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It was most gratifying to see 2 new EAA Chapters inaugurated at the Volksrust, Sun n Fun, namely Bloemfontein Chapter 1503 with Jack Onderstall at the helm and Klerksdorp Chapter 1504 led by Cliff Lotter. I'm sure that while these stalwarts are leading their EAA members, these new Chapters will be active and add to the ever growing importance of EAA in SA to recreational aviation. We look forward to regular feedback for CONTACT so that can share in the activities of 1503 and 1504 - good luck Jack and Cliff and all who join you.

Our EAA movement in SA is understandably miniscule compared to EAA USA, but this should not be for lack of effort on all of our parts. In my view, we should not duplicate effort as has occurred in the past. By all means do your own thing in your Chapters but not in opposition to others within EAA of SA. I cite the latest East Rand newsletter which was absolutely great, but why not rather share your news via CONTACT so that we can all read what cooks in your neck of the woods.

The EAA is run by volunteers, many of whom give freely of their skills, time and effort. When someone like Bill Keil, 81 years young, suggests and volunteers to convene an airshow single handed, such as the Tedderfield EAA Festival of Flight on 1 May, he deserves to be supported by all of us without being cajoled to do so. The airshow is being staged for the benefit of EAA. Please contact Bill billkeil@vodamail.co.za and 079 525 7822 or Lyn Rawlings lr@cedarbrook.co.za or 082 450 6252 to give a hand.

Karl Jensen ☺



Jack Onderstall with Jenni Jensen and Paul Lastrucci, displays the Chapter 1503 Inauguration Certificate



Cliff Lotter (centre) and Paul Lastrucci display the Chapter 1504 Inauguration Certificate

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What's happening at the EAA? A common question, some diverse answers

- by Paul Lastrucci, EAA of SA National President

I came across an article in the Sport Aviation written by Tom Poberezny some years ago, which prompted my contribution to this issue of the official EAA CONTACT newsletter.

Chapter 322 has just concluded a successful Sun n Fun hosted by Chapter 1501 at Volksrust. It was great to see our EAA members and their families showing their passion about flying and aviation. The EAA, founded on the principles of family togetherness, participation in a mutual interest and the sharing of knowledge and information, was tangible at this picturesque little town. A definitive sense of community participation by the airfield folk, the town council volunteers and visitors was evident and, as always, Chapter 322 went above and beyond. One of the highlights that will remain indelible, was the smile on Engela Kemp's face prior to, during and after she went for a flip in the Harvard late on Sunday afternoon. This was a fitting experience to round off all her hard work and contribution to the overall success of this event.

We also had the opportunity to welcome two new Chapters into the fold, namely Chapter 1503 Tempe Bloemfontein chaired by Jack Onderstall, and Chapter 1504 Klerksdorp chaired by Cliff Lotter.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Craig Ralph, incoming chairman heading up Chapter 1502 East Coast. Equally thanks to Dave Grosvenor as outgoing chairman who steered and carried the flag for this Chapter in the past. Craig and his team have already put in considerable effort, establishing new ways of leadership and have displayed much enthusiasm and participation within this Chapter.

Okay, what's happening at EAA? This question is often echoed and no doubt we've all fielded it a number of times at various times, and I believe there are many answers.

Having given it some thought, I feel it's important to understand the depth and breadth of the work and

Currently the EAA calendar in South Africa peaks with the Annual Convention set for the long weekend 6-9 August 2011 in East London. I am sure there will be a number of aircraft and folk descending on "Slummies" to enjoy the camaraderie and participate in this longstanding convention tradition. For upcountry pilots something always to look forward to is the opportunity to enjoy sea level and the added horsepower and slick flying characteristics which come alive at the coast. This is a pinnacle date for 2011 on our EAA calendar and our thanks to the volunteers who are hard at work planning this event. I encourage all our members to give the Convention your full support.

We continue to deal with a few advocacy issues at national level which are currently under review namely the extremely important NTCA rules and regulations that are being reviewed for inclusion in the 2011 CAA Rules and Regulations and the supporting SA-CATS NTCA document. We are fortunate to have active and experienced participation representing the EAA within this forum; however, it is vitally important that member comment from each Chapter is submitted during the comment window periods. To achieve grassroots aviation benefits promoted by the EAA and other sections, we must ensure safety and affordability and the leeway to create innovative designs within the NTCA spectrum, and ensure that these are not compromised in any way by the bureaucracy in South Africa.

The first round for comments closes on 14 April 2011. This is an urgent appeal to ensure active and constructive participation.

One of our main focus areas going forward is Chapter growth. Chapter 322 Midrand/Johannesburg along with Chapter 575 Springs do this very well and continually come up with innovative ideas, and the results are evident at the packed monthly meetings and special interest participation evenings, and fly-ins that take place during the month.

Chapter participation in the country has dwindled, and in some instances is dormant. This has happened for a number of reasons. All is not lost, however, a refocus of enthusiasm and involvement with superior communication can and will turn it around. I suppose one can look back to go forward, but it's probably a waste of energy, so I believe it's important to reposition the peg in the ground and re-establish a couple of Chapter goals. There are many ideas that we can implement for Chapter revival, and opportunities to come up with imaginative ways to improve a current situation within the Chapter. It's an ongoing process.

