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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



## **Greetings!**

And just like that we are slide into the New Year and the December break for most has come and gone. During the break the spirit of the EAA in South Africa continued to abound with a number of impromptu breakfast fly in events arranged at short notice that were greatly supported here in the Gauteng region by Chapter 322. As can be seen by all the comment on the EAA SA chat group and the various social media pages supported by the African Pilot, Pilots Post and Flightline Weekly

that always take amazing pics and provide great copy with all the support they provide, we are very fortunate to have the enthusiasm that emanates from our creative and talented members.

From a regulatory perspective we are planning the ARO renewal that takes place next month as well the planning of our EAA convention that is going to coincide the convention with the Aero Club Air Week at Middelburg. We want to see a great contingent of our members support the EAA 2024 convention and Aero Club Air Week; it always provides a week end of great fun and camaraderie for the recreational community in South Africa and beyond.

Great work has gone into the new vibrant EAA Young Aviators programme that was conceived and being spearheaded by Tyla Puzey. She identified and is closing the generation gap that exists ensuring that the advantages of being an EAA member from a Young Aviators perspective, is able to be properly realised by any of the much needed youth that wants joins the EAA will be supported. Up to date information and events supporting the youth will supplied instantly through the various social media programs to help and support the younger members that join so that they don't have to slot into tagging along the older folk that make up the membership that often time is overlooked.

As is widely discussed the EAA is made up of largely of member enthusiasts that are older, and whilst this age dilemma does provide a great brains trust when it comes to the technical ability, safety aspect and flying experiences etc. it has been identified that the conduit to passing this wealth of experience onto the youth is not in place, or vibrant enough for our youth that would like to join to either pursue a recreational or corporate flying career. In short there is limited and up to date processes to better attract the youth into aviation in the aviation industry today at large and the EAA is no different. The staid ways that exists that comes with age, cause boredom by just being perceived as followers and this is one of the elements that cause younger aviators to likely pursue interests that may be better suited to their needs.

The Young Aviators program is aimed at the 17 to 30 year old age group to ignite focussed input for the much needed youth to enter and stay in the wonderful world of aviation and what the EAA in South

Africa can offer to support this. Huge thanks to Tyla supported by her parents Kerry and Mike Puzey and the YA team for putting this stellar effort together so far, and getting this much needed initiative going. Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January the first Young Aviators event will be at Eagles Creek airfield in Gauteng so please make the effort to support.

It's also great to see Chapter 1502 in KZN start the year off with a flight to El Mirador in the beautiful Drakensberg for members to attend, you guys are also very lucky to have the splendour of this beautiful part of the world right on your doorstep.

Thank you to all that have renewed their subs for 2024. This allows us to ensure increased participation at our events in 2024 there is something happening just about every week end. Once again many thanks to the volunteers that always make the EAA in South Africa a great place to be

Stay Safe!

Paul Lastrucci



# **EAA National Convention 2024**

# Middelburg Airfield Mpumalanga 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March

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# Chapter 322 January 2024 Gathering

## By Laura McDermid

January skidded onto the 2024 calendar faster than a downhill landing with a 30KT tailwind, bringing with it slightly less wet weather than the preceding month.

With many pilots not having flown during the December holidays, they were champing at the bit to get behind the controls again. The first Chapter 322 gathering at Tedderfield on the 13th had over 40 aviators dusting the cobwebs off their beloved aeries.

The sky was a deep cerulean blue as our wheels left the ground from the runway at Eagle's Creek that morning, and the air was smooth as silk. We headed south over Rosebank and Sandton enjoying the carpet of greenery underneath our wings. The land on which Johannesburg is built was once grassland, but is now the biggest urban forest in the world with an estimated 10 million trees in its suburbs, gardens and parks.

Despite the early hour, the airwaves were crackling with calls, a testimony to everyone's keenness to enjoy the perfect flying conditions.

As we crested hippo quarry, the blue started to fade, showing hints of low fog to the east.



A swarm of microlights

We turned onto a right downwind for runway 29and managed to land just before a swarm of microlights came buzzing in from every direction.

Seamus the flying dog leapt out the aerie, and followed the delicious scent of braaing boerewors to the hangar where a few folk had already begin to gather.



Peter Lastrucci was first in line!

I found Peter and Paul Lastrucci admiring Ian Beaton and Theo Arrenbrecht's RV10. Ian led us around ZU-ITT, proudly pointing out the perfect white line that ran seamlessly from the body to the tail, neatly separating the blue from the red.

The sun lazily penetrated through the haze, more and more aeries began arriving. Alan Stewart zoomed around the field on his motorbike, directing traffic and welcoming the crowds.



Sean Cronin & Stuart Clegg tucking into their boerie roll

It was a joy to see new faces and old friends reconnecting.

