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2012 Aero Club of SA Awards - by Karl Jensen

The formal Aero Club Awards dinner was held at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg on 3 November and was attended by about 250 people. The event was very well organised. It was most gratifying to see EAA members playing a major role in Aero Club affairs. Chairman Jeff Earle and Vice Chairman Paul Lastrucci are both members of EAA. We had no less than six of our



Val Jensen, Mike Brown and Gordon Dyne

members receiving citations or trophies. In alphabetical order, they were Mike Brown our EAA National Young Eagles Convener, Walter

Doubell the EAA National Treasurer and Safety officer, Gordon Dyne, Paul Lastrucci, Mike Visagie from Chapter 1504 Klerksdorp and Rob McFie, although Rob's recognition is National Colours for the 7th World Para Motor Glider Championships in Spain. The Guest Speaker was EAA member Wing Commander Bruce Harrison who is also Chairman of the Royal Air Force Officers' Club, Johannesburg. The award recipients were:

Mike Brown: Special Recognition Certification for Youth Development and the Most Promising Aviation Enthusiast. **Citation** - Dr Mike Brown is the EAA of SA National Young Eagles Convener and Vice Chairman of EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg. He constantly puts in tremendous effort to continue the momentum of the EAA Young Eagles initiative and introduces novel ways to extend and promote the Young Eagles beyond the initial flight experience that candidates receive. Mike freely uses his Beechcraft Debonair and his Globe Swift to allow many Young Eagles to experience the magic of flight and skilfully ensures that each Young Eagles day is vibrant and well organised. Mike Brown has now also taken on the role of host at the EAA Flying Legends Talk Shows at the EAA Auditorium at Rand Airport. His superb style at the ever

popular event is ideally placed to MC this educational and entertainment forum. He is certainly a worthy recipient of this award.

Walter Doubell: Don Tilly Trophy and Special Recognition Certificate. **Citation** - Walter started flying when he retired from his career in the banking industry. He completed his PPL at Heidelberg where he lives and uses every opportunity to pursue his accomplished dream. Walter epitomises volunteerism that is part of the ethos of EAA and in a short period has become the EAA Safety Officer and Treasurer

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Len and Dorette du Preez, Mike and Joni Visagie, Lisa and Walter Doubell and Mike Brown

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EAA of SA Safety Officer and Treasurer for both EAA National and EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg.

Walter completed the Air Show South Africa Safety Rating Grade C and is on hand to provide assistance in planning and the oversight of fly-ins and other events. He completed a safety course offered at Henley Air and at his own expense went to study the safety oversight of the Duxford Airshow in the UK. Walter assisted with the 2012 SAPFA President's Trophy Air Race as a Safety Officer and also at the World Precision Flying Championships at Brits earlier this year. Walter is part of the management team of the Heidelberg Aviation Association that manages Heidelberg Airfield. He was instrumental in setting up the Manual of Procedures including their safety management system that is required by licensed airfields. Walter Doubell is a worthy recipient of this award as he truly takes safety to heart.

Gordon Dyne: Certificate of Recognition. **Citation** - Gordon Dyne is the epitome of generosity and a stalwart of the general aviation community. He has been involved in EAA activities for a number of years and writes a lot of editorial to promote recreational aviation activities for the African Pilot magazine on behalf of EAA. Gordon's generosity has made it possible for several enthusiasts to attend Oshkosh, the world's biggest aviation festival and other activities that contribute to positioning these individuals so that they can pursue their dreams in aviation. Gordon is ever on hand in his beautiful Nanchang C6 Dragon or his Piper Arrow to fly EAA Young Eagles and the less fortunate so that they can take part in many fly-aways throughout the country.

Paul Lastrucci: Certificate of Recognition. **Citation** - In his short tenure as National President of the EAA of South Africa. Paul has been pro-active and instrumental in the implementation of many improvements. He almost single-handedly wrote a manual of procedure for the EAA that has been accepted by the SACAA. Under his mentorship the EAA has grown in South Africa and dormant Chapters are being revived. In addition to his EAA duties, Paul is the vice-chairman of the Aero Club. In this role he has been actively involved in the day to day management of the affairs of the AeCSA and has engaged with the authorities on matters affecting general aviation in South Africa. His selfless input of energy and time in the interests of aviation makes him a worthy recipient of this award..