A few ideas to restart the enthusiasm in the dormant Chapters are to plan stable monthly meetings - the benefit of this is a greater sense of belonging and it encourages current and new member participation. Create an events calendar for the Chapter. Hold a flying event - it doesn't have to be a massive affair, perhaps a breakfast fly-in or arrange a combined fly-in where possible. An example of this is Donald Hicks, Durban-based Chairman of MISASA, who mentioned to me at a recent AeroClub section meeting that, along with Craig Ralphs at Chapter 1502 East Coast, they are planning a combined fly-away for their members; this is a great idea that creates an ideal overlap. Members who have enjoyed these or any fly-aways must please share them with pictures and a story. It gets the spirit going and for some of the ground-based folk it's like going along for the ride.

Our EAA of SA Vice Chairman, Noel Otten, held a successful build evening visit which is a perfect example of getting like minds together to ignite enthusiasm. There are many projects on the go countrywide, let's get a progress report and pictures. A further idea to involve the youth that hang around the airfield is to build a wooden workbench could be a start to many great things.

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Equally, since 1992 the Young Eagles programme has always provided an ideal platform for sustained participation. 11 June 2011 is International Young Eagles Day. This is an ideal date to plan for an IYE day at your Chapter. Another neat idea would be tech demos and presentations. There are many other ideas, e.g. a hand propping course, or understanding

AN Bolts, nuts and washers. This kind of Saturday afternoon interaction, sharing knowledge and info, ignites active participation and promotes mentorship. Please don't forget to take pictures, i.e. prior to opening the first cold one! Chapter and member comms are paramount; our goal is to have each Chapter actively participate in the National CONTACT newsletter.

The whole objective is to grow our family of enthusiasts and strengthen our cause.

Strut your stuff! Share your success and highlight areas of concern, it's all welcome.

So the big question: "What's happening at the EAA?" always generates some diverse answers. Stay safe,
Paul

This is a special appeal to the Chairmen of all the EAA Chapters - please let us know in advance of your regular monthly chapter meetings, the project news from your members, classified ads, news of fly-ins and fly-aways. Come on guys, this is your national newsletter that reaches across 5 continents!

NEWS FROM CHAPTER 1262 EAST LONDON - by James Wardle

East London had a fly-out to Wavecrest for breakfast last month and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. The weather was good and 12 aircraft attended. Some Joburg folk had flown in for the weekend so we were able to engage in a great deal of hangar talk, not to forget the super breakfast we had. Wavecrest is under new management and they are ultra-aviator friendly and a welcome change to a worthwhile destination on the Wild Coast. Other important matters taking place are the plans for the EAA Convention at Wings Park on the first weekend in August; it is a long weekend, so start planning. There will be camping at the airfield and transport to B&Bs for those who need it. We will also have Avgas and Mogas on the field. See www.wingspark.co.za for more details. Less than four months away! Be sure not to miss out!



FROM PETER LASTRUCCI - Piper PA-12 Cruiser ZS-VSU project



From my muk n druk the pics are of our illustrious Blakat helping on ZS-VZU! As soon as I am a bit further on with the project we will have a Chapter get together around the airframe for a boerie roll and some hydraulic sandwiches... will keep you posted. Have just finished a complete overhaul on the Lycoming O320 for the Cruiser and it looks great. The wings are completed and seeriaas work will now start on the fuselage.

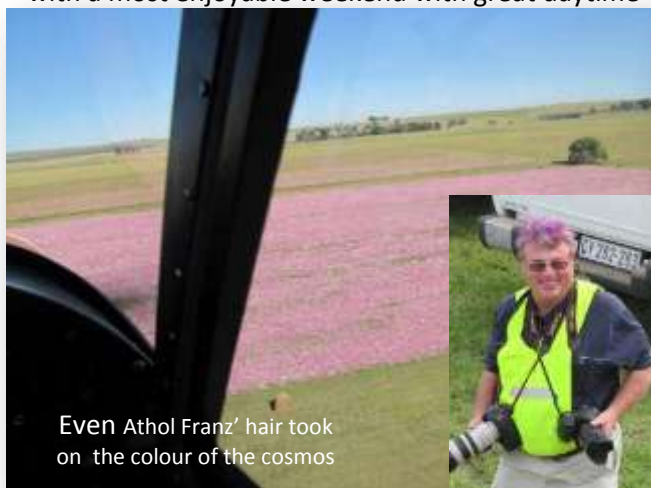




Sun n Fun 2011 was hosted this year by Chapter 1501 Volksrust and coincided with the Volksrust and Wakkerstroom Mile High Festival Airshow on

Saturday 20 March. About 20 aircraft arrived on Friday and a similar number of visitors braved the bad weather on the Saturday with thick fog and low cloud in the morning and severe storms in the Gauteng area in the afternoon. A similar pattern played havoc with attendance on the main SnF day on Sunday. Thanks to those who made the effort and were rewarded with a most enjoyable weekend with great daytime

weather at the airfield amongst the friendliest plattelanders and city folk. An estimated 80 aircraft attended over the weekend at the Volksrust airfield with the famous Majuba mountain, scene of bloody battles during the Anglo Boer War, as a backdrop. The pictures give an idea of the great weekend with most folk departing in gin clear weather on Monday morning. The countryside was particularly magnificent with the good rains this season and the cosmos and sunflowers looking like a picture book. The extensive awards list is on the next page. Thank you, Volksrust, for your warm hospitality and the massive effort you made for a memorable fly-in.



