



## EAA CHAPTER 322 CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER - DECEMBER 2010



Every so often, the position of chairman of our EAA Chapter 322 has its rewards and pleasant surprises. At the Aeroclub of SA's Awards Ceremony on 13 November, an unexpected award was made to our Chapter by Athol Franz on behalf of the AeCSA for "THE BEST AVIATION EVENT OF 2010".

The award was presented for the EAA 322 Sun n Fun event held at Klerksdorp in March. I believe that Cliff Lotter and the Klerksdorp Pilots Association are equally deserving of this award as they handled the bulk of the organisation that resulted in this accolade. I have written to Cliff, his team and the Motlasana City Council to again express our gratitude. Congratulations to our members who made the award a reality.

At our November meeting, I made an appeal for members to take on various functions at committee level. Positions that still require able and willing bodies are Technical Officer, Fundraising Coordinator, EAA Sun n Fun Coordinator, Webmaster, the Tedderfield Project Leader and individual fly-away and project visits coordinators. It would be great if somebody within our ranks would organise a dedicated Chapter 322 fly-away this year too.

We are at the end of a wonderful year with Christmas and the holidays almost upon us. It is a time to reflect on one's faith, count our blessings and be charitable, especially to those less fortunate as ourselves. May your Christmas be everything you wish for yourselves and those dearest to you. We wish you a bountiful 2011 to permit you all the adventure, fun and satisfaction that our wonderful pastime offers. This comes to you with best wishes from Val and me as well as the EAA Chapter 322 Committee.



Karl

**!** Neville Böhm who was elected as EAA National Chairman in 2009 has tendered his resignation from the EAA. This is a most unfortunate development by a person who unselfishly led the organisation with aplomb. Neville has shown a dedication to the EAA that is exemplary and to flight safety in particular. A Special General Meeting will be called to review this matter and select a possible successor. In the meantime, Karl Jensen will act in the capacity of National Chairman. **!** Karl

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### NEXT EAA CHAPTER 322 MEETING REMINDER

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER**

**TIME: 19H00-19H30**

**USUAL VENUE: DICKIE FRITZ MOTH HALL – EDENVALE**



### SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

PRESENTATION BY ROY WATSON ON HIS RECENT VISIT

TO THE UK FOR THE

DE HAVILLAND CENTENARY FLY-IN

AERONAUTICAL AUDIO VISUAL QUIZ

WITH FABULOUS TOPICAL AVIATION BOOKS

FOR THE WINNING TEAM

COURTESY JOHN DUXBURY AND BRIAN APPLETON

## AEROCLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The zhoozh annual awards ceremony was held on Saturday 6 November at the Birchwood Conference Centre in Boksburg. The event was well organised with many of the previous year's problems eliminated. I was delighted to receive, on behalf of EAA Chapter 322, the AFRICAN PILOT BEST AVIATION EVENT OF 2010 for the EAA 322 SUN N FUN FLY-IN to Klerksdorp in March. It would be Great to have more EAA members present at next year's function. [Yeswellnofine, hopefully at less than R300 per head. – Ed]



### The Official List of Awards and National Colours

#### F3J Model Gliders FAI World Championships

National Colours:

Paul Carnall, Jason Weber, Pieter Weber,  
Johan Bruwer, Tshepo Molefe

National Colours recognition:

Christian Adrian, Craig Goodrum, Ryan Nelson

#### FAI World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving - Russia

National Colours:

Helge Harms, Vana Parker

National Colours recognition:

Colin Rothman, David Sumter, Amy Kirtland,  
Denis Parker

#### FAI World Rally Flying Championships - Slovakia

National Colours:

Cally Eckard, Wikus Kritzinger, Robert Kennedy,  
Sandra Goddard, Jonathan Esser

National Colours recognition:

Mary de Klerk, Barry de Groot, Ronald Stirk,  
Hans Schwebel, Frank Eckard, Jacques Jacobs,  
Antony Russell (Manager)

