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Photo: On 20 December John went solo on the C3 that he rebuilt and managed some photos later in the morning using the Auster as a camera ship. Ivan van der Schaar flew the Auster and Willie Bodenstein hung out of the door with his camera.

My Introduction! - Gus



If there is one thing that I have learnt from working for the General it is *'never pass up a combat assignment'*. So when Karl suggested that I take over the newsletter I happily took on the challenge. Although I do feel a bit like the instructor has just said *'you have control'* and jumped out the

window. At least he seems to still be in radio contact. So buckle up your seatbelts and hold on tight, this is going to get interesting.

There is one thing that needs to be said up front. I believe there is more than enough work to go around, so I will not be hogging it all to myself. Many members have already offered to help, and rest assured I will be taking them up on their offers.

That being said, it is clear that we need to come up with novel ways to get newsletter input. To this end I will be experimenting with a variety of channels to allow people to submit news, photos and articles easily and quickly before it is forgotten about. One of these projects I intend to take on is the website www.eaa.org.za with the intention that it becomes the main portal for EAA News. I will accept SMS's and MMS's, WhatsApp and Google messages and, the committee willing, there will be a Facebook page devoted to CONTACT!

I love aircraft, this association was started for people who do so that they can build, experiment with and fly aircraft. If there is one thing I want to change about this newsletter it is to share more on our members' projects. So please start sending updates on your aircraft builds, restorations, repairs and any experience, good or bad, so that we can learn from and encourage each other to work on our projects.

Just remember if you are not having fun then you are doing it wrong.

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Breakfast Fly-ins

We had a good start to the flying activities this year with two apparently last minute breakfast fly-ins being organised. On Saturday 04 January it was the Wings 'n Tracks Breakfast at Brits and on Sunday 05 January another breakfast fly-away to Parys was arranged for those who couldn't make it to Brits.



Brits

Saturday 04 January



Barbara, Roel & Anton



Dear Friends

What a great day we had; so much fun and happiness seeing each other and catching up with news.

We were lucky with the weather!

The last aircraft took off around 12h00 or so.

We had a turn-out of 48 to 50 aircraft, which is wonderful for such a short notice. And what a variety there was!

Thank you so much and everyone at Chapter 322 for beating the drums and have so many friends follow the star - oh no, meant to say the GPS, to lovely Brits Airfield.

Love and always HAPPY LANDINGS,

Barbara and Rainer

Brits Flying Club and Johan and Marinda are of course, also thanking everyone.



Johan and the breakfast spread

EAA Aviation Legends Talk Show

Thursday 16 January, 18h30 for 19h30. EAA Auditorium adjacent to TAC and Holding point of Runway 29 Rand Airport.

Booking is Essential! Cost is R50.00 each (R30 for card-carrying EAA, members).

To book please email eea.talkshow@icon.co.za

Dr Mike Brown will be once again hosting the Flying Legends Talk Show. His guest will be Captain Rodney Chinn, an experienced pilot and instructor with almost 32,000 hours in his log book.

Rodney was born in the mid 1940s and learned to fly in the SAAF on T6 Harvards. Since then he has flown for many airlines including the SAA, Air Mauritius, ANA Japan, Singapore Airlines, Qantas Training, Nationwide and he is currently flying for Mango Airlines. He even did a stint as a cross ocean ferry pilot for International Aircraft Deliveries based in Miami flying aircraft such as Piper, Cessna, BN2, Pawnee, C46 Curtiss Wright and Aero Commander.

In his own words he has many single, multi-engine and turbo prop aircraft types plus self powered paragliders.

The bigger aircraft on his licence include:

B767 (2922hrs), B737-200 (1814hrs), B747 Classic (5646hrs), B747-400 (3105hrs), A-340 (3246hrs), B737-3/800 (796hrs)

Some of the stories Rodney might share with us are:

- Handsup! - Being shot at (9 shots) with a 357 magnum at close range. *'Aeroplanes, Women, Dop and Guns'*
- Fire, fire, fire, fire, fire and smoke
- Jan Smuts Blompotte (SAR & H police)
- Jailbird
- Ferry dingy and life vest
- Cannes and St Tropez
- Narsarsuaq ops
- Extreme Icing ops 767 Japan
- Pilatus parachuting
- Crash!



