in the US. Every trip I make reinforces the great freedoms that we are fortunate to have, and it seems our governments are more than willing to take away. PA announcements on Indian flights include statements to not take photographs out the windows at some cities. I did not observe anything worth taking a picture of however...



Ric did take at least one pic in India



Ric having a splash in his Lake Amphibian



At the home location, this month I did get some flying in, from ferrying a Luscombe with a damaged wingtip for repair, to taking rides in the Lake at our Missouri home, and T-6 rides at a local breakfast fly in. I was also very fortunate to get some flights in other planes to see what I've been missing. Chad let me have more stick time in his "Smurf rocket" an all blue RV 8 that has totally awesome performance on a carburetted 180 Hp Lycoming. Mike just bought a nearly new American Champion Explorer that we all had to go try. This 160 Hp 7 series Champion is a very pleasant airplane, with most of the old Citabria quirks fixed.



Aileron spades much improve the roll feel (although still very slow going around), and stiffer gear legs to eliminate the wobbly feel on the ground.

They have not improved the leg room for people of reasonable stature, so I still must fly from the rear seat. Only problem with that solution is not reaching the flap handle or radio (who needs them anyway?) Looking forward to a relaxing July: no more FIFA games, Oshkosh planning, and enjoying the summer season. Hopefully some of you will be able to come over for the big fly in and we can get together.



Cheers, Ric Woldow



Mike's American Champion Explorer

NEXT CHAPTER 322 MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2010

VENUE: DICKIE FRITZ MOTH HALL EDENVALE

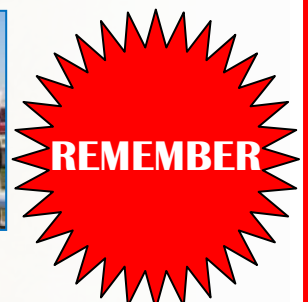
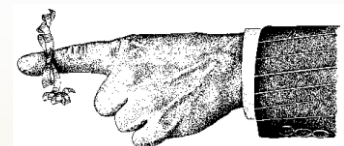
TIME: 19H00 for 19H30

TALK ON WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW: After the break-up of Hentie van der Walt's Flamingo during the PTAR, Neville Böhm EAA National Chairman and EAA Safety Officer will enlighten us on the need for the observance of VMC_A and VNE.

GUEST SPEAKER: Doug Smit on new security procedures for users of most airports in SA.

GEE WHIZZ MINUTE: By Claus Keuchel

VIDEO: If there is time, we will show a great video of Tundra tyre equipped aircraft short field ops.



IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN JULY 2010

NOTE: NO TALK SHOW THIS MONTH

- 12 July FIFA World Cup Airspace Restrictions end at 23h00
- 17 July – Durban Wings Club Airshow – Dennis Jankelow Cherokee Raffle draw
- 16 - 18 July – Kunkuru Fly In – see more detail on Page 4
- 24 July Tedderfield Fly-in
- 25 July - 5 August EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
- Due to Jeremy Woods' operation and the FIFA activities, there will be no Talk Show this month



6 - 9 AUG EAA CONVENTION - MARGATE

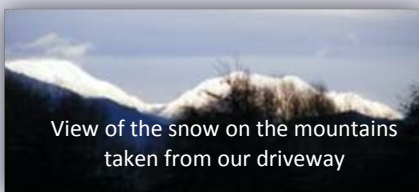
IVOR LINK REPORTS FROM HIS NEW HOME NEW ZEALAND

I have now been in New Zealand for 9 months – how time flies! Speaking of flying I have settled in a small town called Blenheim in the North of the South Island that boasts a 35,000 population and is considered the wine region of New Zealand. The climate is the envy of the country as it experiences a unique climate that gives us about the same rainfall as the Free State and the most sunshine hours of the whole country. The landscape is stunning with mountains to the

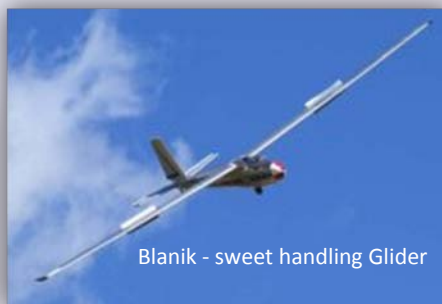
north and south snow-capped at present and a unique climate for ridge, convergence and wave soaring. GA flying and gliding takes place at Omaka airfield under the auspices of the Marlborough Aero Club that has been around since 1929. Homebuilding is rampant with a few popular choices – à la Jodel, Alpi Pioneer 300, Titan P51, smatterings of RVs and a few choice high performance composite types. Then there are the WWI aircraft replicas and rebuilds – I really wish everyone could experience the Aviation Heritage museum situated at the airfield – many are 100% authentic and most are flown a few times each year – to see and hear a genuine rotary engine in a Sopwith Camel and smell that castor oil mix is history today. They boast 7 (!) flying Fokker Triplanes and types we only ever read about in magazines! Go to <http://www.classicfighters.co.nz/> and see for yourself!