#### Advanced World Aerobatic Championships Poland

National Colours:

Pieter Du Preez, Charles Urban, Johannes Smith,  
Barrie Eeles, Mark Sampson, Annie Boon

National Colours recognition:

Harry de Villiers, Nigel Hopkins, Patrick Davidson,  
Mark Hensman

#### FAI World Gliding Championships - Slovakia

National Colours recognition:

Sven Olivier, Douglas Bradley, U. Dallmann,  
Richard Bradley

#### World Championships for Control Line Model

**Aeroplanes** - Hungary (Special Acknowledgement)

Conrad Cloete

#### FAI Hot Air Balloon World Championships

National Colours recognition:

Warwick Cook, Richard Bovell, Felicity Clegg

#### FAI World Canopy Piloting Parachuting Championships Russia

National Colours recognition:

Selwyn Johnson, Robert Kruger,  
Jacqueline Bruwer,  
Jury Member - Etienne Bosch,  
Event Judge - Andre Fourie

**Silver Wings** Craig Goodrum, Robin Spencer-Scarr

**Gold Wings** Dave Mortimer, Neil de Lange, Andre  
le Roux

#### Record Attempt - Special Acknowledgement

Tony Gibson

**National Record:** Michael Davis in amateur built  
Osprey GP4. Point to point speed records:

Cape Town to Johannesburg

Johannesburg to Durban

Durban to Johannesburg

Johannesburg to Kimberley

Cape Town to Kimberley

#### FAI Aero Club Special Acknowledgements

Natasha Steyn

Qualified as FAI Judges in Formation Sky Diving:

Chantelle Williams, Dirk Venter

Qualified as an FAI Judge in Canopy Formation and  
Canopy Piloting: Agnieszka Solomon

### TROPHIES

**SA EAGLE TROPHY** - *Most Meritorious Achievement at  
an International event:* Nigel Hopkins, Annie Boon,  
Mark Sampson, Mark Hensman

**JAMES GILLILAND TROPHY** - *Most Meritorious Feat  
over the Past Year:* Jonker Sailplanes

Attie Jonker, Uys Jonker, Johan Bosman

**Dennis Jankelow Trophy** - *Airmanship:*

Michael Coetzee

**DON TILLEY TROPHY** - *Safety:* Mark Bellingan

**LEWIS LANG TROPHY** - *Pilot of the Year:*

Nigel Hopkins

#### AEROCLUB YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARD

*Awarded to the most Promising Aviation Enthusiast:*  
Stephan Burger

**SPECIAL AWARD** - Captain Colin Jordaan

#### AFRICAN PILOT AIRSHOW TROPHIES

**THE AIRSHOW OF THE YEAR:**

Port Elizabeth

**THE AVIATION EVENT OF THE YEAR:**

EAA 322 Sun n Fun Klerksdorp



## YET ANOTHER AMAZING EVENING AT EAA 322'S FLYING LEGENDS TALK SHOW - by Gordon Dyne

As I write this report on Sunday morning I am watching on Sky News the Remembrance Day Service from the Cenotaph (The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior) in London. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth leads the British nation in remembering the dead from two World Wars and every conflict ever since including the dead numbering more than 150 from Afghanistan this year alone. The service is so emotional. As Marc Anthony said to the crowd after Julius Caesar's assassination, "If you have tears prepare to shed them now."

I was wearing a poppy at the flying club last week and several young pilots asked me what it represented. That is sad, but when it is almost impossible to buy a poppy in South Africa these days, the ignorance is not surprising. Lest we forget.

My reports are becoming somewhat boring as I use more superlatives to describe yet another incredibly interesting talk show at the EAA Auditorium last Thursday 11 November. With South Africa's answer to America's Larry King and England's Michael Parkinson, Karl Jensen as master of ceremonies, the evening could not be anything less than hugely successful. I am sure Messrs King and Parkinson have many staff performing the research duties for them. However, Karl does all his own research, often spending many hours with each guest to extract all those fascinating stories which we are privileged to hear. As usual Karl's 'homework' paid dividends.