The hungry aviators got stuck into the delicious boerewors rolls that were generously sponsored by hosts Alan, Ian and Theo.

Once everyone had had their fill, they settled down to listen to Kaptein Karl's "kykweer" which was followed by lan's talk and practical demonstration on fuel vaporization.



You could have heard a pin drop!

The technically nuanced lecture had the audience paying rapt attention, some furiously jotting notes for future reference. The highlight of the talk was the demo which had Neil Bowden donning a hard hat as a precautionary measure.



Ian and Theo demonstrating fuel vaporisation

Francois Tolmay was so impressed with the talk that he requested lan's contact details to book him as a speaker at the Krugersdorp Flying Club's next meeting.

I peeked a glance outside, noting some of the benign puffy white clouds begin to fill out both vertically and horizontally, signaling an eminent end to the morning.

I was not the only one to get the hint, and aviators began shaking hands and saying their farewells.

If this gathering was anything to go by, we are in for a wonderful year of EAA adventures, starting with a breakfast fly in at Kitty Hawk on February 17, Airweek from 8-10 March, a workshop on formation flying in April (date to be confirmed), a breakfast fly in at Eagle's Creek on the 20th April and a weekend fly in to Pyramid from the 17-19 May.



Marion Booysen, Laura and Ronell



Alan Stewart directing the crowds



Seamus the flying dog making a b-line to the braai



Neil Bowden in his bouncer pose



The great venue at FATA



A perfect morning to enjoy the elements



Larry and Neil enjoying the good weather!



## By Karl Jensen

The invitation by enthusiastic EAA Member Alan Stewart to hold our January 13 Chapter 322 monthly meeting at Tedderfield, was a great innovation. Alan even cast a bait of a free Prego roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 members flying in. Was it the bait that lured our members? Probably not. When we arrived there just after 8 in the morning, the free fare was more substantial than anyone expected.



Krugersdorp FC Chairman – Francois Tolmay

The invite to EAA was by Alan Stewart who owns and operates the Johannesburg Flight Academy at Panorama Airfield. I regularly recommend JFA for flight training. I do believe that supporting our loyal members is our duty. About 35 airplanes including microlights, gyrocopters and Eugene Couzyn's Alo II and Rob Osner's Alo III arrived and were parked out in front of Ian Beaton and Theo



322 members from all over at Tedderfield

Arrenbrecht's hangar and adjacent sheds.

lan Beaton and Theao Arrenbrecht gave a detailed presentation on the technicalities of vapour pressure in mogas and avgas — not comparing them for use, but what happens in the types of fuel that can cause engine hesitation, hot starts or even a dead cut. We hope they will be able to repeat the presentation in time at our EAA Auditorium with decent sound and projection facilities



Karl and Neil Fenton selfie on the way o Tedderfield

I floated in from Fly Inn Airpark in my Cessna 170 with Neil Fenton eagerly riding along. Its always an interesting flight across the city and then back to Fly Inn via a fuel stop at Eagle's Creek. If you go fill up with fuel for your car and are charged a service fee, would you be happy? I don't think so!



Benoni/Brakpan Fly-in

On the 20th of Jan, I had a fly across to Benoni/Brakpan for an informal breakfast fly-in with the ever-friendly EAA SA National President, Paul Lastrucci joining me for the flight - always a pleasure to have him around with his enthusiasm and great sense of humour. I did post my intentions to do the visit on our EAA SA Chat group, and we were joined by about 15 other airplanes. Gordon Dyne had anticipated the visit and had, as usual, extended his generous hospitality and lured in all visitors for a coffee and snacks to his "Man Cave" as he calls it. This was for the visitors to awake their appetites prior to strolling across to the Flying Clubs restaurant and of course for them to feast their eyes on the overthe-top Man Cave. The interior is adorned with a massive collection of beautiful scale models, in glass cabinets, on shelves and hanging from the ceiling. Of course, there are numerous iconic photos pictures, paintings and and memorabilia also displayed. The Man Cave entrance gate guard is a full-size Mirage F1 decoy from the Bush War, soon to be joined by a second one. The Man Cave adjoins Gordon's hangar which houses his Nanchang C6 'Dragon' and his Piper Arrow.

I had a visit from my son who flies A380s for Emirates, a few days after the FABB event. There was enough time on his short overnight layover to



Trangs High

was enough time on his short overnight layover to go fly my 170 – what a joy to see him enjoying my airplane and flying it like a champion. In his limited free time, we nipped across to Tranquility for a breakfast omelette and their delicious cappuccino, followed by a quick stop at Kitty Hawk for a milkshake before floating back to Fly Inn where my airplane lives. I do so enjoy having that lovely plane.