Mike Visagie: James Gilliland Trophy awarded for the Most Meritorious Feat during the Past Year. **Citation** - Mike lives

near a little known dorpie in the NW Province, Makwassie. He learned to fly in 1998 at the Vaal River Gliding Club in Klerksdorp and attained a PPL. When EAA Chapter 1504 was chartered at Klerksdorp in 2011, Mike took on the EAA Young Eagles portfolio to assist with youth development in aviation. He started what will hopefully become an annual tradition, The Makwassie Mid-Winter MoJo, a fly-in to his farm airstrip Swartpan International, is aimed at instilling aviation enthusiasm for the young and old in the Klerksdorp environs. The MoJo is a well-structured day for EAA Young Eagles to show young people how to reach aviation dreams and aspirations. The day includes model aircraft demonstrations, presentations and Young Eagles introductory flights culminating in an evening of fine foods and hospitality. The 2nd MoJo was held in July this year. Mike's dedication and hard work has got many sponsors happily inveigled into supply all manner of goods and services that make this event exceptional in every detail for all taking part.

The event has already gained tremendous momentum with the acquisition of a Pietenpol airframe that was ceremonially handed to the headmaster of the Wolmaransstad High School. This airframe is to be used as a training and skills development platform of an EAA Young Eagles initiative at the school. A Johannesburg EAA member Graham Haird has since donated a nearly completed Pietenpol to the Chapter. A target has been set to complete the aircraft by the 3rd MoJo in June 2013. Mike Visagie's ongoing dedication and infectious enthusiasm is certainly worthy of this award.



Paul Lastrucci Nat. President of EAA with Jeff Earle AeCSA Chairman



Walter Doubell receives his certificate



Rob McFie



Karl Jensen Bruce Harrison smile and squeeze

EAA Chapter 778 Port Elizabeth - by Régo Burger, Chairman

The pictures are from a casual Saturday fly-away organised by Algoa Flying Club. Russell Phillips joined us on 2 legs of a Poker Run in the new Whisper-X. Extra photos show the RV-7A of Brett Routly at the AJ's airfield, an uphill landing downhill take-off strip near Kirkwood belonging to Tony Bailes.



I have been helping with the final flight test of the RV-7A and am about to apply for the ATF.



Input from EAA Chapter 1502 East Coast - submitted by Neville Hart on behalf of Craig Ralphs, Chairman

A good website worth visiting and registering for free common sense flying tips from Wally Moran:

http://www.pilotworkshop.com/tips/preflight_checklist_pilot.htm

Looks like a good day to fly; let's go. Why doesn't that work? What are some of the items where we can elevate our airmanship in the pre-flight preparation stage? Well the first item for any good airman is good preparation and planning. And that starts with a pre-flight of the pilot before we even think about the plane. If the pilot's not airworthy, there's little point to worry about all the other factors. Did you know that pilot impairment contributes to many more accidents than failure of aircraft systems? We all worry about system problems, but do we pay enough attention to the pilot problems?

Pilots need to complete the "I'm Safe" checklist before each flight. It's **I**llness, **M**edication, **S**tress, **A**lcohol, **F**atigue and **E**motion.

Any one of these items we know can affect pilot performance. Often we have a small dose of a few of them - perhaps a little fatigue from a hard day's work, maybe getting a little cough, under a little stress to get back for an appointment. When we think of each of these items individually, we think, *Well that's no big deal*. But when we look at the checklist, we can see that they can all be cumulative. We spend a lot of time pre-flighting our aeroplane. We need to spend at least a little time pre-flighting ourselves before we start the plane."

EAA Chapter 575 East Rand Chairman Charles Flee - by Paul Sabatier

Charles Flee Chapter 575 Chairman had a heart valve replacement operation on 31 October. He suffered a cardiac arrest, but the operating team managed to get his heart beating again. At the time of writing he was heavily sedated but was responding to stimulus. Please keep him in your prayers. *[All of us will do that and we hope his recovery is rapid and complete. KJ]*

News from EAA Chapter 575 East Rand - by Paul Sabatier

The EAA 575 Year End Bring & Braai will be held on 24 November at Springs airfield Hangar 1 North from 14h00 pm onwards.

