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EAA of SA National Convention Wings Park 08-10 August

With just over a month to go to our annual EAA Convention, the good people at Chapter 1262 Wings Park and the Border Aviation Club have been arranging all the requirements to host the 2014 EAA of South Africa Annual Convention. We are urging all chapters to rally their respective members to attend this three day event over the weekend of 8 to 10 August 2014. We are expecting a whole host of aircraft, and the highlight is going to be vintage experimental and amateur built aircraft. However, naturally everyone is more than welcome.

The events planned are: arrival on Friday and an evening get-together with a braai, Saturday is convention day with technical forums, aircraft judging and the EAA National AGM in the afternoon at 15h00, followed by more flying until the prize-giving and good hearty Eastern Cape evening entertainment. Departure will be on Sunday. The vintage car guys have been invited to also come and display their gems, just adding to the ambience of the event. Free camping is allowed at the field, there are showers and toilets available for the duration.

Transport has been arranged for us at Wings Park, and the shuttles will be going into town at convenient times. Estimating numbers is always a difficult task, so this year we are urging pre-registration by offering a lucky draw prize for those attendees who have pre-registered. Once again, it is paramount that Chapter Chairmen contact all their members and ensure the pilgrimage to the annual EAA of South Africa Convention is a good one. It's now time to finalise accommodation and let us know names and aircraft that are coming. We will be setting up the pre-registration requirement in the next week so watch your email. If you are not contacted for whatever electronic gremlin or other reason, please raise the flag and we will accommodate with the greatest of pleasure. Friends... Food... and Fuel await us in little over a month. Hope to see you all there.

Paul

PS - East London accommodation list is on eaa.org.za

Whassup!

Thurs 10 July
EAA Flying Legends Talk Show
Calle Hedberg
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Fri 11, Sat 12 to Sun 13 July
Brits Flying Club
60th Anniversary Fly-in & Dinner
Hans Schwebel
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Fri 18 to Sun 20 July
EAA Taildraggers Fly-in
Nylstroom
Richard Nicholson
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Sat 02 August
Wings & Wheels Fly-in
Springs Airfield

Fri 08 to 10 August
EAA of SA National Convention
and AGM
Wings Park, East London

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Krugersdorp Flying Club Spot Landing Competition

21 June 2014 - Karl Jensen
Photos courtesy of Pilots Post



Mike Brown's Globe Swift arrives at FAKR.

Many of the Krugersdorp Flying Club members are members of EAA Chapter 322 Johannesburg. As EAA Chapter 322, we decided to support this competition fully, as this kind of event does hone one's landing skills and also gives the opportunity for our members to fly in disciplined and busy airspace.

The KFC's excellent organisation of the event was headed by Bryan and Samantha Belcher with great support from the club committee. There were 48 entrants and the event was flown in groups of 5 aircraft, which allowed adequate spacing with the groups flying at 15 minute intervals. The weather was kind with little wind on this chilly day. The tower was manned by Uncle Bob Allison who provided AFIS and was assisted by Diana Edrich.

There was no entry fee due to generous sponsorships. Every entrant received a Shell Aviation pouch filled with good quality, useful gifts such as engine oil, emergency flashers, meal vouchers, a beany, frequency charts, etc. The prizes were plentiful with trophies and all manner of useful gifts. Well done to the organisers and sponsors for a great competition.

About 50 322 members had a bring & braai at Ricardo De Bonis' hangar for his 56th birthday. Brian Appleton presented Ricardo with a huge decadent chocolate cake decorated with



Celia Lastrucci, winner Best Lady Competitor.

an edible photograph of Ricardo's AirCam, Auster, Chipmunk and Super Cub.

Please join us for one or all of the many Chapter 322 events that we arrange on a regular basis. We have a lot of fun, with good camaraderie, hangar talk, lies and laughter and maybe even a flight in another member's aircraft.

[Just one warning... we are addictive! Trixie]

Overall winner, Kim Pratley, in his Aero Commander.



Chapter 973 Krugersdorp



"We share with you our delight at Christa Greyvenstein's magnificent achievement in taking the Ladies Trophy in the prestigious President's Trophy Air Race held over 29 to 31 May at Gariep Dam. This was our Flying Great-Gran's 21st participation in this air race and she has now taken the Ladies Trophy for the 11th time!