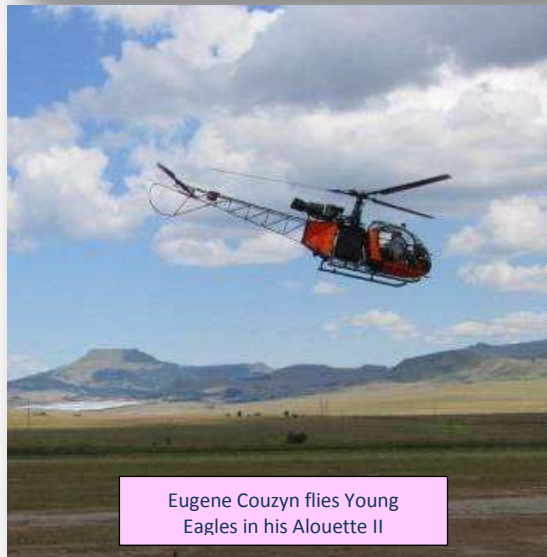
Even Athol Franz' hair took on the colour of the cosmos



Commentator Brian Appleton with Justin Gloy



Claus Keuchel departs in his Taylorcraft with Majuba as a backdrop



Eugene Couzyn flies Young Eagles in his Alouette II



A lot of lies and a lot of laughter as EAAers relax and renew friendships



Hennie Roets from Ch 870 Kroonstad receives the Grand Champion Shield for his RV-7 from Jenni Jensen and father-in-law MC Karl Jensen



Some of the Volksrust folk who organised a fine Sun n Fun 2011



Marc Kuster, chief judge for Sun n Fun 2011 receives a recognition award



CC 'Croc Dundee' Pocock is awarded fun spec for reading the safety rules before the next event!

Volkstrust EAA Chapter 1501 Toekennings

Hierdie kleurvolle taal lys is opgetrek deur **Engela Kemp** wat 'n groot toekening gekry het vir haar arbeid en opmerkende toewyding vir die naweek se verrigtinge.

Dirk van Deventer - Voorsitter. Dirk het gesorg dat die vliegveld gesny en gegroom is. Nuwe drade gespan die storte gebou. Gereël vir die padskrapeer, die brandstof aangery van Heidelberg af, en 'n miljoen ander goed onder andere.

Jan Kemp - die mechanics en sweiswerk gedoen vir die storte. Die pad geskraap. Tente, tafels, stoele en toilette gereël. Borge gekry, yskaste aangery, altyd met 'n smile gedoen. En ook 'n klomp ander goed wat mens nie eers kan opnoem nie. O ja, hy het nog ook die ambulans geservice die week, en hy het ambulaans se waarskuliggies reggemaak.

Hannelie vd Walt - organiseerder van die VIP tent, borge, vleispakkies, die EAA braai, en ontbyte. Erge reëlings rondom die hele naweek. Sy het groot insette gelewer.

Len van Eyk - shame... hy is die arme ou wat net hiet en gebied word, hy het goeters aangery, wiggery, en weer aangery. Ek dink hy weet nie of hy Arthur of Martha is nie. Die algemene stuurman, ek dink nie hy weet as hy in die oggend opstaan of hy in Durban, Johannesburg, Volkstrust of Wakkerstroom gaan wees nie, en hy smile ook net die heeltyd en ja ja, OK OK.

Chris de Nysschen - hy het die prys gewen om die stalletjies te reël, en almal te probeer tevrede stel van waar en hoe en op watter plek die uitstallers, die ambulans, brandweer, ens. Ens. moet staan. Hy het ook gehelp met drukwerk van kaartjies ens., netjies maak van die vliegveld, pale en drade gespan onder andere.

Deon Prinsloo - hy het uit sy pad uit gegaan om vir ons die ambulans te reël en het dit reggekry dat ons dit gratis kon kry vir die dag, wat 'n groot uitgawe afgeweer het. Hy het ook die klippe gekalk en reparasies gedoen waar nodig en ook baie gehelp met die netjies maak van die vliegveld.

Louise Coetzee - wat die nagmerrie prys gewen het om die akkommodasie te reël vir die pilots die naweek. Sy doen ook die vervoer reëling rondom die pilots. Maar as jy in toerisme is gaan jy gelek word.

Steven Prinsloo en Arend Roux - hulle is die manne wat gehelp het met die brandstof.... say no more... dis 'n groot werk, Arend was ook betrokke by die bou van die shower en ander reparasies en algemene werkies op die vliegveld. Ek kan net vir jou sê Steven Prinsloo is ons jongste pilot, hy is nou in Matriek en het sy mikroligte lisensie gekry 'n paar dae nadat hy 16 geword het. Steven is 'n aanwinst vir ons klomp hier want omdat hy die jongste is, word daar altyd op hom gepik om gestuur te word. Hy het 'n geweldige nice attitude, altyd behulpzaam.

Gert vd Merwe en Charles Oosthuizen - het gehelp om die gras netjies te kry en algemene werkies om alles mooi te laat lyk.

Riaan de Nysschen - drade gespan, pale ingeslaan. Hy het al die buite werk gedoen en bestellings aangery en ook dingetjies gedoen om alles vir almal so maklik as moontlik te maak.