Fly-in Breakfast at Springs - 1 December 2012

The East Rand Flying Club invites pilots to a fly-in breakfast at Springs Airfield on Saturday 01 December from 08h00. An AFIS will be provided by Bob Allison on FASI frequency 122.4. Parking will be along the grass taxiway to the North of runway 14/32. A spot-landing competition will be held on arrival at Springs.

The EAA Flying Legends Talk Show welcomes

Dennis Jankelow - by Gordon Dyne

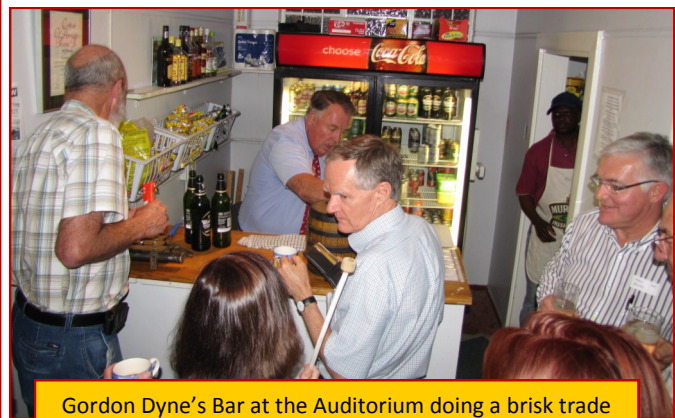
On Thursday 18 April at the EAA Auditorium at Rand Airport, our Master of Ceremonies for the evening Guy Leitch, owner and editor of SA Flyer, welcomed one of the elder statesmen



Dennis Jankelow being interviewed by Guy Leitch

in South African aviation circles namely Dennis Jankelow, owner of the well-known aviation insurers Dennis Jankelow & Associates (Aviation) Pty Ltd. Many of us pilots insure our aeroplanes through Dennis Jankelow & Associates and, speaking from personal experience, I have had only superb service from Dennis' broker colleague Jeanette Adams.

Some 'doubting Thomases' doubted if Dennis could hold the attention of a packed auditorium for an entire evening single-handed, but they were wrong. Dennis enthralled us with his aviation tales, beginning with his first flight at 17 with the one and only irrepressible Scully Levin. Dennis obtained his PPL in 1969 and has owned and flown many aircraft including a Piper PA-14 Family Cruiser built in the late 1940s and a Beechcraft King Air B200. Dennis is still flying regularly. Dennis' collection of cars is legendary including many classic such as the Jaguar E-type 4.2 Roadster from the glorious sixties. I owned one myself for many years so I well remember the passion for driving that car awoke in me. Those halcyon days! My younger daughter Philippa, as a small child, called my E-type a vacuum



Gordon Dyne's Bar at the Auditorium doing a brisk trade

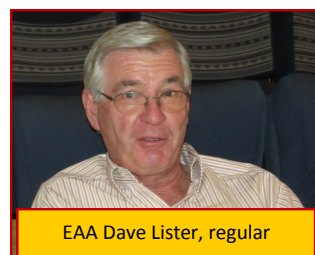


Dennis with Auditorium Convener Jeremy Woods

cleaner and when asked why she said, "Because Mummy tells me it picks up fluff!" Gosh! How I wish that had been true!

Dennis' company became very well known to the general public a decade or so ago with his annual aviation raffle with the proceeds going to the Reach for a Dream Foundation. A light aircraft is purchased by his company, restored to perfection and then raffled. I think we have all been persuaded by Dennis' smooth-talking young ladies to purchase a ticket or two over the years, but were surprised to hear from Dennis how rude some people are to his sales team and also how some people who buy tickets at the very last moment with a credit card, promptly cancel the transaction when they fail to win. Really! However, I guess it takes all sorts to make the world go round. Despite these set-backs the great news is that Dennis Jankelow & Associates has donated more than R18 million to Reach for a Dream. Marvellous.