On this occasion her overall achievement was 17th place out of the total of 97 entrants and she was accompanied by Johan van den Berg as navigator. 17 is also the number of times that Johan has participated as her navigator and it is clear that together they are a formidable team.

- Roy de Stadler



The Crosswinds Fly-in on 14 June was a great success. Our catering team was on site at 6am and in no time had everything set up for the first famished aviators who arrived as the sun made its appearance. Fortunately, a roaring fire was blazing in the fire pit to reduce the chill. Unfortunately, we could not offer a wee dram as they still had to fly home!



We are raffling an original oil painting of a clown. Tickets cost only R10! Please contact Christa for tickets, cell 082 8000566.



Chapter 322 Johannesburg Meeting



A record turn-out for the June Chapter 322 meeting
- Gordon Dyne

Some 110 members and friends of Chapter 322 came together on Wednesday 04 June at the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall in Dowerglen for the regular monthly meeting of the chapter. What a great number of aviation lovers to grace the hallowed meeting room of this MOTH Hall, named after those two venerable World War II heroes Dickie Dashwood and Fritz von Linsingen. They were friends and teachers at Jeppe High School before enlisting. They were at school together, university together, taught together, were friends together and died together. We remember Friday 06 June was the 70th anniversary of D-Day and remember too those thousands of young men who liberated Europe from the scourge of the German 'jackboot' used for 'heil-ing and marching.'

Delicious grub was served to the hungry audience by Ann Ferreira. Her husband Wally had his work cut out as he single-handedly managed the bar and kept the glasses charged. Wally's usual barmaid assistant, the lovely Hayley Hopper, was MIA (Missing in action). Wherefore was thou Hayley?

At 19h00 sharp our youthful and evergreen aviation expert Chairman Captain Karl Jensen called the meeting to order. It is due to Karl's amazing charisma, aviation knowledge and possibly his good looks that keep the crowd rolling in month after month. A noisy number of members propping up the bar finally settled down, drinks in hand.

Before I forget, well done to our CONTACT Editor Gus Brown for another absolutely riveting edition of our monthly national newsletter.

Aided and abetted by his usual splendid Powerpoint presentation, Karl ran through the usual monthly formalities. Minutes, Chairman's report, Finance, Membership, Auditorium, Young Eagles, 322 Build Project, Flight Safety, forthcoming events and so on were quickly dispensed with.

Before the break, Neil Bowden of Adventure Tours gave the audience a short talk on his 18th or so forthcoming trip in July to Oshkosh USA – the biggest airshow in the world. South Africa's contingent at Oshkosh is normally the second biggest next to Canada, which let's be frank is a hell of a lot nearer! Anyone who has camped with Neil knows what a fantastic time it is to be had. Thank you Neil. Wish I could be with you this year.

Also, before our thirst could be quenched, we had a very interesting short talk by Gary Page, Managing Director of Sera-Med which specialises in First Aid Kits and equipment that should be carried in Airliners as well as our small aircraft.

Much of the kit is fairly old hat, but there were some very new and ingenious items such as liquid burn dressings, a wound adhesive (rather like super glue) which quickly seals an open bleeding wound, and a new type of gauze bandage which seals itself. All available at Dischem or similar. Thank you very much Gary. Hope your sales increase by quantum leaps and bounds from this bunch of pilots whose first aid kits might be out of date!

After a quick break, because the first half of the evening had been rather long, we returned to our seats to listen to Essie Esterhuizen who, accompanied by a superb slide show, told us of his many and varied safaris into Africa accompanied by hordes of aircraft crewed by aviation fanatics. Many such enthusiasts were in the audience and could vouch for the success of all of Essie's adventures. I would find some of the legs a little long, for my ageing body, but I wish all those who accompany Essie in the future 'Bon Voyage'. You will have loads of excitement. Hartlike dank, Essie. Jou toespraak was baie interessant. Baie dankie vir jou tyd. It was great to see my three children's primary school teacher and Scout Mistress Jenny Hamman with her hubbie Hennie amongst your party. I have not seen Jenny for probably 20 years. A lovely girl and a superb teacher loved by all her pupils and some of the fathers!

So ended another stimulating evening with Chapter 322. Those who don't visit or snooze – lose!

A huge thank you to all the personalities involved who give of their precious time so freely and willingly. They are Karl Jensen, Trixie Heron, Stephen Theron, Mike Brown, Mark Clulow, Jeremy Woods, Gus Brown, Walter Doubell and of course the 'Teddy' build Project Team led by Kevin Hopper, coordinated by Marie Reddy and of course all the volunteer builders who are too many to list. Also huge thanks to you all for attending.