I try to get my backside in the air as often as possible – did a trip around the patch this last Sunday in a 100 hp Super Cub rebuild, a trophy piece of work that flies really nicely with 100hp. Having had some time on an 85 hp and 150 hp cubs the 100 hp seems to make it a really sweet airy – enough power and economical to potter about with. Another interesting type I had the pleasure of sampling recently was a Russian Sigma – nicknamed “the flying sperm”. The picture says it all – great visibility. I now have a little over 6 hours on conventional gliders and was told a few weeks ago I am ready to solo, but another trainee (6500 com pilot doing a glider conversion nogal!) landed short and bounced the Blanik off a picnic table and then went through a fence writing the glider off - he got out a little rattled with a bruised ego. I have had a flight in the other club glider – a twin Astir, but it handles like stirring porridge with the stick – not nearly as nice handling as the Blanik. Anyway another Blanik should be with the club within a few weeks – can't wait to get back to those ridges.

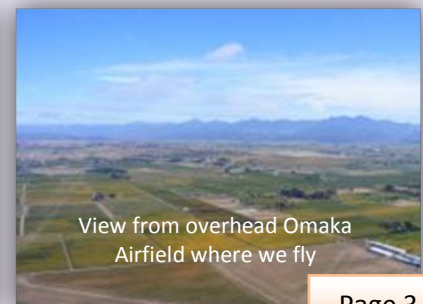
Blue skies
Ivor, Blenheim, New Zealand



View of the snow on the mountains taken from our driveway



Blanik - sweet handling Glider



View from overhead Omaka Airfield where we fly

CALLING ALL KUNKURU EAGLES!

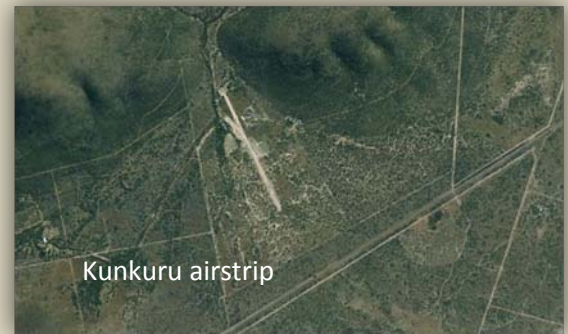
The president of the Eagles Club, "Burning Eagle", and the secretary of the Eagles Club "Eagle Eye Eagle" cordially invite you to a Kunkuru Eagles Fly-In Reunion. It's 2010 and the Kunkuru Eagle Club has been going for 17 years! If your name is on the propeller in the "Waterhole Pub" then it is time to come back, drink a toast and meet fellow eagles. We are planning a reunion fly-in to Kunkuru for all fixed wing aeroplanes on 16 - 18 July 2010. Bring your family and friends, even guys that are not eagles yet, remind them if they stay over they become an eagle and get a certificate. Our special reunion price, if you are already an Eagle and your name is on the prop, you pay only R200.00p.n. for your accommodation. Non Eagles, pax & ground support pay R250.00p.n. Still a snip! You can self-cater or book your meals.



The weekend is planned as follows:

Friday evening lasagne and salad @ main lodge R85.00
Saturday Breakfast: R75.00p.p. Snack Lunch: R35.00p.p.
Evening: Braai packs with a braai at "Burning Eagle's Hangar"
If we have enough Eagles and friends you can expect
"Burning Eagle" to bring his guitar out!
Book now! Limited space 014 735 0774

John Edmund is an entertainer of note and was very well known as a Rhodie folk singer - Karl



BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN McCORMACK ON THE FIRST FLIGHT OF THEIR RV 7.

EAA 322 member Kevin McCormack was involved in the build of this RV since 2008. The first flight was meant to be flown by Chalkie Stobbart, however he got held up whilst testing Noel Drew's RV 9 on the same day so this did not happen. The aircraft was test flown by the "crew chief" Mervyn Roberts on 21st May, after lengthy inspection by two independent parties.



Kevin McCormack and their RV 7



ACTIVITIES IN JUNE 2010 AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING

3 June – DELEGATION TO THE MIDVAAL MAYOR. Gordon Howell accompanied Neville Böhm, Bill Keil and Karl Jensen to the Mayor Clr Tim Nate's chambers at Meyerton for official permission to hold an airshow at Tedderfield in or around May 2011. We were received cordially and the highly functional Midvaal Municipality have given their blessing for the function with the promise of co-operation where possible with their resources in manpower, cleansing department, traffic management, etc.

5 June –TEDDERFIELD EAA YOUNG EAGLES. Hats off to Nico and Jenny Brandt, you did a sterling job at Tedderfield. There was an obvious massive input by you and I know that all the detail that a function like this EAA Young Eagles event involved. We all have a family life and not all is EAA. The way you got the kids to help was fabulous and giving them responsibility to handle money will hold them in good stead in later life. Detail such as your price lists done in colour is also noted as was the array of sweets, etc. on sale.