Sadly, the evening passed too quickly and soon some of us were on our way to our loved ones and then back to our wives. Thank you very much Dennis for your time and for a most interesting albeit different evening. Thank you Guy Leitch for persuading Dennis to open his heart to us. As usual huge thanks go to Jeremy and Anne-Louise Woods, without whom these shows would never happen. Thank you Trixie Heron and Doug Norval who welcomed our visitors and collected the gate money. Thanks also to Coen Swart, Ronnie Alcock and Mike Hartmann whose braaiing skills are legendary and to Justin Gloy for assisting in the bar. Thank you Alson Maphosa, who did all the clearing up with a smile. Final thanks to the aviation enthusiastic audience without whom it would be fairly pointless in holding a talk show!



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EAA Chapter 322's Annual Dinner a Rip-Roaring

Success - by Gordon Dyne

On the evening of Saturday 20 October at the Killarney Country Club in Johannesburg, some 80 members, their partners and guests came together for an evening of good company, great food, fun and frivolity. It was the occasion of 322's annual dinner.

We were met on arrival by 322's Chairman, the ever-youthful Captain Karl Jensen and his lovely wife Val and after a welcoming drink we wound our way to our tables.

Vice-Chairman Dr Mike Brown was on sparkling form as he welcomed the assembled throng. Mike singled out for a



special welcome Major General Des Barker (SAAF retired), Paul Lastrucci (Chairman of EAA National), Jeff Earle (Chairman of the Aero Club), and the 'General' Captain Brian



Bob & Daphne Allison with Paul & Beverly Lastrucci

Stableford (SAA retired). Other celebrities present were Captain Dave Tayler (SAA retired) and well known Air Traffic Controller Bob Allison whose calm, relaxed, dulcet tones are always so good to hear when one is flying in crowded air-space. Also seen to be enjoying himself was popular Argentinian pilot Ricardo de Bonis who has just undergone major open-heart surgery. Ricardo has an enviable toy-box at Krugersdorp airfield. All in all a veritable 'who's who' of South African aviation personalities. A splendid dinner of an avocado salad starter, chicken as a main course and a delicious cheese-cake dessert accompanied by some fine palatable wines put the diners into a soporific mood as we anticipated our beloved Chairman's speech. Mike



Trixie Heron & Mike Brown

Brown warmed up his audience with some dreadful jokes saying, "Don't blame me, I didn't write them!"

It soon came the time for Chairman Karl Jensen to take to the



Benny & Des Barker, Brian Stableford, Gordon Dyne

microphone and in his usual inimitable fashion ran through all the events in which EAA Chapter 322 had participated. Fly-away breakfasts, Young Eagles, spot-landing competitions, visits to aircraft building projects, charity work including vultures, airshows and more. The list is endless. After this humorous dissertation it came time for the prize-giving and with the names called out by Karl, Mike presented beautifully framed certificates to the many worthy recipients. The final award went to Val Jensen for her unswerving support of her husband. She is

universally known as 'the power behind the throne'.

There were too many winners to mention individually, but certain winners like the ubiquitous Trixie Heron for performing so many tasks for the Chapter, Mike Brown for his hard work with the Young Eagles, and Bob Allison for his

hugely testing ATC role, deserve special mention here. Sadly, the evening came to a close all too soon. Thank you very much Mike Brown for organising the evening and thanks to your team for decorating the dining room so beautifully. Thank you Gerald Harvey for your beautifully crafted model aeroplanes and clouds which decorated each table. Final thanks must go to Chairman Karl Jensen whose tireless efforts 24/7 make this EAA Chapter what it is. The biggest and the best in South Africa. Famed US General Douglas MacArthur

said to the US Congress on his retirement in 1951, "Old soldiers never die. They just fade away." You Karl, won't be allowed to!



Mike Brown congratulating Wolfgang Vormbaum on his highly innovative C-Wolf design and build project



Jeremy and Anne-Louise Woods with Mike Brown

Aero Club of SA AGM - by Karl Jensen

The AeCSA AGM was held on 24 October at the Harvard Café at Rand Airport. There were about 60 persons present who re-elected the Exco as before. GM Kevin Storie, Chairman Jeff Earle, Vice Chairman Paul Lastrucci, Treasurer Hanke Fourie, Each of the 16 Section Chairpersons are automatically Aero Club Board Members.

