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EAA of SA National Convention 2013 - Brits

by Paul Lastrucci - EAA of SA National President



Just a short update as we look forward to a great Convention coming up in August and along with the Brits Flying Club a lot of organising has been going on behind the scenes. There is a strong team at Brits along with our guys that have already mapped out the proceedings.

Last Saturday there was a contingent of six aeroplanes that flew in for an informal get together with Brits Flying Club Chairman Roel Jansen to have a walk around and discuss the programme.

The Frieboeses have kindly offered their hangar which we will use for the Forums that will take place on Friday and Saturday. We looked at the area that will be used for aircraft that will be on display and showcased, as well as where visiting aircraft will park and where the guys and gals will camp. Barbara Frieboese has done lots of research where visiting pilots can stay at B&Bs that are all within close proximity of the airfield. We want to make it as user friendly as possible for everyone to interact and enjoy the convention. All this info will be published in the next couple of weeks. There is also a ladies' and partners' programme that is being put together whereby a visit to selected destinations along the Magaliesburg Meander is planned. There will be adequate entertainment for spouses/girlfriends/partners to be exposed to places of interest other than a weekend jam-packed with aeroplanes and aeroplane-speak.

The logistics are at an advanced stage along with the Brits Flying Club. Keep your eyes peeled for updates that will be placed on the EAA website as well as all the aviation platforms to promote our Convention.

The EAA of South Africa AGM will take place at 14h00 on Saturday until 15h30. That will take care of the business end of our day. We need volunteer pilots to help Dr Mike Brown on the day with Young Eagles. Please contact Mike vintageflyer1@gmail.com if you are able to assist in any way.

In the next edition of CONTACT we will be providing the schedule of events as well as accommodation, places to stay and the content of the forums that will be on offer.

Please enter your pride and joy aircraft into the judging competition that will take place on Friday and Saturday.

We encourage participation from all our members to this once a year gathering of likeminded aviation enthusiasts from the entire aviation fraternity in South Africa to enjoy some EAA and bushveld hospitality. Spread the word and tell all your buddies to come along and enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Many thanks to our Convention team for the work done so far. We anticipate a great and memorable Convention.

See you there!

Paul

Urgent request for help with transportation for our next EAA Talk Show Guests

The EAA Flying Legends Talk Show takes place on Thursday 13 June and we have a very exciting guest, 85-year old Ivan Holtzhausen. He is a fighter pilot who flew P51 Mustangs and F86 Sabres in the Korean War. Because he lives in KZN we are making arrangements to get him up here together with his travelling companion, Marc Kuster, one of our longstanding members from EAA East Coast.

We have a few requirements while our guests are up here from KZN:

1. Accommodation is needed for Ivan and Marc.
2. We need a loan car for Marc to transport them around (up here) on the 12th and 13th - does someone have a spare car for a couple of days?
3. We need someone to offer to Ivan's friends a lift from Pretoria to the Auditorium on the evening of the Talk Show. They are both ex- SAAF Air Force Chiefs (past Talk Show guest, Lt. Gen. Denis Earp and a future Talk Show guest, Lt. Gen. Mike Muller). Neither of the above generals is able to drive at night, and Ivan would greatly appreciate seeing his old friends again.

This is extremely urgent please. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Talk Show Convener, Jeremy Woods asap on 082 883 0436 or 011 888 8496.

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Where has Woldow been? A report from our 322 member in the USA.

I apologize for the lack of contributions this spring. Many weather, family, and work issues minimized my flying activities. I am getting life organized so I can get back to the real priorities - most of which are found at the airfield. Sunday May 19 was the Canton Illinois breakfast fly in, a small local event, but a perennial favourite. The high humidity, warm morning had limited visibility, but adequate for the trip over familiar, flat terrain. I had planned on taking Don (hangar mate) over in the T-6 (Harvard), but he had some medical issues, and requested I take his son (Chuck) instead. With Chuck loaded up, I performed the take-off and landing, letting my passenger navigate over and back, getting the feel of the airplane. He really enjoyed the experience compared to his normal steed, a Cessna Cardinal. The breakfast was a typical low calorie high fibre American meal, but the real point of being there was to unite with fellow aviators and put aviation in a positive light with the local community that turns out for such events. As you can see in the photo, while not full of aircraft, there was a good representation of experimental, antique, production, and of course warbirds. A great way to start the day, and a resolve to get out and participate in more events like it this summer. *Regards, Ric*



A Sign of Progress?