The Flying Legends this month were Air Vice Marshall RRAF (Retired) Chris Dams and Tony Smit. The Air Vice Marshall, although being slight of stature, obviously packed a huge punch rising from a pilot with the Rhodesian Air Force in 1952 to ending up as Chief of Staff. In his 28 years of flying Chris flew Tiger Moths, Harvards, Spitfires, Hunters, Vampires, Provosts and Canberras. Chris' memory at 77 is still as sharp and clear as ever and Karl was able

to lead him into telling some marvellous stories from his experiences during the Rhodesian Bush War. When questioned on his favourite three planes which he had flown, Chris replied, "Spitfire, Hawker Hunter and Canberra." I am sure many of his flying colleagues would agree with him.

Tony Smit is well known to many of us from his years with the CAA. At 74 Tony, who looks more like 44, is still flying executive jets, teaching, examining and literally doing anything in flying that is asked of him. To add insult to injury and putting many of his age group to shame, Tony is still riding powerful motor bikes. Tony is an accomplished pilot, with more than 200 different types on his licence, including helicopters which he flew with The Rhodesian Air Force. There are not many pilots who could claim that feat, are there?

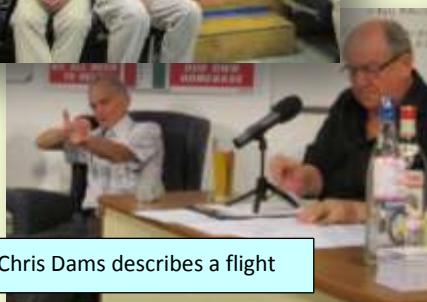
The stories from these two flying warriors ebbed back and forth to an enthralled audience, until Karl 'pulled the plug' on a great evening at about 22h30. Thank you very much Chris and Tony for sharing the memories of your spectacular careers with us. Just please prepare your autobiographies, before you or a number of us fall off the perch.

Thank you as usual Karl Jensen for your thorough research and for your constant humour throughout the evening. When discussing 'scatter bombs' designed to kill and maim, it is good to have a few 'light' moments.

Thank you as usual Jeremy and Anne-Louise Woods and your hard-working team of son William, Edna Keuchel, Neville Bohm and your man Alson. Without you all and Karl Jensen, there would not be any more of these memorable talk shows. It is just so sad that the audience, despite filling the auditorium, is so small. Every one of our shows over the past five years deserved a packed Linder auditorium.



The packed Auditorium



Chris Dams describes a flight



Chris Dams and Tony Smit



Tony and Shirlee Smit



## PETER HENGST MEMORIAL FLY-IN BREAKFAST TO BRITS – by John Duxbury

Stephen Theron and I were offered a flight with Karl from Fly Inn to Brits for the Peter Hengst Memorial Fly-In on Saturday 13 November. We left at about 08h00. For those of you who don't know Fly Inn, it has a grass runway with a short section of concrete at the threshold. We accelerated down the runway and just after crossing the end of the concrete onto the grass the aircraft appeared to have a flat tyre - Karl aborted the take-off and pulled to the side of the runway. There was no problem with the tyres, but the transition area from the concrete to the grass was eroded by prop wash and this caused the vibration. The second attempt was without incident.

The flight at about 1000' agl was smooth all the way to Brits via the Pinedene route. A lot of effort at Brits had been made to have as many aircraft outside their hangars making the field look busy and all the visiting aircraft that arrived helped crowd the parking areas. A great breakfast was served in a very friendly atmosphere.

We headed back to Fly Inn via Kittyhawk for a cool

drink and then back to Fly Inn. What followed was a two-hour chat session in Karl's hangar, talking about all sorts of issues, which is the essence of private flying and the EAA.