There was heated discussion regarding the Fundi system of subs payments. Improvements have been incorporated including instant electronic issue of a printable barcoded document with details of membership of Aero Club and Sections which fits into any pilots licence folder. AeCSA management are aware of many of the problems bedevilling the Fundi system and these are being addressed. Valid membership of AeCSA is required for obtaining an Authority To Fly (ATF) after an inspection of your aircraft by an Approved Person (A/P).

A budget was presented to the floor and by a majority vote, the annual subscriptions are increased by 10% to R330. The AeCSA are maintaining intense involvement with RAASA, the CAA, ATNS, Dept of Environmental Affairs and SASCOC on

legislative matters and those that affect us and our freedom of the skies. The Aero Club needs and deserves the support of every EAA member.



Aero Club AGM attendees



AeCSA Exco Hanke Fourie, Jeff Earle, Paul Lastrucci and Kevin Storie

Where's Woldow - our EAA member in the USA

I attended a small farewell gathering at Attwood. This long-time airport is closing and the runway will be ploughed up for agriculture. Lisa and I had been going there since we moved to Illinois in 1984. Lots of good people and good times. We wanted to take the Stearman for old times' sake, but the cold temperatures called for an enclosed aircraft so we took the T-6. There were a couple hardier folks who did make it in open cockpit aircraft, but they were from closer fields. It was a wonderful day blessed with great weather, good food and so nice to see everyone again. Think we had 17 aircraft and about 60 folks attending. - Ric





Members of 2012-2013 Aero Club of South Africa Board present at the AGM on 24 October 2012.

Back: Wayne Heuer (SAPFA), Neil de Lange (RAASA), Frank Eckard (SAPFA), John Gailard (FAI Rep), Pierre Laubscher (RAASA), Herman Dormehl (MISASA), Graham Field (PASA)

Front L to R: Kevon Storie (GM AeCSA), Daniel Ralafeta (T&D), Jeff Earle (Chairman AeCSA), Paul Lastrucci (Vice Chairman AeCSA), Hanke Fourie (AeCSA Treasurer and BAFSA)

Looking for a Deserving Cause - by Andy Lawrence EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg

Our son Geoffrey who sadly passed away in 2010, was a keen aero modeller. We have decided that his model aeroplane collection that consists of complete and incomplete model aircraft, radio control equipment, engines, balsa and other building materials can be gainfully used by an enthusiastic and needy person or institution. If you would like to be considered, kindly contact me andy@klamflex.com



The implementation date for the new format ICAO Flight Plan is 15 November 2012. As few of our members have had the opportunity to attend the flight plan introduction presentation, EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg has negotiated with ATNS and CAA for an abbreviated presentation that is appropriate for recreational pilots and PPLs.

"Cindy Hendrikse and I will be pleased to come and present to the EAA at your Chapter 322 monthly meeting on Wednesday 7 November at the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall in Dowerglen, Edenvale. We will present from a how to file a NEW format flight plan on file2fly perspective and just highlight the major FPL2012 changes as we go along. We would also welcome questions. As this is a real-time online presentation from the file2fly system there would be no training material. We can also invite the members, to bring their iPads or Tablets and follow along on file2fly if they wish to. I look forward to meeting you all."

Lindi-Lee Kirkman

Pool Manager: Aeronautical Information Management | Pool Manager: Johannesburg Information Complex

Peter Hengst Memorial Fly-in Breakfast, Brits - Saturday 17 November

Peter Hengst was a past Chairman of EAA Chapter 322 and this fly-in is open to everyone in his honour. Chrystal Hengst his widow always attends. The brekkie is laid on by the Brits Flying Club and the date has been moved to 17 November to accommodate Sun n Fun at Tempe. Everyone is most welcome to attend. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Doug Norval doug@the-it-guy.co.za or call 083 308 4775



Sun n Fun 2012 Bloemfontein

Sun n Fun 2012 is thankful upon us. This event is being hosted by EAA Chapter 1503 Bloemfontein headed by Jack Onderstall on 9 -11 November 2012.

General Programme

Arrivals on the afternoon of Friday 9 November and throughout Saturday. The main event will be from 09:00 to 17:30 on Saturday 10 November. No landing fees will be

charged as they are being sponsored by Airport Manager Charlie Marais. Avgas and Jet A1 on tap.