Cornel Senekal - hy is ons fotograaf, hy maak ons DVD's van fotos en video's... geweldig oulik ek dink julle het gesien hoe nice was verlede jaar s'n. Met musiek en die hele works. Baie gehelp met die beplanning en logistieke.



CC Pocock spectacular



John Illsley's pic of the Volkstrust flight line



Keith Irwin and Nico Brandt



Prize and Trophy List EAA 322 Sun n Fun 2011

Trophy	WINNER/AIRCRAFT	DETAILS
PIPER CLASIC AIRCRAFT EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Ricardo de Bonis	Piper Classic Aircraft Super Cub PA-18 150 ZS-PPW
PIPER BEST TUBE N RAG EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Ricardo de Bonis	Piper Classic Aircraft Super Cub PA-18 150 ZS-PPW
GRAND CHAMPION AIRCRAFT	Hennie Roets	Grand Champion - RV 7A ZU-FGE
BEST WARBIRO EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Harvard Club of South Africa	North American AT 6 Harvard ZU-AOP
Runner up 1 EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Pieter van der Westhuizen	Piaggio Albatross ZU-MMI
Runner -up 2 EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Eugene Couzyn	Alouette II ZU-ALO
BEST RESTORED AIRCRAFT EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Ricardo de Bonis	Best Restored Aircraft Piper Super Cub PA-18 150 ZS-PPW
Runner-up EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Mike Brown	Best Restored Aircraft - Runner-up Beechcraft Debonair 33 ZS-AIR
BEST PROFESSIONALLY BUILT AIRCRAFT	Robbie Dow	Jabiru J-120 ZU-FGK
EAA 322 CHAPTER MOST GENEROUS CONTRIBUTOR	Brian Appleton Mega Magazines	Generous contribution of quality book prizes
EAA 322 MEMBER MOST DEDICATED TO EVENT SAFETY	MENTION Keith Irwin	
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Eugene Couzyn	Consistently supporting EAA Young Eagles with his Alouette II
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Athol Franz	Freely providing valuable publicity for all EAA activities and EAA Sun n Fun 2011
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Pixley Ka Seme Municipality Fire Services	Providing Emergency Services to EAA Sun n Fun Fly-In 2011 at Volksrust Airfield
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Pixley Ka Seme Municipality Traffic Services	Providing Traffic Services to EAA Sun n Fun Fly-In 2011 at Volksrust Airfield
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Mpumalanga Ambulance Services	Providing Emergency Services to EAA Sun n Fun Fly-In 2011 at Volksrust
EXTRA MILE SPECIAL LADIES AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Trixie Heron	Enthusiasm and immeasurable support for EAA Sun n Fun 2011 at Volksrust
EXTRA MILE SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Amashinga Security Lourie van der Schyff	Night Time Patrol and Security for aircraft and campers
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Dale Sullivan	Providing Fuelling Services
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Arend Roux Sullivan	Providing Fuelling Services
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Barry Wessels	Providing Memorable Potjie free of charge for Friday arrivals
EAA 322 CERTIFICATE SPECIAL AWARD	Vernon McLaren	Exceptional Transport Assistance for essential EAA Regalia to Volksrust Sun n Fun 2011
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Marc Kuster	Heading the Sun n Fun 2011 efficient aircraft judging team
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Justin Gloy	Voucher for introductory Microlight flight by Roy Gregson at Panorama
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Stephen Theron	Voucher for introductory Microlight flight by Roy Gregson at Panorama
SPECIAL AWARD EAA 322 CERTIFICATE	Bob Allison	Professional and Friendly ATC Service for Sun n Fun 2011 Volksrust
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FUN REPORT FROM KRUGERSDORP EAA CHAPTER 973 - by Gavin van der Berg aka TAILSPIN

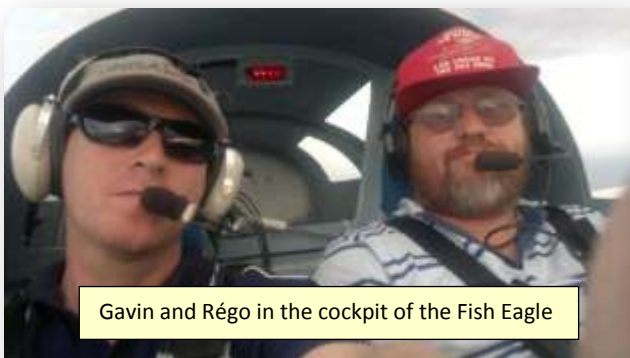
Due to work, I was unable to attend Chapter 973's March monthly meeting. I had been in contact with Régo Burger from Port Elizabeth Chapter 778 online for quite some time and we had arranged to meet one night for dinner at a restaurant in P.E. Well, we met and had a great evening shooting the breeze and chatting about everything under the sun and a bit about aviation as well.

Régo suggested that if the WX holds we could go for a flight the next day in his Fish Eagle. I was excited but did not want to count my chickens before they hatched, as I've had the WX turn rather nasty on me in the past when I had put my written request in upstairs for a beautiful day.