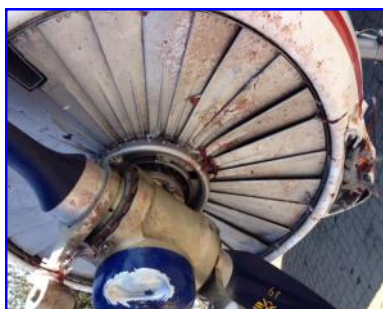
Seen recently at the Davis Monthan Boneyard near Tucson Arizona. Against a backdrop of many stored KC-135s is this historic unique and un-retouched photo of the first Stealth Fighter to be mothballed for possible future service.



INFOMERCIAL: We operate a new ultralight/light sport centre recently opened in Singapore with our club located in the sunny tropical island of Bintan, Indonesia. We are the exclusive distributor for Challenger for South East Asia covering 10 countries. We have a vacancy for an experienced engineer/technician to head up the assembly and build of new Challenger kits with Rotax 582 engines. A good skill level of avionics, airframe construction and fabric covering is essential. We are primarily Puddle Jumper float equipped, so any experience in that area is a bonus. We offer a full package that include a tax free salary and accommodation. All interested parties should contact Stuart Perkins at stuart@airadventuresasia.com

SPECIAL OFFER: Placo have kindly extended their offer to all paid-up EAA members a special discount of 10% off Shell aviation oils - this offer is subject to purchasing case lots of 10 cases of the same oil, upon which an additional case will be given as the discount. The offer is only valid through the EAA while stocks last. To order, please contact Sharlene Earle on sharlene@placo.co.za or call 011 827 9301. [I note at one shop at Rand Airport that their over the counter price of Aeroshell oils is R100/litre. This compares to Placo's offer of R61.20 by my calculation - KJ]

Beware of Birds - by Karl Jensen Birds are a well-known hazard to aircraft. Serious damage has been documented over the ages and recently been a factor in the fatal accident of Jeff Sharman (see Page 3). On Saturday 25 May Gordon Dyne was returning to Brakpan from the Heidelberg area in his Nanchang Dragon when the aircraft collided with a flock of pigeons. Serious damage occurred as shown in the pics, but fortunately Gordon was able to land his aircraft safely. Autumn/winter is grain harvest time where birds are more active - beware and stay high when possible. Remember when a bird in flight perceives a threat, it will dive to escape.



A Tribute to the late Jeff Sharman, a legend in EAA - by brother Brian Sharman, EAA Chapter 322

Jeff was born in May 1944, in Germiston, eldest son of Harry and Ethel Sharman. Harry was an aircraft engineer who held Aircraft Engineer's Licence No. 65. Harry worked for many different companies during his career including in the neighbouring countries. In those days there was very little security at airports so the children could wander around freely playing in the aircraft and letting their imaginations run wild dreaming of flying.

Jeff's first flight in an aeroplane, at about 4 years of age, was at Rand Airport when Harry worked for the Transvaal Flying Club at Rand Airport.

Jeff started school at Kempton Park primary school in 1950 and completed his schooling at Kimberley Boy's High in 1961. At KHS Jeff found his sporting love of Rugby. Jeff played first team hooker and continued in this position well after leaving school.