The event will cover a wide range of activities with owners and builders of kit planes, advanced parachute skills and training, tandem jumps and skydiving, helicopters and training, pilot training, simulators and flying schools, gyrocopters, training and flights, gliding and soaring, state of the art model aircraft displays, forums and meetings for educational purposes, showcase and live chats on interesting and historic aircraft, Hands-on experience with the builders and pilots of home-built aircraft, static display and flights of the vintage Piper tube and rag type aircraft, aircraft judging and prizes. There will also be an EAA Young Eagles exercise. Fly when you like during the day. The day's activities will consist of unlimited and non-stop flying (within the constraints of the AIC 19.1).

Join the Tempe circuit overhead as per standard unmanned airfield procedures. Change to Tempe frequency 131.3 before you are 5 nm out. AFIS by Uncle Bob Allison will hopefully be operational. Automatic weather station at Tempe: SMS FATP to 35010 for an immediate weather report.

Capital Sounds will be in attendance where you can meet Brian Emmenis of Capital Sounds, your PA man for the day. A fun rally will be organised by multiple Protea Champion Mary de Klerk.

Chapter 1500 Piper Tube & Rag In view of the fact that it is Piper Aircraft's 75th anniversary on 9 November 2012, a special invitation has been extended by Kassie Kasselmann from the Piper Tube & Rag Club and Deneys Potgieter of NAC to have a record number of these aircraft attending the Sun n Fun fly-in. So get out your Piper 'lap en pyp' Cubs, Colts, Pacers, Vagabonds, Cruisers, Pawnees and join us for the weekend.

A shuttle service will be available between Tempe and the closer accommodation. It is advisable to make your bookings at Korhaan Lodge: 051 451 1733 korhaanlodge@iburst.co.za www.korhaanlodge.co.za or Bain's Game Lodge for luxury self-catering log cabins for two to five people and single or double hotel rooms.

051 451 1761 or www.bainsgamelodge.co.za. Camping on the airfield at the Sky Diving Club @ R20/night per person, contact Ernst 071 604 0502.

Hope to see you there! Jack Onderstall 082 770 5505 jmo@iafrica.com [Let's all attend this fantastic fun event! -KJ]



EAA Chapter 1504 Klerksdorp - Hangar Hop Invitation 17 November 2012

This is an open invitation for all members and enthusiasts to fly in and visit the workshop held at the Wolmaransstad High School on 17 November. This is where the Chapter's Young Eagles build project will be based starting next year, which will see various exciting projects being built with active participation by the school's enthusiastic Young Eagles. A shuttle will be operating between the Wolmaransstad airfield situated just north of the town, and the school which is a kilometre or so away. Of course the intention is to have them acquiring sufficient knowledge and experience to finish matric with a basic AP inspection rating, and possibly an LSA pilot's licence. You will be served a substantial breakfast, with all sorts of trimmings, but of course absa-bloody-lutely nothing is free in life!

You will therefore be required to put all your knowledge and experience at our disposal for the morning to assist us with the layout, planning and operation of the existing infrastructure to best effect. If you have any redundant aircraft spares taking up valuable space in your hangar, bring them along and leave them here. We'll put them all to good and proper use! Particularly useful would be older types of instruments and avionics to fit into the Pietenpol.

Look forward to seeing you on 17 November.

Mike Visagie - EAA Chapter 1504 Young Eagles Convener

[Graham Haird recently presented Mike Visagie with an almost completed Pietenpol for the Chapter's Young Eagles initiative as above. Mike's dedication to youth development has been recognised by the Aero Club at the Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday 03 November at Wanderers Country Club, Johannesburg, Full write-up on page 2. - KJ]

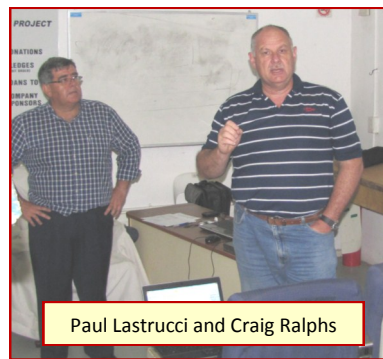
Summary of the EAA Council Meeting at EAA Auditorium on 20 October - by Karl Jensen

It was gratifying that several of our Chapter Chairmen travelled from as far afield as Durban, East London and Port Elizabeth to attend this important meeting. Having said that, it is regrettable that some of our Chairmen do not bother to apologise for not being able to attend. EAA requires participation of all Chapters to keep our movement on track.