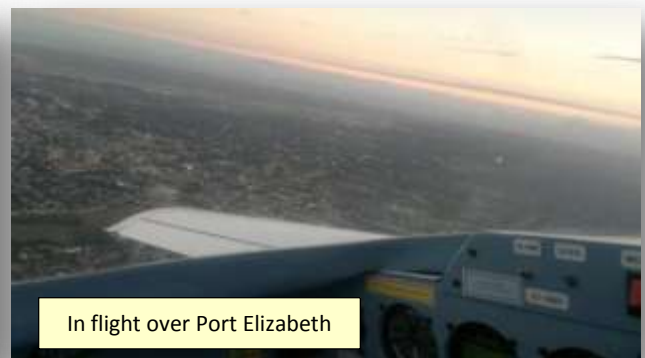
I woke on Thursday to the sound of the wind whistling in the windows of the hotel ☹️. Naturally I did not open the curtains as this in my books was a wind that would have a beer in my hand by midday. By 10 am I was contemplating beating one of my technicians to make me feel better - I SMSed Régo to say we could at least meet at the Algoa Flying Club for a beer or 3 to drown my dejected mood, I was not expecting the comment of "Nope, I only start to drink when the wind is over 30 knots" - suddenly I was very excited, was this true? By midday my work was complete and I was ready to go flying.

Four o'clock came and I was out of the hotel like a shot. I fought through P.E. peak hour traffic and was at the flying club within 15min. After shuffling the planes around, I got the briefing on how to get into the plane etc. I was excited about what was unfolding around me. We hopped in and I was briefed on comms, safety and all the usual info that you would throw at your pax - Régo stepped into the office and yep, you guessed it, she wouldn't start, the battery didn't have enough juice to get

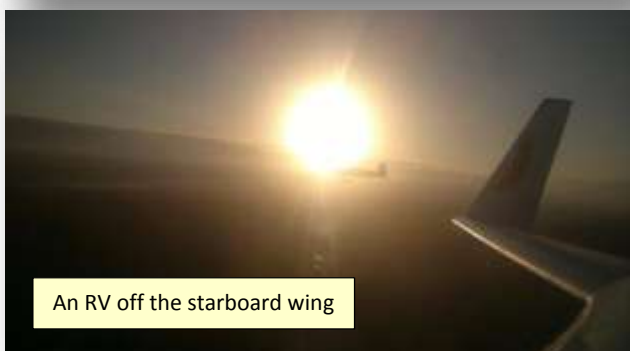
her fired up ☹️. OK, so I bail out again and Régo finds a set of jumper cables. I drag the rental car closer and we connect her up and start to jump the bird. The plane roars into life as the Rover V8 suddenly gets a life of its own. YES, we are flying! NO, we are not... as she has just cut out. Two or three times we try, and eventually the motor settles into a constant idle. We've got clearance from P.E. Tower to taxi to the runway. The song by Yello is playing in my mind with the words "OH YEA" want to burst from my mouth but I manage to keep then locked in my head. We get clearance to line up and hold... Yes, we are now ready to go! The plane quickly accelerates and I find I am smiling like a cat that just got a whole bowl of fresh cream to finish, then zoot through some low cloud and start the trip down the shore line at 2000 or below was the order from the Tower, I can live with that! Suddenly I hear Régo say, "You got control" - WOW, I think I've just died and been given a harp to play with - the Fish Eagle flies herself and with very little input she does whatever you ask of her. Soon we were past 43 Air School and we were playing with an RV coming in on our wing - ah, the joys of meeting a fellow aircraft in the air, again I think I'm in heaven. We tried to catch the RV, but with us doing 146 knots, the RV was still way too fast for us, so we tapped off and let them zoot home ahead of us. On our way back to the airport, Régo demonstrates a stall - I'm still waiting to find out exactly where it stalled, as I was either asleep or it has no stall - seriously, no buffet, no nothing. If Régo didn't say, "There she is stalling," I would never have known. Well, we landed and put the bird to bed, I'm sitting with a 2-week smile and all I can say is, Régo THANK YOU for a wonderful flight.



Gavin and Régo in the cockpit of the Fish Eagle



In flight over Port Elizabeth



An RV off the starboard wing



Régo's Fish Eagle at P.E.

EAST COAST CHAPTER 1502 NEWS - by Craig Ralphs

The new EAA East Coast Chapter 1502 Committee as elected on 19 February 2011:

President - Craig Ralphs

Vice President - Alan Lorimer

Secretary - Gerald Maddams

Treasurer - Noel Drew

Events Coordinator - Kevin Cox

Young Eagles Coordinator - Gary Keyzer (assisted by Francois Davel)

An extract of a communiqué sent to our chapter members after our first chapter meeting regarding one of our initiatives for 2011. As promised, feedback from the EAA East Coast Chapter 1502 meeting held on 23 February 2011.

We are consistently being bombarded from every quarter with how General Aviation is being negatively impacted, so how do we change that! Well, there is unanimous committee agreement that aviation, in all its forms, should be instilling far more camaraderie and fun into our aviation passion. We are already in consultation with some of the role players and are including the 58th Durban Air Scouts and the SAAF's Young Falcons together with our very own EAA Young Eagles Programme.

Although it is still early days, Chapter 1502 is constantly forging closer working relationships with MISASA as well as all other members of the Aeroclub in an effort to instil more camaraderie and fun into aviation within KZN. We have commenced our initiative by communicating all individual aviation events with each other and we remain confident this will encourage and inspire General Aviation.