Remember our regular Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. Everybody is most welcome!

For more information on Chapter 322 please contact our ubiquitous PR lady Trixie Heron on editor@afskies.co.za

Gordon

EAA Flying Legends Talk Show

Captain Arrie de Klerk - a gentle giant - graces the stage at the EAA Auditorium for the Flying Legends Talk Show

- Gordon Dyne

On Thursday 12 June a packed EAA auditorium – which is quite normal – at Rand Airport, welcomed Captain Arrie de Klerk, a former South African Air Force (SAAF) pilot and a retired South African Airways (SAA) pilot to the Flying Legends Talk Show. Arrie, with his lovely wife Carol, had driven up specially for the evening from his home in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal. Carol was present, with several other family members from Pretoria.

Dr Mike Brown, himself a commercial pilot, was as usual the Master of Ceremonies and in his own inimitable style brought out some great stories from Arrie. That was not a difficult task. Arrie is known for his loquaciousness and a great sense of humour, and I think he enjoyed himself as much as the audience did listening to him. Arrie was only too happy to divulge to the aviation knowledgeable audience, some of the stories from his 50-year long flying career.

The make-up of the audience was a tribute to Arrie's popularity amongst his peers. With at least a dozen other retired SAA Captains present, it was a real Who's Who of Flying Legends, many of whom have also been under the spotlight in the Auditorium in the past.

Arrie joined the SAAF in 1962 and once he had obtained his wings, he flew Harvards, Vampires and Douglas DC3s and then helicopters in the form of Alouette IIs and IIIs and Sikorsky S-55s. Quite a variety and a testament to Arrie's flying ability. After leaving the SAAF, Arrie joined SAA and spent the next 35 years flying B-727s, B-707s, B-747s and finally the Airbus A-300. What a CV. Arrie retired in 2003 holding the rank of Senior Captain with more than 21,000 hours under his belt. Amazing.

Arrie was the founder of the Harvard Club in 1990, which preserved many Harvards for posterity. Without Arrie's foresight this iconic aircraft would have been lost to South African aviation lovers forever. Arrie was the Vice-Chairman of the Council of Military Veterans Organisation (CMVO,) the youngest President of the South African Air Force Association (SAAFA) and President of the SAAF Museum. How did he find the time for all those voluntary positions? Arrie earned eternal respect from the EAA of SA for rebuilding an Italian Aermacchi AM3 designated the Bosbok (Bushbuck) one of 40 purchased by the SAAF in the 1970s and retired from the Air Force in 1992. Quite a feat of patience and skill.

I was humbled at the end of the evening when Arrie talked of his flight in my Chinese Nanchang CJ6A at Margate in 2012. I had not realised that this was Arrie's last flight as Pilot in Command. He then hung up his headphones, so ending the career of a Flying Legend. Quite a pilot. Quite a man. A gentle giant.

Thank you Captain de Klerk, for giving us of your time. The evening was stunning. It was a privilege for your audience to listen to you. May I wish you many happy years of retirement with your children and grandchildren, and I look forward to a few more beers with you at Pistols in Ramsgate at Christmas.

Thank you Jeremy Woods and your team for organising another tremendous Flying Legends Talk Show. I am amazed that you are still able to find all these fascinating characters after eight years of putting on this great show. Thank you too, to our attentive audience which regularly supports the show.

For more information on our Flying Legends Talk Show, please contact Jeremy Woods on eaatalkshow@icon.co.za



Chapter 322 Teddy Build Log



Chapter 322 have an aircraft build project under way where the members are meeting up almost every Saturday, under the watchful eye of the designer Kevin Hopper, to build a Teddy aircraft. The well attended meetings are producing results as evidenced by the following build logs. You can keep up to date with the project progress on the eaa.org.za website.

28 June

The fantastic hospitality of Kevin and Hayley Hopper, as well as the contributions of Derek, Eugene, Larry, Roston, Neville and Trixie, made today a great day for the Teddy Build! Progress is slower than hoped for, but today was a milestone in terms of making way with what needs to be achieved. Back at Nico's to work on the wings next Sat 05 July. Thanks to everyone that had made a contribution so far, you guys ROCK! The constant support of 322 members is much appreciated.



