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October 2017



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Arthur Gemperle with RotorWay Exec 162F ZU - LIZ,

Whassup!

Wednesday 04 October
Chapter 322 Meeting
Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall,
Edenvale

Friday 06 – Sunday 08 October
EAA Sun n Fun
Rustenburg Airfield FARG

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Sun n Fun 2017 ***Rustenburg Airfield*** ***06 - 08 October***

by Karl Jensen - Chapter 322 Johannesburg

Rustenburg is the venue for the 2017 Sun n Fun weekend fly-away. Prior to making this decision, several other venues were considered. An investigatory flight was made to Kokoriba, 14 nm to the northwest of last year's venue at Brits. This resort has great facilities and accommodation standards, but alas the airstrip, which is fenced, has hopelessly inadequate aircraft parking. After our visit, we decided to fly to Rustenburg for a cooldrink and were met by Kobus Holl. Kobus is the fellow who handles much of the infrastructure there. He suggested enthusiastically that the Rustenburg Flying Club would be keen to host the EAA Sun n Fun.

Kobus made what I thought were rather vain promises to repair the dilapidated ablution facilities, which EAA partially funded years back, as well as other upgrades. Richard Nicholson convened Sun n Fun at Rustenburg for 11 years on the trot until he moved away from Gauteng to Nylstroom and was instrumental in launching the annual Taildraggers event.

Wow, Kobus Holl and André Labuschagne have made the place look superb. The clubhouse has also been redecorated.

I visited FARG again last Sunday with Marie Reddy to confirm arrangements for Sun n Fun. Rustenburg have their thumb firmly on the pulse and everything is ready to host a great 2017 event. We are indeed privileged to have Marie Reddy who does so much spadework on our behalf. It was once again an eye-opener to see her management style and incredibly thorough preparation for our Sun n Fun flyaway. The meeting with Kobus and André was like sitting in on an Oshkosh briefing by a NASA astronaut for a mass flypast – not a stone was left unturned. Anyone who does not attend this year's Sun n Fun will be the poorer for missing out. Let's all spread the word to our aviation friends to join in and descent on Rustenburg in swarms of members' aircraft. For those who might choose to drive, that too is fine. Marie has covered the activities, accommodation, fine camping facilities, imaginative catering, emergency services, ATC, EAA Flight Safety, with our man Nigel Musgrave on duty, and the myriad of other considerations. Please register online (click [here](#) to register) to assist us with regard to attendance numbers for catering, etc.

On weather prospects for the weekend – longstanding folklore says the first real rains are only due after Paul Kruger's birthday, 10 October. Nonetheless, make sure you bring tie-downs for your plane! See you all there.



André Labuschagne, Kobus Holl, and Karl Jensen at FARG.



Kobus, André and Marie finalising arrangements for SnF 2017.



Rustenburg Flying Club clubhouse interior.



View of runway from the clubhouse.



Upgraded showers.



Roston Dugmore, world-class model aerobatic pilot, will give a fantastic demonstration at Sun n Fun.



Sun n Fun 2017

Rustenburg Airfield

06 - 08 October

- ◆ Join the Adventure Rally Competition on Saturday.
- ◆ Spotlanding.
- ◆ Sponsored prizes for all competitors.
- ◆ Showcase aircraft.
- ◆ Oshkosh reunion campers will be joining us.
- ◆ Roston Dugmore will bring us a great RC model aircraft display, showing off his world-class skills.
- ◆ Camping facilities.
- ◆ Avgas, Jet A1 & Mogas.

Programme

Friday 06 October

18h00-21h00 : Buffet Dinner

Saturday 07 October

07h00-11h00 : Breakfast

08h30-13h00 : Rally

Saturday 07 October - continued

12h00-15h00 : Lunch

14h00- : Spotlanding

17h30-21h00 : Dinner Buffet

+ RC Display & Sponsors' Displays

Sunday 08 October

07h00-11h00 : Breakfast

ATC Class F airspace with 3 nm radius in operation on Friday 13h00-17h00 and Saturday 07h00-17h00. Freq 122.4 MHZ.