Parys

Sunday 05 January



Looks like the local Mafioso



Monogram 'AM' can be seen throughout the home

present owner and is used as a guest house. Roel Jansen of Brits Flying Club maintains the sandstone around the base of the building. The rooms are magnificent and invite a warm and romantic stay. After seeing to the catering arrangements, checking out the runway and taxiway the venue was unanimously accepted as a fantastic venue.

Sat 07 Dec 2013 We received a warm breakfast welcome from the staff at Welgelegen on a windy and chilly Saturday morning. Originally planned to be 'al fresco' but due to the chilly wind cooling the food before it reached our mouths we were thankfully accommodated inside. We were taken on a tour of the building by the staff and this is truly a great venue. I will be returning to stay over in front of a warm fire one cold winter weekend.

About 35 members including some partners attended.

by Stephen Theron

On 24 November 2013 Karl Jensen, Justin Gloy and I did a recce of our forthcoming breakfast destination. We met up with Marie Reddy and Brian Appleton (Chief Organiser) accompanied by his lovely companion Ashleigh. Welgelegen is a 100 year old farm house built for owner Andre Mostert and designed by Herbert Baker. It was recently restored by the



Marie flew in on her own from Petit after first checking out Heidelberg. Here we are keeping an eye on Marie to make sure did not go via Heidelberg on the way back.



*The Recce Team at breakfast
Ashleigh, Brian Appleton, Karl Jensen, Justin Gloy, Marie Reddy*





"People tell me all the time that they want to bring back aviation," he said. "We don't need to bring it back. We need to reach the potential that aviation has always had, to use hand and mind to explore that great ocean of air above us."
Paul H Poberezny, EAA Founder and Aviation Legend

Thanks to all those that helped on the Pietenpol project. While it may seem to have been a waste of time, for those of us involved, it was a great place to try out some techniques and experience what the project may hold in store.

As confirmed at the EAA 322 meeting on 04 December 2013, the 322 EAA Experimental Build project will replace the Pietenpol with the SW-18-TEDDY Piper J3 Cub lookalike. A work schedule will be distributed towards the end of January for work to commence in February 2014.

Kevin Hopper has kindly donated a fuselage and the materials for the tail feathers, seats, windscreen and other parts to start with as well as the use of his hangar at FAKR. We will also still be able to utilise the Continental engine donated by Peter Lastrucci which is perfect for the Teddy.

We are compiling a list of components that we will require for the Teddy. This will be circulated, in the hope that we may beg, 'borrow' and steal any parts that members may have available in order to keep the costs as low as possible. Our aim is to transform what we have into an aircraft worthy of flight, by means of a little labour and a lot of enthusiasm. Anyone interested in joining the work sessions on Saturdays is most welcome. We end the session with a bring-and-braai accompanied by some light aviation and non-aviation banter. Everyone is welcome, whether it is for one session or on a regular basis.



Project liaison: Marie Reddy Email: eea322buildproject@gmail.com

***"Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life?
 Aviation combined all the elements..." - Charles A. Lindbergh***

Chapter 322 meeting report

Members came together for the final time for 2013
 by Gordon Dyne

Last Wednesday 04 December, some 150 members and friends of EAA Chapter 322 came together for the last time this year at the usual venue of the Dickie Fritz MOTH hall in Dowerglen. They were met by the glorious smell of 'wors' on the braai as the EAA Flying Legends Talk Show famous braaiing

trio of Coen Swart, Ronnie Alcock and Gerhard 'Pottie' Potgieter fired up, also for the final time in 2013, to show their culinary skills to a hungry gathering. Thank very much guys. You were life savers! Wally Ferreira, our indispensable barman was as usual at his post dispensing the golden liquid ably assisted by the lovely Hayley Hopper.