MISASA Microflight Africa - by Alan Mackenzie

We are making 2,000 copies of the latest mag plus 2,000 DVDs titled "Flying African Skies". We will make copies of the mag and three hour long DVD available at no charge to your members at the next EAA Chapter 322 meeting. The DVD features routes across Africa:

1. Cape Town to Cairo via the Fish River Canyon.
2. Joburg to Maputo, then along the coast to Tanzania, then Malawi and down to Vic Falls.
3. Kruger Mpumalanga to the OFS cosmos fields, Drakensberg then down to the South Coast and along the Wild Coast, plus...

We are trying to promote interaction between all forms of aviation and to start here in KZN, we are trying to formalise an association with EAA. In Gauteng, with Karl Jensen, we have been invited for a 'test flight' with all of MISASA as guests at the next EAA Chapter 322 meeting on Wednesday 6 April for hangar talk after the business part of the evening. Be there! The venue is the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall at 19h00. We seek regional representatives to get this initiative underway - please get someone to volunteer to be the "Hangar Talk" rep in your region.



EAA FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT - Chapter 322 Annual Airshow - **1 MAY 2011** by Bill Keil

With less than 1 month to go before the show at Tedderfield, matters are moving into top gear. The show will focus on home-built and popular light aircraft and a great many of these will be on show. The SAAF have promised us a show of their light aircraft, details of which are to follow.

Where is Tedderfield? Take the M1 south out of Joburg and at the Southgate Mall, Continue onto the R82 towards Vereeniging. Stay on the R82 for about 5km, passing the Lido Hotel on the left. About 1 km further on, you will reach the traffic lights with the road to Grassmere to the right. Follow this road for about 2km and Tedderfield airfield is on your left.

Who is running the show? **ME** and **YOU!** We need as much help as we can find. People to supervise entry, parking, money collection, help with fencing, tents, public address system, vendor stand marking, etc. etc. We'd love to hear from you. 011 802-3143 or 079 525 7822. It's fun and valuable to our organisation! Not only that, you'll get in for free too. Bring the kids and have a super day in the open. See you there!





Despite heavy rain on Sunday morning, EAA Chapter 575 decided to continue with the breakfast fly-in, even though there was a very real possibility of nobody showing up. However, a number of Chapter members and surprisingly some visitors made the effort to attend by driving in. Springs airfield (FASI) is a registered airfield which is leased from the local municipality and there are a number of operations including the East Rand Flying Club, the Gliding Club, a microlight club, an ultralight club, autogyro club, EAA, flying schools and private operators. The goal of the Chapter 575 Breakfast Fly-in is to provide an opportunity for the aviation enthusiast to visit our community and share with others their love of aviation while enjoying a hearty breakfast. Once the fires were lit and the onions, bacon and eggs were frying, everyone drew nearer

to partake of the warming food. A chance break in the unseasonal weather allowed Claus Keuchel and passenger in his Taylorcraft BC12-D Special to land from his home field of Vereeniging. Unfortunately we missed Karl Jensen as he was socked in at Krugersdorp, another returnee was Russell van Blommestein from Crosswinds. Willie Bezuidenhout also managed to put in an appearance as well as Nico Brandt who left his Maule M-6 in the hangar and decided to drive.

Thanks for trying, guys. Although the weather did put a damper on our activities, all present had a great meal, warming coffee and excellent conversation. The children present also had a great time, with dads taking the young ones to look at the airplanes - future Young Eagles perhaps.



Weather for most of the morning with the Chapter 575 Luscombe Silhouette shivering outside



Claus Keuchel's Taylorcraft, the only visitor able to fly in during a brief respite in the weather

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8-10 April - SAA ZEBULA FLY-IN and AIRSHOW

15 April - DE HAVILLAND SAFARI SEND-OFF - RANCH HOTEL

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16 April - PARYS WINGS N WHEELS

23-24 April - HARTSWATER FLY-IN

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1 MAY - EAA FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT - TEDDERFIELD

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16-17 JULY - NYLSTROOM EAA TAILDRAGGER FLY-IN WEEKEND

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OPEN INVITATION TO THE POLOKWANE RANCH HOTEL FOR THE TIGER MOTH SAFARI SEND-OFF

To any and all flying enthusiasts, on 15 April 2011, six de Havilland Tiger Moths, one de Havilland Hornet Moth and three support aircraft will begin a trip through Botswana that will adventure from the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans to the Okavango Swamps, from Chobe to Livingstone and then back to South Africa. This event is something that has been a year in the making and we are all very excited about our own 'Out of Africa' experience. The trip has even captured international attention with participants shipping their own aircraft from England and France to come and join us.

Our departure point from South Africa will be 'The Ranch Hotel' at Polokwane and we will all be staying overnight on 15 April. Because of the Tiger Moth link to Morris Garages, the MG Car Club have been invited to join us in a 'send-off' from the hotel. Due to the fact that the Ranch Hotel has its own airfield, we thought that some other aviators might like to come along for our departure as well.