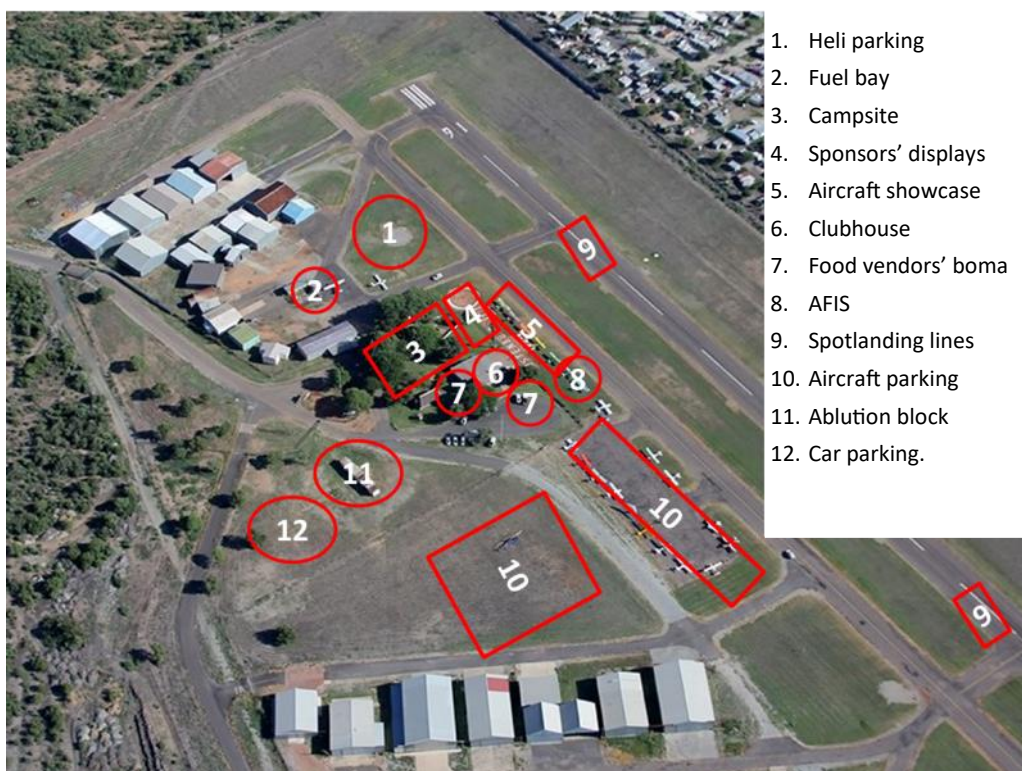
Please note CASH facilities at FARG, except fuel, which is card or cash.

Catering facilities are being arranged, based on demand, and we would therefore sincerely appreciate attendees signing up online as an indication of what will be required.

****You must register and attend to stand a chance to WIN a trip to OSHKOSH 2018 (click [here](#) to register). ****

T&Cs apply, as detailed in online signup.

See you there!



1. Heli parking
2. Fuel bay
3. Campsite
4. Sponsors' displays
5. Aircraft showcase
6. Clubhouse
7. Food vendors' boma
8. AFIS
9. Spotlanding lines
10. Aircraft parking
11. Ablution block
12. Car parking.

Chapter 322 Meeting - September

One humdinger of a night at EAA Chapter 322's September meeting by Gordon Dyne

On Wednesday 06 September, some 60-odd members and friends of EAA Chapter 322 came together for the September meeting at the usual venue of the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall in Dowerglen.

As usual, we were greeted by Trixie Heron's welcoming smile, and delicious chicken mayo rolls from the kitchen of Anne Ferreira, lovely wife of octogenarian MOTH Wally Ferreira. Refreshments from the bar helped ease the pangs of thirst that were obviously prevalent, considering the number of members crowding around the bar.

At 19h00 hours sharp, our Chairman, the Flying Doctor Mike Brown, called the rowdy crowd to order and commenced with the usual monthly formalities which are always lighthearted when accompanied by Mike's splendid humorous PowerPoint presentation. A few technical problems were encountered, but with the assistance of the Secretary and IT wizard Kevin Marsden, these 'hiccups' were soon things of the past!