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At 19h00 hours sharp EAA 322's beloved Chairman (hopefully for life) Captain Karl Jensen summoned the audience to order and with his usual brand of humour ran through all the 'happenings' past, present and future. Our Safety Officer and retiring Honorary Treasurer Walter Doubell gave a most humorous presentation on Safety. It was great that this usually very serious topic sometimes has a lighter side.

Karl and EAA of South Africa President Paul Lastrucci presented certificates to 32 members of EAA Chapter 322 for their services to the Chapter in the past year. A presentation was also made to Karl's better half Val – known as the 'Power behind the Throne'. Karl accepted the gift on behalf of Val as she was not present.

After a 20 minute intermission the audience fell silent for the evening's illustrated talk by well known aviation historian and Deputy Headmaster of Pretoria Boys' High School John Illsley, who is a pilot of note and enthusiastic home-builder. John's usual steed is a rare and immaculate 1944 Auster Mk5 which he rebuilt some 20 years ago. John gave a wonderful two hour talk on firstly the efforts to recover rare aeroplanes either shot down in various theatres of war or rotting in some hangar or barn somewhere. It was fascinating to hear some of the tales of the recovery of these aeroplanes and also to see some rare

photographs of the said planes. It was heart-breaking to see photographs of the scrapping of so many iconic warbirds as they were surplus to requirements at the end of the war. Aeroplanes worth many millions of Rands today were wantonly destroyed. The incredible value in the future of these aeroplanes could not be foreseen at that time. Many of such aeroplanes were destroyed in South Africa. Shocking.

John moved onto the story of his rebuilding of a 1936 Aeronca C3. The Aeronca was built by the Aeronautical Company of America in the 1930s. It took John 15 years of patience, skill and dedication to complete this awesome task. Readers will not be surprised to hear that John's lovely wife Thea, a university lecturer, is a paragon of patience and very long-suffering!

So ended the last 322 meeting of 2013. It has been an excellent year for South Africa's largest and most enthusiastic EAA Chapter. This can only be put down to the enthusiasm and leadership skills of the Chapter's charismatic, magnetic, Peter Pan Chairman Karl Jensen. The mould was destroyed after Karl was born. The only down-side of the year being the some 29 deaths of pilots and passengers in General Aviation in the country in 2013. An appalling number. 29 too many.

For more information on EAA Chapter 322 please contact our PR Lady, Trixie Heron on editor@afskies.co.za

*Wishing you and the entire EAA gang
a great 2014.*

*Although it is bitterly cold here in the central USA, we
know it will get to be open cockpit flying again.*

Ric Woldow



Ed: Ric has diligently contributed to CONTACT! over the years for the 'Where's Woldow' feature.

Whassup!

EAA events to diarise

16 January 2014
EAA Aviation Legends Talk Show

30 January - 02 February
Dias Festival, Mossel Bay

01 February
SAPFA Rand Airport Challenge Rally

08 February
MISASA Shootout

21-23 February
Clarens Craft Beer Festival, possible fly-away

01-02 March
Parys Time Trials

26-27 April
EAA National Convention
(note the 28th of April is a public holiday)

29-31 May
Presidents Trophy Air Race, Gariep

18-20 July
Nylstroom Vliegklub/EAA Taildraggers

28 July
EAA Oshkosh migration starts

12-14 September
EAA Sun n Fun 2014 – Brits

DIAS Festival Air Show
over Santos Beach in
Mossel Bay including the
Western Cape
Regional Aerobatic
Competition



The EAA has been invited by Misasa to showcase the EAA at the annual Shootout. This is a call for a volunteers that are close by to please assist the EAA with this event

The Annual EAA National Convention will be back in Margate this year



PTAR: The EAA have been invited to assist with marshals and they would love to have members there for the learners

Brits Flying Club has agreed to host Sun n Fun this year along with Chapter 322



Passing of Keith Irwin RIP

Keith Irwin, a member of EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg, passed away tragically when his RV6A crashed near The Coves on 29 November 2013. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

The Final Word! - Gus

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