In 1962 Jeff joined SAA as an apprentice mechanic, qualifying five years later. Here he received an excellent grounding in an aeronautical career. Jeff left SAA to join Harry at Baragwanath Airfield, where he had now formed Jarlin Aviation. Here Jeff learned the art of covering fabric wings as Harry was an 'old school' master. In those days they still used Irish linen and not ceconite. Every once in a while, Jeff would try a career change but always came back to Aviation. In 1975 he made a life changing move and joined Jacobson Van Den Berg. This was a large company that had decided to join the aviation industry and turn a large fortune into a small one. They first bought a Piper Navajo as company transport and then they started importing the French built Rallye and Robin aircraft. With its clear Perspex canopy Jeff soon learnt that his trademark 'floppy' cloth hat is required flying equipment. About 1977 Jeff was asked to tug a glider as a young lady wanted to leap out of said glider. After this flight 'Cupid' took over and Jeff and Sheila were married in 1978. They were blessed with charming Billy the following year.

The next big challenge was the move to the United States where they settled in California and a new chapter was to open. After trying different ventures Jeff ended up sourcing and exporting aircraft to South Africa. This business has now grown to where the customer sources the aircraft on the Internet. All the paperwork, putting the aircraft in containers and shipping them all over the world is done by his company.

Tragically Jeff was killed in February when the Topsy Nipper he was flying had a bird strike and the wing was knocked off.



Bryan Sharman and visitor John Houghton at the 322 meeting. Both these aviators are retired SAA Captains.

In memory of Jeff, Sheila and her partners have decided to continue with his exporting business and have retained the name 'Jarlin' at email address sharmanenterprises@gmail.com

[Jeff was known to many EAAers around the world and was a most likeable, friendly and knowledgeable guy who was always prepared to share his knowledge with everyone. There is another fine tribute to Jeff on <http://solanopilots.com/gone%20west/gonewest/> - KJ]



Jeff examining some vital component of a Cessna 210.



Jeff flying the Topsy Nipper which crashed and claimed his life.

Website of the Month: <http://www.airspacemag.com/panorama/198460521.html?start=6&page=1&c=y>

Photographer Lyle Jansma started creating 360° views of airplane cockpits in 2005, while volunteering at the Heritage Flight Museum in Bellingham, Washington. After a chance encounter with a visitor in a wheelchair, he realized there was no practical way for the visitor to sit in the cockpit of the Museum's P-51 Mustang. Jansma tried the next best thing: creating a detailed panoramic photo of the interior. Over time, he improved his technique for creating and sharing 360° cockpit views, and since then the Washington-based photographer has taken his camera to other aircraft collections, including the Museum of Flight, Tillamook Air Museum, Evergreen Air & Space Museum, and the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. The images are available on the [ACI Cockpit360° App](#) for iPads and iPhones, and now, in this online gallery. Keep visiting the site (airspacemag.com/panorama), as they will be adding more of Jansma's cockpit views each week.

Another sparkling evening with EAA Chapter 322 at the monthly meeting - by Gordon Dyne

On Wednesday evening 7 May some 80 members and friends of EAA Chapter 322 met at the Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall in Dowerglen for the monthly meeting. We were greeted by the aroma of a three delicious soups simmering in the kitchen accompanied by bread rolls. Thank you Ann Ferreira, wife of our resident barman and old MOTH Wally Ferreira who hasn't lost the knack of pouring a 'mean' pint! Thank you Wally.

At 19h00 sharp our Chairman Karl Jensen, whose physique and posture belie the fact that he has reached the start of his eighth decade. Karl is an example of what clean-living can do! Karl ran through the usual monthly activities of the Chapter. Activities, past and present, Chairman's report, finance, auditorium, safety, membership, project visits, Gee Whiz minute and Young Eagles. Once again the applause was resounding for Karl's incredible monthly epistle CONTACT. An absolute masterpiece everyone agreed. All the formalities were run through in a record 45 minutes. It was good to see that Karl's humorous Powerpoint driven agenda was back to its usual superb self.