The hotel has been gracious enough to give us a very good rate per person per night of R468.00 bed and breakfast. We will also be putting a buffet dinner together which will cost in the region of R175.00 per person. This rate is only available for the nights of 15 to 17 April (although the Botswana party will be departing on 16 April). If you are interested in joining us, please book direct through the hotel: www.theranch.co.za 015 290 5000 and please give your name and Moth Tour as your reference. Please also email me with your name so that I can gauge numbers for the dinner and provide you with specifics. For further details, please contact me on 083 642 3565 or cwatson@stithian.com and if you wish to see more information about our trip, visit our website at

<http://www.tigermothbotswanasafari.yolasite.com>

Courtney Watson (Tiger Moth Botswana Safari Organiser)



PORT ELIZABETH 973 - by Francois Potgieter

We are having our Bike and Fly-in again this year at Tankwa. I'm also a member of Robertson Flying Club, and every so often together with folk from Swellendam and Stellenbosch we go on a weekend getaway to Tankwa Karoo National Park which lies south west of Sutherland in a valley that statistically has the lowest rainfall in RSA. The event will take place from 6-8 May. The weekend is a get-together of like-minded people in the middle of nowhere. It will be all about sitting around the fires and talking about the things we are supposed to do more often. The freeform tent will be up again in the skaapkraal for the kuiering. A pitched dome tent with a mattress and all the meals will cost you R590.00 per person. If you want to do Saturday night only, it will cost you R390.00. There are also 13 permanent tents which can be booked for an additional R240.00 per person. This will be on first come, first served basis. For more info on the weekend, contact Pottie at pottie2002@yahoo.com or 082 422 4377.



One should not do ablutions in the veld without due vigilance



Rustic scenery at Tankwa National Park

TYPICAL FEEBLE EXCUSE! He left home about 08:30 to do some work in his hangar at the airport with his friends. On the way out the door he answered his wife's "What time will you be home?" question with "Probably about 13:30" 13:30 came and went, 15:00 passed, 18:15, still not home, finally at about 19:00 he arrived and begins the apologetic story, "I finished cleaning the plane about 11:30, had lunch, and I started home. On the way I saw this attractive girl with a flat tyre on her car. I stopped to help, got the tyre changed. She offered money, but I refused, so she suggested that I at least allow her to buy me a beer. She said there's a pub just up the road, and they have a restroom, you can clean up a bit. I agreed to stop, we had a beer, then another beer, then a couple more, and I realized that this girl was not only pretty, she was very friendly, and a good companion to spend time with. Before I knew it, we were having a rendezvous in a Formula 1. That is why I am so late getting home." His wife looked him right in the eye and said, "Don't lie to me. You went flying, didn't you, Gordon?"

EAA YOUNG EAGLES AT FLY INN

On Saturday 12 March an EAA Young Eagles flying afternoon was held at the Fly Inn airfield near Bapsfontein. All the participants were members of the Aeronautical Society of Pretoria Boys High School and the event was organised by EAA 322 member John Illsley, who runs the Society at PBHS. Captain Karl Jensen kindly made his hangar available, which in the absence of the "Pixie" Cessna, was the ideal base for the afternoon's activities. After the "inner man" had been satisfied by way of boerewors rolls, it was time to start the flying. As on previous occasions, all the boys were given the opportunity of a flight in both a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft during the course of the afternoon. The helicopter was a sponsored Eurocopter Squirrel which gave groups of four boys at a time a local flight, the first in a rotary-wing craft for many of them. Before departing back to its home base the helicopter provided an impromptu air display, much to the delight of all present. The light aircraft on hand for the fixed-wing flights were an 80% scale Fieseler Storch; a 1944 Auster Mk V and a Piper Archer. A Highveld storm from the south held off long enough to allow for everyone to

have a flight, which meant that a total of eighteen "Young Eagles" were flown. One formation pass over Fly Inn saw the Auster and the Storch flying together. For those with an eye for history this was an interesting combination as these two types had undertaken the same duties during World War Two, but on opposite sides! The Auster is a genuine WW2 veteran, having flown with the SAAF in Italy in 1945 while the Storch is completed in colours used in the Western Desert.

A few movements in and out of the airfield exposed the boys to other types of light aircraft, including some of the current composite types being marketed in South Africa. Two aircraft in the maintenance hangar, a Harvard and a Bosbok, allowed for some brief talks on other ex-military types before the busses were packed for the return trip to Boys High.

Needless to say the excitement and interest generated by this type of flying afternoon makes it a very worthwhile exercise. For a Society that tries to do something aviation-related every week of the school term, being on an active airfield and doing some flying ranks as "top of the pops" for popularity.



Marabou (80% scale Fiesler Storch lookalike)



Marabou and John's Auster



Young Eagles from Pretoria Boys High



Young Eagles alight from the Squirrel



Young Eagles after a ride in the Marabou with Rodney Benn

HARTSWATER FLY-IN Die naweek van 21-22 Mei hou ons 'n fly-in te Eagles Flight Academy naby Hartswater. Besoekers kan Vrydag middag in vlieg en Saterdag of Sondagoggend na ontbyt uit vlieg. Elkeen moet net 'n slaapsak en eie drank saambring. Die aanloopbane is 17/35 (2600m) 12/30 (800m) en 23/05 (800m) die koördinate is S 27 48 26.5 E024 58 36.8 (105 nm 238°T vanaf FAKD) As daar enige vrae is, kontak my gerus. Groete - D.J.Lubbe 082 557 6429.

