

OWNER DETAILS

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AIRCRAFT DETAILS

Aircraft Reg : ZU-VAL

Aircraft Make & Model : Cessna 170B 1955

Aircraft Status / Type of build project : Airworthy

Aircraft home : Fly Inn Estate

Description and or history of aircraft :

I bought this beauty in 1997 at Lanseria from an American Bob Watson. He in turn had bought it (second owner) with the commission from the sale of a Boeing 727-200 to the President of Benin (Upper Volta). When I purchased the plane it was registered in the USA as N3416D and had a large name on either side of the nose 'Ouagadougou' which happens to be the capital city of Benin. The plane was in surprisingly good nick having lived since new in the dessert in California. I had it deregistered by personally visiting the FAA in Long Island New York when I used to fly there regularly as a pilot with SAA. The DCA SA official who handled the registration permitted me to register it in SA in the NTCA Category (Vintage) as ZU-VAL (Val is my wife) - that's a good way to score brownie points! The 170 was fitted with a Lycoming O-360 with constant speed prop when the original Continental O-300 reached TBO. To date Feb 2020, the airframe has 4300 hours and the engine/propeller about 650 hours since new. I have flown the plane for approx. 1350 hours of sheer pleasure.

Photographs :