After a 20 minute break to recharge our glasses, Karl introduced our guest speaker - American Chris Lucier, President of EAA Chapter 228 of Phoenix, Arizona. Chris is working in South Africa with IBM as a Business Leader for IBM's Smart Cloud Resiliency Services for the Middle East and Africa. Chris was training as a pilot with the USAF when on a trip to Iraq in the First Gulf War in 1990 his eyesight was damaged by the flash of gunfire from one of the US Navy's aircraft carriers. That sadly, put an end to Chris' dreams of becoming a fighter pilot with the air force. However, this did not deter Chris from flying as a civilian and he flies a Sports Star and an RV12, which he built. Chris gave us a very good insight into flying in controlled airspace within America. All airplanes are fitted with an ADS-B (Automatic data Surveillance - Version B) which is a very sophisticated version of the simple transponder which we use in South Africa. By all accounts, air traffic control (ATC) in the USA is very much more helpful and obliging than it is here. Thank you Chris for insight into what happens in your home skies. God bless America.

Thank you very much Karl, for your continued enthusiastic exemplary leadership and to Mike Brown, Steven Theron and Trixie Heron for your usual sterling contributions.



Active EAA Chapter 322 members, all members of the JHB RAF Officers' Club, Eugene Couzyn, Mike Brown, Gordon Dyne and Geoff Fish.



322 members Claus Keuchel, Ron van Lear - Chris Lucier, President EAA 228 Phoenix and Justin Gloy.



Arthur Piercy has been made an honorary member of 322.



322 members Doug Norval and Mike Smith.



Dickie Fritz MOTH Shell Hole's secret weapon and untiring octogenarian barman, Wally Ferreira. Without Wally and his wife Ann, our tenure at this venue might be very different!

Flying Legend SAAF Honorary Colonel/Captain Peter Cooke graces the stage at the EAA Flying Legends Talk Show

- by Gordon Dyne

On Thursday 9 May at the EAA Auditorium, a full-house as usual, greeted Honorary Colonel of 2 Squadron (Gripens) SAAF and a Captain with several airlines, Peter Cooke. Dr Mike Brown was in the hot seat as Master of Ceremonies. Mike had only returned from Plettenberg Bay a few hours earlier where his octogenarian father was seriously ill. Despite this worry, Mike, in his usual cool, calm and considerate bedside manner, to which the audience has become accustomed, gently persuaded Peter to bare his soul to the aviation hungry and knowledgeable audience. It was easy to see that Peter is a very modest man and did not rush to brag about his amazing career with the SAAF, SAA, Singapore Airlines and Comair. I only met Peter recently at a Royal Air Force Officers' Club (RAFOC) lunch and was impressed then by his humility. It was left to others around me to fill me in on Peter's numerous flying accomplishments.

Peter who retires on 31 May, absolutely enthralled us all and left the audience wanting more. As 23h00 was rapidly approaching, Mike Brown brought down the curtain on the career of Captain Cooke. This Captain Cooke - albeit with an 'e' - has had a career almost as exciting as namesake 18th century British Explorer Captain James Cook. Peter, may we wish you a very happy and long retirement with your lovely wife Lorna. Thank you very much, sir, for letting us hear of your amazing career.

Another great evening, Mike Brown, thank you very much and well done. Thank you and well done, Jeremy Woods, for unearthing another great Flying Legend. Thanks too, to your wonderful wife, Anne-Louise, and Trixie Heron for your ticket duties and all the preparatory work behind the scenes. Thank you braaiers Coen Swart, 'Pottie' Potgieter, and Ronnie Alcock and to Justin Gloy who assisted in the bar.

Ivan Holtzhauzen who flew P-51 Mustangs and F-86 Sabres in Korea will be featured on June 13 at the EAA Auditorium. This is sure to be another cracker of a show. For more information on the EAA Flying Legends Talk Show please contact admin.woods@icon.co.za.

[Peter Cooke is a former EAA Chapter 322 member who built and flew an RV-8 until medical issues interfered. He made enormous contributions to military fighter tactics in the SAAF as well as the highly successful introduction of formal CRM to SAA - KJ]

Right: Braaimasters from EAA 322, Pottie Potgieter, Coen Swart, customer Smokey Robinson, Ronnie Alcock.