Giraffe perving over Robert Gasmann's RV10

On the 24<sup>th</sup> Nigel Hopkins advised me that a few guys planned to have a Cessna fly-in to Kitty Hawk. I immediately replied and suggested that "giving it a miss" was not an option. Correct was the response! I needed no convincing and arrived in among about 10 airplanes.



New Game Bird at Kitty Hawk



Cool Cessna range formation

The short notice precluded some of our other Cessna owners from joining. There were 4 Cessnas, a 140, my 170 and two 180s. The others that flew in were some of the who's who of airshow pilots. At departure time, a formation of the old Cessnas was planned and thoroughly briefed.



Kitty Hawk formation pilots

The formo was led by Elton Bondi in his shiny 140 to set the speed with Nigel Hopkins in his 180 at No2 and Ken and Brett Rossouw in their 180 in No3 position with myself line astern in the box. Derek Hopkins followed in his RV8 as the photo ship with Mike Puzey firing away for many delightful photos. I started my GoPro prior to





Camera ship view of the Cessna formation

take-off. After landing I checked to see the results. The video was blank with a dead battery – bugga! On Saturday 27, the inaugural gathering and launch of the EAA Young Aviators initiative took place at Eagles Creek. The event attendance by enthusiastic potential young aviators and many others already involved in aviation, exceeded all expectations.



Tyla Puzey at the EAA Young Aviators launch

To describe this event adequately requires a separate article, which no doubt will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. I must however congratulate the Puzey family of Tyla, Mike and Kerry for the tremendous job they did in marketing the event, raising much sponsorship and running a well organised show that crowded the venue to capacity. Many of the participant had to sit on the Eagles Creek Airfield Restaurant patio to be part of the function. The EAA Young Aviators initiative is off to a wonderful beginning that will surely affect so many here at Chapter 322 and I have no doubt, it will become an addendum to many other EAA Chapters around the world.

# Photos from Karl's Album



Rapt audience during a presentation at Eagles Creek



3 of the Cessna Formation from KittyHawk



Nigel Hopkins 1957 Cessna 180 at Kitty Hawk



Monte Casino



Cullinan Big Hole on the way to Tranquility



FM Tower in Brixton



Of course the gallery would be incomplete without a shot of my 170 landing at Tedderfield



Kitty Hawk pilots for the Cessna fly-in

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# **EAA YOUNG AVIATORS**



by Tyla Puzey



The Eagles Creek Clubhouse was buzzing with activity

Our young Aviator's event on Saturday, 27 January 2024 was a huge hit! We had almost 100 young Aviator's join for our first Introductory event for the launch of the community. We went over all the detail of what the community is about and how to become members as well as getting to know each other a little better by splitting into randomly selected groups for a general knowledge quiz on all things aviation related. Our top 3 teams won prizes and we also had a lucky draw at the end where we gave away some really awesome prizes to all those who signed up to become members.

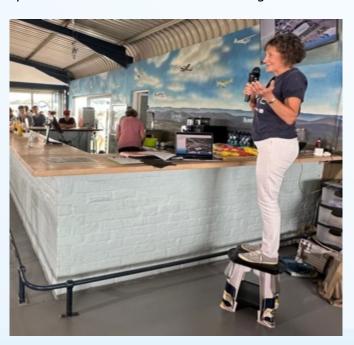


Teams battling it out in the quiz

As a first event we are very happy with the turn out and to see so many enthusiastic and passionate young aviators join to become apart of this community. It's a great way to bring young blood back into the aviation environment. Our sponsors on the day were a great help getting the all our catering cost covered and our prize's sponsors gave away some really amazing things to our young aviators. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and have already had many asking when the next event or fly-in will be happening. Can't wait to see how this community grows from here!"



Sponsors donations covered all catering costs



All the way from Madison, USA – Susan Schwaab, retired United Airlines captain, gave a very inspiring talk















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It is an Auster J1 and its previous identities are G-AJIF and ZS-BWK with its current registration being ZS-VTR.

Dave purchased a Micron 332 170Hp for it years ago, and this unused and still inhibited engine looks factory fresh.

There doesn't seem to be any usable instruments or propeller, but it appears that most of the fuselage, wings, cowlings, seats etc are there.

It has been suggested that a fair price for this unique airframe and new engine is R 350 000.00, VAT not applicable

Please do post any pictures you have of her, and anything you know of her history. It is known she suffered an out landing on the way to Margate for an EAA fly-in due to engine trouble.. what stories do you have on her incident and recovery.

It would be wonderful to see this historic aircraft grace our skies again.

If you are interested in purchasing the aircraft, I can put you in touch with a neighbour who has access.

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**Nico Brandt** 





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