21 June

Thanks to Nico, Derek and Ian Myburgh, who came along with Derek. Your hard work is paying off. On the 21st, these guys started glueing the ribs to the spar. Lovely work, guys!



14 June

On Saturday morning we got off to a slow start and found ourselves a little baffled at the landing gear plans. All eager to get going, we have very quickly realised that we will need to devise a new plan for the metal work that needs to be done. As this is not a kit plane and all parts have to be manufactured and then fitted together perfectly, we are planning to split the work into what Neville cleverly termed a fabrication team and an assembly team.



07 June

Thanks to the people that came along to the build. We started with bacon and egg rolls and got to work on the fiddly bits of the wings. We made good progress on the wings, thanks to Nico for the planning, the space and his hospitality! We were joined by Mike, Derek, Gerald, Neil, Ivor, Murray and Wendy.



Young Eagles

Freddie Jacobs is one of the first EAA of SA Young Eagles to receive his Certificate and be entered into the world's largest logbook. This as result of using the EAA of SA's new facility for selecting Young Eagles candidates. The EAA Young Eagles list which is held at EAA Oshkosh headquarters is viewable on line.



Freddie qualified for an air experience after receiving 88% for his online exam at

www.youngeagles.org.za

We hope Freddie's obvious enthusiasm and dedication go a long way to enable him to enter an aviation as a career. Freddie has flown with Karl Jensen several times in his Cessna 170B ZU-VAL.



Freddie Jacobs receives his YE Certificate from Dr Mike Brown



Friday 11, Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 July is Brits' 60th Anniversary Fly-in and Celebration. Brits was the venue for the EAA of SA National Convention 2013 and this event promises to be every bit as exciting. You can find more information on this event, including a programme, directions and a list of local guest houses, on the eaa.org.za website.

Highlights

Arrivals are expected from Friday 14h00. Find ideal parking and secure a shaded spot under a bushveld tree to pitch your tent.

Book your seat (numbers are limited) for the Saturday evening dinner and event. Set off into the sunset for a late afternoon flight over our beautiful area.

Saturday

Microlights depart on a scenic flight to Tshwaing Crater or Roodekoppies Dam via the Crocodile River.

Interested pilots and their families can join a guided aerial tour of our area. The tour leader, Deon van den Berg will give moving commentary.

Sunday

A scenic historic group flight will be captained by Karl Jensen. Sites to be flown over include several local dams, the Crater, Marikana and the Magalies mountain range.

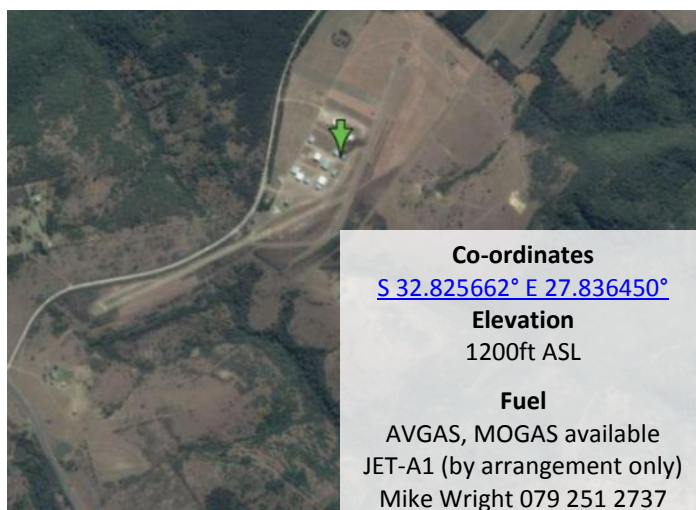
Wings Park - East London

Wings Park is a vibrant community based airfield with two grass runways 09/27 950m & 01/22 500m long. It lies just outside the East London CTR below the TMA. Join at 2500ft, left hand circuits broadcasting on 125.2MHz. Taxiways and helicopter pads are clearly marked.

There are power lines and phone lines on approach to runway 04, 27 and 09. There is also a power line running parallel to runway 09/27 to the south and high tension power lines running in the southern valley. A cell phone tower stands north west of the airfield and there are telephone lines running along the road parallel to runway 09/27.

Campers should please contact Mike Wright 079 251 2737 or James Wardle 082 639 0395 for arrangements.

Please visit wingspark.co.za for more information on the venue.






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