Amongst Mike's gems was a five-or-so minutes with Captain Karl Jensen! This proved to be a very amusing, albeit occasionally serious, video interview with this icon of South African aviation. Questions posed to the good captain included: "Have you ever been frightened whilst flying?" and "Have you ever vomited whilst flying?" Much to my surprise, both questions were answered in the affirmative! So Karl is human after all!

Before the interval to charge our glasses and discuss the weather, we were treated to a huge number of photographs taken by Neil Bowden on his latest trip to Oshkosh this past July. Neil's company, Air Adventure Tours, which has been in existence for 20 years, takes a huge number of mainly South Africans to AirVenture Oshkosh in the USA every year.

This trip becomes increasingly popular with each passing year. Neil may be contacted on neil1@telkomsa.net – the photos were unbelievable and, although I have been to Oshkosh three times in the past 15 years, I am sorely tempted to venture there again.

After our break, Captain Arthur Piercy, a former SAAF Mirage pilot, wheeled himself to the front and picked up the microphone. He related to the attentive audience tales from his first-ever trip to Oshkosh, accompanied by his partner Gerda. Their trip was sponsored mainly by the generosity of the members of EAA 322 and SA Airlink. It was on 27 September 1987 that Arthur's F1CZ Mirage tail number 206 was hit by a missile from a MiG 23, over Angola, flown by a Cuban pilot. To cut a long story short, Arthur courageously brought his crippled aircraft home to Ondangwa base, but a malfunction of the plane's ejector seat 'fired' Arthur from the plane. The result was that Arthur is confined to a wheelchair, possibly for the remainder of his life. It is hard to believe this event happened almost 30 years ago to the day.

Arthur's illustrated talk was brilliant. We were all deeply moved by his courage at doing what he did. After Oshkosh, Arthur visited Miami, where he met up with a Cuban pilot who had defected to the USA from Cuba *hace muchos años* (many years ago). This pilot was not the one who had shot down Arthur, but on hearing of Arthur's plight, he offered him a ride in his Czechoslovakian L-39 Albatros. Arthur had a ball in Miami for four days, before returning to South Africa. Arthur received rapturous applause, particularly when he gave praise and thanks to Gerda, who accompanied him to the States. As Arthur magnanimously and succinctly pointed out, he could not have made that trip without her help.

All in all, it was a lovely, informal evening, which I think made it such a great success.



Larry Homann, Irene Naude, Mike Haupt, Gerda Bondfield and Arthur Piercy.



Chapter 322 members enjoying some well-lubricated post-meeting hangar talk.

Chapter 1502 Activities

by Gerald Maddams - Chapter 1502 East Coast



These pictures show ZU-SSG of Steve McCurrach, ZU-JEF of Mike Ridgway and ZU-DIG of Gerald Maddams, in the unkempt grass of the airstrip.



The flightline at Richmond Airfield.



Two members chatting to a visitor.



Breakfast on the go.

Visit to Baynesfield

Steve McCurrach, Mike Ridgway and Gerald Maddams flew in to the Historic Trust of Baynesfield for their last (at least for the time being) Open House and Fair.

The runway is a cow pasture, but features on aviation maps. It is plenty long enough, but the surface is just what you would expect from ground that is well trodden by cows. The wing undersurfaces needed some attention on return to home base at Grass Roots!

The Baynesfield Estate is fabulous, having been left in trust by the Baynesfield family to the nation of South Africa. It is a fully functioning farm that maintains itself under good management by the trustees, and is a jewel in the list of places to visit when in KZN.

Fly-in to Richmond

On 26 August, Chapter 1502 made a call to visit the new, fantastic breakfast venue at Stuart McKenzie's Richmond airfield. We wanted to see if the lovely ladies who run a really brilliant eatery there could manage to satisfy the hunger and thirst of a ravenous group of aviators.

The message went out, and the day was great for aviating, and so it was that the aircraft started to drop in. Ultimately, 17 aeroplanes graced the turf (which is 'bowling green' smooth) and there was not a single murmur of discontent from the visitors. The catering ladies were the victors, and the patrons were fully satisfied with the results of their morning's quest.