I reckon the day was a success and am only sorry we didn't have more of our members supporting the function, but I think that is due to a shortfall in communication at our EAA meeting at our last meeting.

It was particularly pleasing with the appearance of the young man from Youth in Action SA. I hope that network contact doesn't fade and we gain massively from their impressions of EAA Young Eagles.

Thank you once again Jayson van Schalkwyk and Nicki for your efforts with the EAA Young Eagles. You blokes have the kind of enthusiasm that I admire. If we had more like you in every one of our Chapters, the EAA of SA would really go places!

To the pilots who pitched to fly the EAA Young Eagles at Tedderfield, you deserve a very big thanks too. The YEs were flown by Lazlo Liskay, Nico Brandt and myself. A non EAA member Chris Bailes from Cathay HKG in his Bonanza readily flew several flights after a simple request to avoid disappointment to the assembled YEs because we had so few EAAers pitching up. Bill Keil has been taken to task by Paul Poberezny, the founder of EAA because we don't always refer to the initiative as EAA Young Eagles. This is something that we should bear in mind.



Soccer City as seen by the YEs a mere week before the 2010 FIFA World Cup tournament



Part of the EAA Young Eagles group at Tedderfield with some of the volunteer pilots



is again due a statement of our appreciation for publishing a full page article on this EAA Young Eagles event in the June 2010 issue. We are indeed grateful to Athol Franz for the regular publicity he provides for the EAA either in full articles or the regular topics on our organisation in the weekly African Pilot newsletters. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, simply email African Pilot at info@africanpilot.co.za

26 June – KLERKSDORP AIRSHOW. Cliff Lotter (EAA 322 member) and the good folk of the Klerksdorp Pilots Association presented a magnificent airshow in what can only be described as perfect weather conditions. I don't ever recall attending any airshow anywhere in the world with conditions as perfect as they were on 26 June. The airshow was slick, action packed and well attended by the public. Sadly there were only about 20 visiting aircraft which I ascribe to the rigid restrictions placed on aviation during the FIFA World Cup. Despite these restrictions, there were no less than 15 EAAers present who I spoke with. Our EAA National Chairman and Safety Officer Neville Böhm officiated in his usual efficient manner for an incident free airshow. Once again, the good organisation was a tribute to the massive efforts and dedication of the KPA who were rewarded by about 6000 – 7000 spectators. A successful airshow



Cessna 170 overtaking a Harvard on the way to FAKD



Safety Officer Neville Böhm with Bill Keil



Graham Field's opening shot with a massive flag



Brian Guar and Charles Urban's immaculate Albatross formation



Hennie Delport's DC 9 wowed the crowds



Harvard Club and Flying Lions 6-ship formation

requires the involvement of the entire club. The rewards can be substantial if the necessary enthusiasm and dedication is forthcoming. Let's have a full go for our airshow at Tedderfield next year!



Seen at Klerksdorp - Jonty Kaplan, Mike Brown, Karl Jensen, Bill Keil



Hennie Delpoort's DC 3



Harvard and DC 3 formation

4 July –THE SAPFA BROADACRES BARNYARD “BIG 5” SHOW

The Barnyard Theatre was packed to capacity by supporters of the SAPFA fund-raising drive, including EAA members, to assist the South African team to raise funds to assist the SA team travelling to the Slovakia World Rally Flying Championships to represent South Africa. The show was most enjoyable and hopefully a decent profit was realised for this worthy cause. On behalf of EAA 322, we wish the SA Team a successful and fun-laden competition



Rob Kennedy, the SAPFA convener of the function thanks the supporters

...war does not determine who is right, war determines who is left



The **Impala Pub** at Astra House cnr Broadway and Protea, Kensington (entrance on 11th Street) has open house on the last Wednesday of every month. All EAAers are welcome at these convivial evenings amongst folk who love the camaraderie that exists amongst fellow aviators and those folk who simply enjoy the company of aviators. Diarise this for pleasant evenings.

Maureen Stobbart is mobile after her back operation – Jeremy “Moose” Woods is recovering from his surgery. We are indeed grateful that you two stalwarts are OK. Yay!!!!

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GREAT OFFER – A friend, James Clarke of The Star STOEP TALK renown, offered me the use of his double storey, four-bedroom house on the banks of the Lower Sabie River 12km from Kruger Park's Phabeni Gate. I asked if this could be made accessible to my EAA pals and he agreed. Val and I have used this fabulous facility within Kruger Park Lodge which has a 9-hole Gary Player class golf course and other fine sporting facilities. It is just outside Hazyview and there are many fine restaurants in the vicinity as well as a Spar and Pick n Pay. The going rate for this beautiful home is normally R4500/night. There is DSTV in the lounge and in the two main bedrooms, a large fully equipped kitchen, plus own laundry, all linen, etc. The house is available at less than one quarter of the usual rate - R1000 a day for the seven days from Friday July 16, September 10 and Friday October 29. Contact James Clarke directly on jcl@onwe.co.za