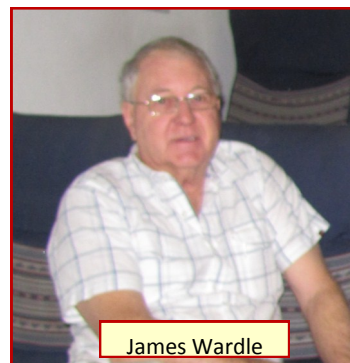
Vernon McLaren, Régo Burger, Paul Sabatier

National President Paul Lastrucci led a robust meeting, including the implementation of our ARO and a reduction in EAA National subs. EAA Chapter and National membership fees will total R400 pa. EAA will persevere with Fundi but Chapters might want to collect subs and upload them via the Chapter Treasurer. Aero Club membership cards are discontinued and a pilot licence insert will take its place.



Paul Lastrucci and Craig Ralphs

Chapters will be required to submit regular monthly minutes of meetings to the National President. EAA has input for freedom of airspace for the Africa World Cup with far fewer restrictions than the FIFA World Cup. Interaction taking place with Dept of Environmental Affairs on ridiculous 'heritage site' overflight restrictions. The Cape Town Chapter is in the process of being reactivated. The loans made to the EAA Auditorium project by individuals are to be repaid, as a satisfactory long term lease for upgrading our facilities has not been concluded. The EAA Young Eagles has some fine development planning with funds being made available to the EAA YE Convener Mike Brown. Full Minutes of the meeting will be published on the EAA website.

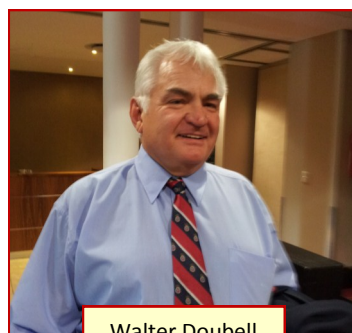


James Wardle

Report from EAA Chapter 1502 East Coast - by Craig Ralphs, Chairman

We recently had a most successful fly-in to John Te Relie's farm in the Mid-Illovo area which was attended by members from as far afield as Kokstad. Nine aircraft attended the fly-in and several members chose to drive in so as not to miss out on the camaraderie. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful breakfast laid on, in true EAA spirit, by John and his family. Several of the locals appeared, seemingly from nowhere, to come and see the aircraft and certainly enjoyed the opportunity to be shown the planes and observe them departing for home. It was wonderful to see some of our old friends again.

Flight Safety - A comment on Attitude! - by Walter Doubell, EAA of SA National Safety Officer



Walter Doubell

The large warbird banked to line up for the final approach to runway 24. It was a beautiful sight, more so from my vantage point in the control tower. I noticed one of the safety officers lean over and talk to another safety officer. I hardly paid any attention to this, being somewhat overawed by

actually experiencing the yearly Flying Legends Airshow at Duxford.

A few minutes after landing, the pilot came to the tower. There was a short informal meeting between the pilot and two safety officers. It was obvious this meeting was amicable and friendly. After some laughter and handshaking, the pilot left. I enquired what it was that I had just witnessed. You might be interested in the following explanation.

The rules for flying an approach for runway 24 at Duxford require pilots to fly around the village of Duxford. Due to noise abatement requirements, flying over the village is prohibited. The pilot in question had flown directly over the village. My untrained eye had not noticed this. The safety officers had decided to call him to the tower and in a very civil manner had admonished him. The pilot had apologised rather profusely and it was obvious he was positive about the whole saga. The

matter was then closed.

Psychologists and other commentators say that in general we have an intolerant disposition in South Africa. A part of this is to not accept responsibility for the result of our actions and to be defiant when confronted about our actions. We see abusive comments on internet forums aimed at the authorities and there is a significant contingent of general aviators who believe that we are over controlled. Experts on GA safety in South Africa believe that there is a correlation between this negative attitude to rules or criticism and some of the general aviation accidents in South Africa.