For me this was an important fly-in to attend as in the early 80s Peter Hengst shared a hangar at Grand Central with a friend of mine. We all spent a fair bit of time in each other's company. Peter was the first person I did aerobatics with in one of his Bückers over the area where the Development Bank now stands. This shows how things have changed in the last 25 years. There was less paperwork needed to fly and much less control as transponders were for big aeroplanes.

The dawn and evening patrols at Central over the weekend were always a lot of fun with the EAA crowd. This brings to mind a thought that, with all to paperwork today, I wonder whether the CAA paper shufflers fill in a form before going to bed. Thanks to Karl for a great flight.



EAAers at the Brits fly-in



Claus Keuchel's Taylorcraft with Ricardo de Bonis' Air Cam flying by

## VANS RV10 BUILD PROJECT VISIT – by Jonty Kaplan

EAA 322 is proud to present an opportunity to see a Vans RV10 project in progress. The owner is experienced builder and EAA 322 member Andy Lawrence. The build is at the stage where the engine has been fitted. The pictures give you an idea what we are in for. Andy has kindly offered to lay on a light lunch of boerie rolls.

**NB: Kindly RSVP to either Jonty or Justin to facilitate catering**

**Date:** Sunday 5 December 2010 **Time:** 10h00  
(From Beyers Naude offramp from the N1)

**Venue:** 22 Gentian St, Weltevreden Park  
GPS coords: S26.06.994 E027.55.772

**Conveners:** Jonty Caplan - jontycaplan@gmail.com  
Justin Gloy - justingloy@gmail.com



RV10 Engine installed



Empenage kit



On the wheels

## APOLOGY

As the show host, in an effort to make the EAA FLYING LEGENDS TALK SHOWS entertaining, I regularly make quips that are intended to be humorous. During the November show, I made a comment about Jeremy Woods "...having his fingers in the till..." This was intended as nothing more than a joke, however I understand it wasn't seen that way. I was asked to withdraw the remark and make a public apology. I do so here without reservation and express my regret for any hurt and offence that this remark might have caused.

Karl Jensen



### WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WOLDOW - Our 322 Member in the USA



End of the Season - A time of year that South Africans talk about, but don't have a concept of the depth of change. As the temperature drops, so do the flying hours. Now we have snow in the forecast, not that freezing rain is any better. As we go into hibernation, there are at least memorable flights, and plans for the future. Several weeks ago the Stearman went out for its last flight. Although bitterly cold, it was still enjoyable for the pilot. Pre-heat, 30+ minutes of warm up time, all for a 35 minute flight to get the oil warm enough to drain out as part of the winterization/pickling process. Nothing more exhilarating than a few easy loops and rolls to really appreciate the airplane. This weekend was the T-6's (Harvard to you) last hurrah. A 50 minute flight to its winter hangar. At least there are 2 runways at that field as the best day has winds of 14 with gusts to 22 knots!!! Not the day to solo your first student, but knowing it will be months before your next flight, you do what you have to. It was glorious none-the-less, and I am appreciative to get the opportunity to fly such beautiful aircraft, and lucky enough not to tear them up. ☺ The flight home in the Travel Air was pleasant as possible as at least it has a good heater. 35°F (2°C) and rain at 1,000 AGL below a cloud deck that is no doubt full of ice which is a place GA aircraft must respect. Those flights facilitate the enjoyment of malted beverages in a heated facility. There is another benefit of the short flying days: Planning and goal setting for next year. Plans: Oshkosh, Blakesburg, and Galesburg. Getting something done on the Aeronca project. Goals: Something good for 25th wedding Anniversary, something good for wife's 50th birthday. If I don't do good on the goals, the plans don't really matter - Ric Woldow

*Happy Anniversary to you both and we wish you a very happy birthday Lisa and many more! - Karl*