I can heartily recommend to any aviators happening by the Richmond area any morning-to-lunchtime, that they drop in to the field and sample truly good food at a very reasonable cost (and this report comes from a serious Scotsman who has very deep, long pockets).

The photo shows only a selection of the aircraft that visited, and everyone made it safely home again after the event.

Safety First Aviator

Towards the end of August, the Aero Club of South Africa brought their group of provocateurs to the KZN area to help us pilots understand a little better the various aspects that create a safe environment in which to fly.

The accomplished and experienced speakers raised issues that so often fall back into the deep, dark recesses of our minds, and hence are not always front and centre of our minds when we go flying.


Various members of Chapter 1502 attended at Margate, Pietermaritzburg and Durban and benefitted hugely from the topics raised. Those members that did not attend certainly missed a thought-provoking and beneficial event. Those that did attend, would like to thank the presenters for a very important wake-up-call.

Monthly breakfast fly-in & Chapter meeting

Shortly after those evenings, Chapter 1502 put together their monthly breakfast fly-in and Chapter meeting at Grass Roots airfield at Cato Ridge.

On 02 September, Alan Lorimer and Chris Hicks got together with eggs, bacon, bread rolls, and other tasty stuff to provide a venue where the long-extolled art of 'hangar flying' could take place. Pilots came from the Mooi River area, as well as Howick, Virginia, and other far-flung places to sit and chat while feeding themselves on nature's provisions. Hicks and Lorimer did well, but alack and alas, my attempts at turning out pancakes turned out to be a dismal failure. I promise to do better on 01 October, which is 1502's next Chapter meeting. Join us if you are in the area.

The wind was seriously playful, to say the least. However, the strong crosswind did not phase the accomplished pilots one bit, and we witnessed a series of great landings (and later, take-offs) by our Chapter members.

The photos show some of our enthusiastic aviation members eating and meeting, as well as some very interesting flying machines. 



Hangar talk after the breakfast dishes had been washed.



John Arkley and Geoff Dyer moving ZU-LFT into its parking.



Rod Norton from Margate extracts himself from Jabiru ZU-JMT.



Young and old enjoying some good old hangar talk.



ZU-JMT and ZU-JVL



ZU-IAZ Mike Kork's new plane.

Chapter 322 Meeting - October

EAA 322 expects a record turnout for this coming week's meeting, as the guest speaker is South Africa's foremost aviation personality – Captain Karl Jensen.

by Gordon Dyne

EAA Chapter 322 comes together again this coming Wednesday 04 October, at the usual venue of the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall in Dowerglen. The time is 18h00 for 19h00. I am sure there will be some delicious goodies to satisfy our hunger from the gourmet kitchen of Anne Ferreira, and the frosties will be cold enough to slake our thirsts.

Flying Doctor and EAA 322 Chairman Mike Brown will be in the chair once more, but sadly his tenure is rapidly coming to a close as we edge towards the end of the year. I do not know what 322 will do without his calming influence and inspired leadership. The elections for 2018's office bearers are due next month, so members are encouraged to start thinking about who would make the best committee members.

Mike will call the meeting to order at 19h00 and, with his usual humorous presentation, will run through the usual monthly formalities. Only Mike can bring smiles to the audience's faces when discussing a boring subject such as finance!

After a suitable break for more hangar talk and discussion on this week's forthcoming Sun n Fun at Rustenburg, the audience will again take their seats for the guest speaker, who this month is the well known aviation personality, Capt. Karl Jensen SAA (retired), who has been touring the country recently with the team presenting the 2017 Safety First Aviator Campaign.

Karl will attempt to distil his approximately 22,000 hours of multi-crew flying experience into a 22-minute presentation on single crew (Crew Resource Management - CRM), entitled: 'A Short CRM Feature Example for Us All'.

Those pilots who may have renewed their licences recently with our well known, popular instructor Tony Kent, will know that the PPL Revalidation Ground Evaluation document asks for examples of single pilot CRM activities. After listening to Karl's guaranteed brilliant talk, answering these questions will be a breeze! Don't miss this talk.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday. Everybody welcome. Would each member please bring along a guest?

For more information on EAA Chapter 322, please visit the website www.eaa.org.za



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