What is the analogy of the Duxford story with GA safety in South Africa?

In contrast to the attitude of some of our GA pilots in South Africa we have the more accepting attitude of the pilot in my story. He immediately admitted his mistake and apologised. A mature reaction to the criticism levelled at him. The pilot's reaction was all the more significant to me when I found out more about him. He is ex-air force with over 2 000 jet fighter hours. He works as a test pilot for Dassault and Airbus. His hobby and passion is displaying warbirds at air shows, something he has been doing for over 10 years. His display is absolutely awesome. I think if a pilot of this calibre reacts the way he did when confronted with his mistake, there really is no reason why I cannot do the same.

Keep on flying safely. - Walter

SA-CATS 44

Maintenance rules - Non-Type Certificated aircraft

44.01.4 Persons to carry out maintenance

(1) Line maintenance comprising of the following may be carried out by the owner of a non-type certificated aircraft provided that only approved materials, parts and components are used:

- (a) changing of tyres and tubes and repairing of punctures;
- (b) servicing landing gear shock struts with air;
- (c) correcting defective locking wire and split pins;
- (d) replenishing hydraulic fluid in the hydraulic fluid reservoir;
- (e) small simple repairs to fairings, non-structural cover plates and cowlings by means of stop drilling cracks and fitting small patches or reinforcements which will not change contours or interfere with proper airflow;
- (f) replacing side windows where such work does not interfere with the primary system;
- (g) replacing safety belts;
- (h) replacing seats or seat parts where such work does not involve any removal, dismantling or interference with a primary structure system;
- (i) replacing pre-fabricated fuel and oil lines, provided that a fuel flow check is subsequently carried out;
- (j) replacing any electrical bulb, reflector, lens or fuse of navigation and landing lights;
- (k) replacing or cleaning spark plugs and setting spark plug gaps;
- (l) cleaning fuel and oil strainers;
- (m) replacing batteries and checking fluid level and specific gravity;
- (n) replacing tail wheels and tail-wheel springs;
- (o) changing engine oil.

With thanks to Brian Stableford aka 'The General'

EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg AGM - by Gordon Dyne

Wednesday 3 October, 41 members plus friends attended the AGM. It was a balmy spring evening as I drove through those hallowed gates which front the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall and the 'old warriors' retirement village in Dowerglen. My mind immediately flashed back to those two World War II heroes Dickie and Fritz. The smell of chicken mayonnaise toasted sandwiches and hamburgers greeted me on arrival and although I had planned to start my diet that evening I decided to postpone it as I was seduced by that glorious smell. Thank you Ann Ferreira and your team of helpers. Wally Ferreira produced another quart bottle of the golden liquid to make the perfect meal recommended by the heart foundation! Chairman Karl Jensen called the meeting to order at 19h10 and we were soon into the swing of minutes, finance, Auditorium news, future fly-ins and all good stuff interspersed with our Chairman's humour that made for a fun meeting. Yet again Karl's wonderful CONTACT came in for applause. It is by far the best aviation publication ever. Then came the serious stuff of the AGM. The Chairman's report which was an interesting 15 minute dissertation with the year's activities. Certain members were singled out for particular thanks. For the election of the committee which would sit for a further year, Chairman Karl Jensen was asked to leave the meeting and go to the 'Gents',

but I think he sneaked off to the bar. In his absence he was re-elected unanimously as Chairman (Hooray!) Mike Brown was re-elected as Vice Chairman, Stephen Theron as Secretary, Walter Doubell as Treasurer and Safety Officer. Jeremy Woods as Auditorium Convenor and Trixie Heron as Public Relations and everything else that needs doing. Captain Jensen has asked me to convey his eternal thanks to all the aforementioned for their tireless efforts in making EAA Chapter 322 the success it is. Congratulations Karl and your lovely better half Val for completing 15 years of marital bliss on Thursday 4 October. How Val has put up with you for all those years is a complete mystery to us all! Seriously, well done. An example of Karl's dedication to EAA Chapter 322 was that on two occasions when I phoned him this week he was at the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall putting up new speakers around the hall to improve the acoustics with the new PA system.



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