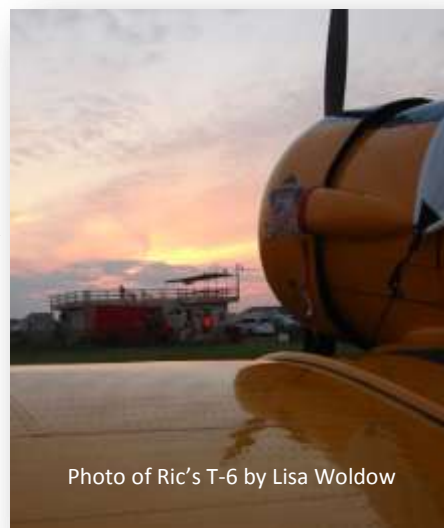


Photo of Ric's T-6 by Lisa Woldow

### JLPRV Classic Aviators CC invite you to the Official Opening of our Hangar

**Venue:** Springs Airfield

**Date:** Saturday 4th of December 2010 at 14h00

Hangar 1 North will be the home of EAA CHAPTER 575

**Introduction & MC:** Karl Jensen, Chairman EAA 322

**Welcome & History:** Vernon McLaren, Chairman EAA 575

**Special thanks:** John Derbyshire, JLPRV

**Opening address:** Neville Böhm, President EAA SA

**Ribbon cutting:** Ann Wilson EAA SA past Treasurer

**Prayer:** Russell Dold, JLPRV

Refreshments, Luscombe Silvaire & RV12 Project review. Braai fires will be lit at 4.00PM. Please bring your picnic baskets and chairs. Access via Blue Gate on South Main Reef Road.

Coordinates S26.2499 E28.4021





**NB! NB!! NB!!! - TO AVOID FRUSTRATION WHEN CALLING**

At the time of writing this CONTACT, the Aeroclub website displayed the incorrect numbers due to problems with the service provider. The correct numbers are as follows:



**Aeroclub of South Africa (AeCSA) 011 0821100**

**Recreational Aviation Administration South Africa (RAASA) 011 0821000**



**LETTERS**

Dear Karl and all at EAA,

I was treated right out of my cotton socks on Saturday by Captains Moose and Mooselet, by taking me with them to the Brits fly-in. I realised after Saturday how much I miss if I do not make more of an effort to get to at least all the close to Joburg fly-ins. When we came in for landing, I counted  $\pm 31$  planes on the ground and to see all the different types of small planes is just amazing. I know for you guys it is just 'old takkie' but I find it fascinating. All the EAA friends that I have made over the last 2 years since I have been going to the EAA meetings have become such NICE special friends to me and you all make me feel so welcome always. In future if any of you need an (oldish) airhostess for a day fly-in, I am always on standby.

Thanks guys

Irene Naude

Hi Karl and Jeremy

I want to record a formal thank you for a tremendous and unforgettable evening in the company of the most generous and hospitable group anyone could join. From our first contact I have felt at home, and on arrival at the 'squash court' we were overwhelmed by the warmth and volume of the greetings from everyone present. I believe you have a jewel of an asset there and you employ it with masterly professionalism. It will live long in my memory.

Best regards to you all

Chris and Margaret Dams

Hi guys,

We flew to Gloucester (about 1 hr flight) on Saturday over some beautiful countryside and got a few nice pics of UTD.

Regards

Brian and Charlotte Zeederberg

Australia





## HOME FOR SALE at Fly Inn Estate

1000m runway with lights. This revamped property has only recently come into the market. 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms 2 lounges, gym training room and staff quarters. The upstairs air-conditioned hobby room adjoins the study. Out front a large "stoep" with wood fireplace and lots of seating overlooks the runway. The large hangar can easily house a twin. For any further info or to arrange a viewing please call **Graham Cooper on 082 448 3367**



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Brits – 322 folk at breakfast