Comment from Dale de Klerk: I have been there and you will not believe it when you see it!

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

Nothing exciting here since I was not at the US version Sun n Fun. I did fly the Zlin, Luscombe and Lake this weekend. Plugged an injector in the Zlin so last night I cleaned the offending cylinder. Towards sunset, I decided my time would be better spent playing in the Cub and had a wonderful evening flight. I understand why people retire - playing is much more fun! The pictures of the weather that went through Sun n Fun in Florida was neither fun nor sunny. I have just been doing maintenance on the "fleet", not even finishing the annual inspection on the Travelair yet (but that better be done by the time of publication). We did get the T-6 out of hibernation, which was probably my highlight for the month. Take care and best wishes to the South African contingent. Hopefully I'll be seeing a bunch of you around Oshkosh. **Regards, Ric**



Tragic tornado damage at Lakeland Sun n Fun 2011



A more tranquil scene as Ric approaches for a landing in his J-3 Cub

SAFETY CORNER - by Walter Doubell, EAA 322 Safety Officer

Use of the GPS - Good pilots do it safely!

The UK CAA analysed accident statistics for a ten year period and reached a conclusion about the use of a GPS. The GPS has become one of the most common accessories used by GA pilots. It is tremendously helpful and probably improves safety. However, caution needs to be exercised about certain tendencies and trends in the use of the GPS.

Never use the GPS as your primary means of navigation.

Never use it to land in poor visibility.

Never spend time head down, fiddling with the GPS and ignoring what is going on outside the aircraft.

Never believe GPS data without question. The GPS is NOT infallible and can go wrong. Continually cross reference the GPS data to the aircraft's other instruments, i.e. altitude, airspeed, compass, etc.

Never fly in conditions that you would avoid if you did not have a GPS.

Always read the manual and understand how the GPS works.

Always compare the aeronautical chart data with the GPS data.



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OSHKOSH ACCOMMODATION - We have a home 20 min away from the airfield at Oshkosh and would like to host EAA Airventure guests for the upcoming airshow. As the chairman of your EAA Chapter, could you please share our residential accommodations with your group? We are located north of the EAA grounds on a channel that has direct access to Lake Butte des Morts, only a 20 min drive from the showgrounds. Our 4 bedroom home is complete with a full exercise room that includes an elliptical and a treadmill, in-ground pool and hot tub to relax in after a day at the show as well as resort-like views of the lake. The drawcard however, could be the South African hospitality that you will enjoy. Fingerlicking braais, moonlight boat rides and talk of aviation will be in abundance. Thank you so much for including our information in your newsletter. We offer a stay for \$4995.00 for the show. I will be available to make breakfast each day. We have 3 queen and 1 king size bed. There is also plenty of space to put blow-up mattresses. We will do what we need to do to accommodate a larger group. If there are more individuals than we have space for, I do know of another family, who are 3 min down the road, who will also make their fine lakeside house available. Amy Rolph acahoonrolph@yahoo.com



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I had the sad task today of flying the first Rovos Convair to Freeway strip to "Rust in Peace" Brian Stableford (L) CH 322

EAA CHAPTER 322 MARCH MONTHLY MEETING - by Gordon Dyne

How does Karl Jensen continue to pull in the aviators for Chapter 322's monthly meeting?

I will tell you how. By continually raising the stakes and making the meetings more interesting and more fun than the previous ones. On Wednesday 2 March some 60 or so members, guests and visitors swelled the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall in the monthly meeting of Chapter 322. They came from as far away as Springs in the Far East, from Alberton, Krugersdorp and Pretoria. Amongst our valued guests were EAA's National President Paul Lastrucci and his brother Peter. A veritable 'who's who' and 'crème de la crème' of home-builders and pilots in around Gauteng .

The formalities followed the usual pattern interspersed by the frequent risqué jokes from the Chairman Karl Jensen. Although it sounds seriously boring going through the same old ritual of: 'Apologies: Minutes of the last meeting: Finance: What happened this month? What is happening next month and so on, it is not. Far from it. The meetings are always tremendously interesting thanks to the continual humour from Karl mixed with the serious world of aviation. There are many exciting EAA aviation functions in the near future all being organised with aplomb by so many competent and enthusiastic 322 members. Before the break, 'Bookworm,' avid aviator and De Havilland Chipmunk owner and pilot Brian Appleton gave us a splendid talk on his recent trip to RAF Coningsby, home of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The Flight comprises of a Lancaster, five Spitfires and a Hurricane, but how many of us know that the Flight also includes two Chipmunks? The talk was, as everything Brian does, superb. At half time, loads of 'hangar talk' lubricated by a never ending supply of cold be vies kept the atmosphere going until Karl summoned us with his claxon back to our seats for our main speaker Kevin Hopper an engineer, pilot, aircraft designer and owner of Skyworx at FAKR.

Kevin gave us a marvellous illustrated talk on some of the planes he has designed and built over the years, culminating in his highly successful Rotax powered Piper Cub look-alike named TEDDY. What a fascinating talk to which we were privileged to listen. Sadly and suddenly 23h00 was upon us and we reluctantly left the warm camaraderie to wend our way home. Another tremendous evening in the life of EAA Chapter 322 was over. Thank you very much Ron van Lear BBC (Born Before Computers) for providing such splendid snacks.

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