Peter Cooke and RAF Officers' Club chairman and EAA 322 member Bruce Harrison.



Lorna and Peter Cooke.



If you call Aero Club 011 082 1100, you will speak to:



Thumi Biotemelo - Student Pilot.



Sandra Strijdom

Whassup! - Calendar of Events

01 June Sat: Newcastle Airshow - Johan Pieters johan@champ.co.za 082 923 0078
or Christo: 083 375 5883 website: www.airshownewcastle.co.za

05 June Wed: EAA Chapter 322 Monthly Meeting at Dickie Fritz MOTH Hall, Dowerglen, Edenvale. Food and refreshments from 18h00, meeting commences 19h00. Guest speaker Rob Jonkers on building a full size B737 simulator.

08 June Sat: EAA Chapter 322 Young Eagles and older ones at Krugersdorp and braai at Ricardo's top hangar. We'll be celebrating the 90th birthday of John Martin, famous WWII Spitfire pilot.

13 June Thur: EAA Auditorium. EAA Flying Legends Talk Show - Ivan Holtzhauzen, a Korean War veteran who flew P-51s and F-86 Sabres will be interviewed by Dr Mike Brown. Bookings are essential, contact Anne-Louise Woods admin2.woods@icon.co.za or 011 888 8495.

15 June Sat: Makwassie EAA Young Eagles MoJo Fly-in. You don't want to miss this fly-in. Let's support EAA Chapter 1504 Klerksdorp and Mike Visagie's remarkable energy and drive in the true spirit of EAA Young Eagles. A must see is the Makwassie Update <http://www.avcom.co.za/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=194&t=1108955>

19-21 July Fri-Sun: Nylstroom Vliegklub/EAA Taildraggers Fly-in - Nylstroom rgn@pcwireles.co.za 082 490 6227.

28 July -7 August: EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

27 July Sat: Parys Pylon Time Trials - for vintage and NTC aircraft slower than 120 knots.

09-11 August Fri-Sun: EAA of SA National Convention Fly-in and AGM - Brits FABS.

24 -25 August Sat-Sun: EAA 322 Overnight fly-in to Mongena Game Lodge - Convener Brian Appleton.

07 September Sat: Nyoka Ridge - International Vulture Day and EAA 322 fly-in breakfast bartpaul@gmail.com



Gordon's little notebooks - by Brian Appleton

I have the fortune of travelling a lot for business. On a recent trip I did not include Gordon's notebooks in my travelling pack. Of course this was only discovered when the notebooks were needed. I was lost and had nowhere to jot down the necessary records of the moment. Gordon, we want you to know the value that your notebooks add to our daily lives.

[May your bearings always be dynamic Gordon! - KJ]



Where are we going in EAA and your newsletter CONTACT? - by Karl Jensen

This is like a stuck record... Yet again I must emphasise that **CONTACT** is intended to reflect the activities, direction and aspirations of all 13 established EAA Chapters in South Africa but we need your contributions! EAA is a voluntary organisation and I happily dedicate a lot of my time to EAA, but become disheartened at the non-existence of contributions This month's edition has once again plenty of input from my own Chapter 322 Johannesburg. When there is any news from any Chapter, I eagerly incorporate it into **CONTACT**, usually after only gentle massaging of the text. I again thank those of you who have provided input in the past and ask you to please do so again. Most EAA members and friends love reading about the EAA activities in your part of the world... be it a fly-in, fly-away, social event, build project or meeting news, just send it to us!

CONTACT Is the official newsletter of EAA of SA. This edition was compiled with love by Karl Jensen and edited with kisses on 27 May 2013 by Trixie Heron. All contributions gratefully received from all Chapters and members. Please submit material for the next issue by 24 June to karlpix@icon.co.za. Thanks as always to Pilot's Post and African Pilot and the Aero Club of SA for their ongoing support. We wish you all happy flying in silky smooth skies and may your landings even surprise you with greasers on the centreline. Mind the birds and be safe! Karl Jensen