Memorial stone for Peter Hengst and others at Brits



Picture : African Pilot

Receiving the Aeroclub Award



Ricardo de Bonis swings John Illsley's prop



Brits – Ron van Lear



Picture: Willie Bodenstein

Mike Brown's Globe Swift at Brits



Picture: Willie Bodenstein

Ricardo's Air Cam at Brits



New D6 Sling at Kittyhawk



Justin, Mike, Gordon, Karl at Kittyhawk



Chris van Hoof's Aeronca at Kittyhawk



Brits – More 322 folk at breakfast





## Johannesburg Light Plane Club Christmas Party & Weekend Campout

Date: Saturday 4 December & Sunday 5 December 2010

The weekend campout starts on Saturday afternoon for anyone wishing to be there.

Saturday will be a relaxed day of fun, flying and socialising.

Sunday will be the main Christmas Braai - Time: From 11h00

A complimentary braai lunch will be served from 12h00. Bring your family & friends.

**N.B. It is especially important to let us know of any children under 12 years, who will be accompanying you. Should there be enough response, we hope to arrange a surprise visit from Father Christmas!**

RSVP Peter Skellern on [pbskellern@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pbskellern@yahoo.co.uk)

### TAILDRAGGER FLY IN AT NYLSTROOM – by Jonty Caplan

Saturday 27 November Nylstroom hosted a fantastic Taildragger fly-in held. A few planes arrived on Friday afternoon, including Nico, Neville and myself in the M7 Maule, Karl and Justin in the C170 and Frank and Keith in the Super Cub. We were met by our host, Richard Nicholson, who made hangarage available for the night. Bitterly cold libations were thrust upon us before we were taken Richard's amazing ranch in the hills north of the field to overnight after a fabulous braai/dinner. Saturday morning, up at 5am for a game drive on quad bikes, then off to the field for a scrumptious breakfast and some fun aviating. Well, I did not know where to look first. Some 42 aircraft arrived by the end of the day. They ranged from Kitfoxes, Bush Baybies, RVs, C170, C185, Air Cam, Sonerai, Thorpe, Avid Flyer, Europa, Kitfox, many Piper Rag n Tubes, LSAs, a Harvard and more.

The event started with a simple suggestion by Richard which became a fantastic weekend. Although this year was run as an informal 'trial run', next year is planned to be a more structured happening. EAA 322 will be fully behind the fest with Nylstroom Flying Club to make it a stunner. So shine up your taildragger - Nylstroom is a great venue. There is a well-appointed clubhouse and 1200m of tarred runway with accommodation nearby.

Thanks to Nico for flying us there. The field was uncontrolled, which allowed pilots to call as they arrived and I was really impressed a how smooth the traffic flowed, it was disciplined, safe and great fun. To the Nylstroom Flying Club and Richard Nicholson and his wife Mariette in particular, a huge thank you for hosting us all so warmly.



Karl, Magda & Wayne Estment, Neville, Jonty with Nico Brandt saluting and Justin Gloy



During the game drive



Stylish braai dinner at Richard and Mariette's ranch home



Nico's Maule and Frank's Super Cub



Ron van Lear's Europa



4 bedroom bush chalet



## DEFINITELY FOR PLEASURE BUT NOT FOR SALE

This beautiful photo was taken by Willie Bodenstein and arrived as we completed this issue of CONTACT. It epitomizes what flying fun is all about. It was taken from Mike Brown's 'smiling' Globe Swift as I departed Nylstroom on Saturday. *Karl*



## ANOTHER LAST MINUTE SUBMISSION, RECEIVED FROM WAYNE ESTMENT



Dr Mike Brown's glorious  
Globe Swift aka the  
Smiley Face Plane.  
Mike and Justin in the pic  
at Nylstroom.



In life one must remember that what you say simply won't go away. Whatever you say is like a bowl of chillies that might come back and burn your ass tomorrow!

A wife was watching a cookery programme the other day. The husband said, "What you watching that for? You can't cook." She snapped, "You watch porn." 😊

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