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From the Apron....

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"Flying is not about hours, it's about attitude"

What a start to 2014!

The MISASA Kitty Hawk Fly in and Expo **8th February 2014**

MISASA Kitty Hawk Fly in 2014
Graham Field's Aerial View using a Drift Ghost HD cam



Dear Members,

I find myself on a great "high"..... No, not from some "banned substance", but rather from the unbelievable response we have had after our team hosted our 3rd Annual MISASA Fly in at the very pretty Kitty Hawk Airfield just east of Pretoria.

As you all well know, the event had to be moved from it's inaugural venue of Tedderfield for many reasons, but despite the "worry" that this may have detracted some support from the members, it appears that Kitty Hawk has now been firmly established as the event's new home!

Just take a look at the birds eye view (pictured above) that Graham Field had as he made one of many jumps with his "partner in crime" Mike Rumble into the display area. One of which included the first ever jump from a Skyreach Bushcat. :)

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Photo : Willie Bodenstein
From L to R: Nigel Musgrave, Brett Hickman, Alan Hussey & John Boucher

I am extremely proud to have been a part of the dedicated team that put this event together, and having done so in just 3 weeks.... I cannot describe it as anything other than a huge success for both MISASA and our members. The location at FAKT, despite having less available parking than Tedders, is just perfectly situated and equipped for this event. The parallel taxiway made parking of the aircraft much easier for us, and we had options on all 3 feeder taxiways to manoeuvre the aircraft around quite efficiently and safely. As a first time effort I think it went very well in this regard and there will be a few changes made next year to improve even further....a ground frequency being one of the changes we wish to bring in to the fray.

Our Safety Officer for the day was Nigel Musgrave, who, ably assisted by the ever willing Paul Sabatier, and the teams of both Committee members and youngsters from the Irene Air Scouts, ensured that we had a happy, safe and fun day. The circuit, as always, was busy and the pilots were guided in professionally and safely by our ATNS team up in the tower. No incidents other than an aborted take off... we are happy to have had another safe conclusion to such a busy day. Having heard the chatter all day on my hand held, I can only compliment the pilots who flew in for their good airmanship and awareness.



Photo : Simon McDonnell



Photo : John Boucher

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On the supplier front, we had a good turnout with approx 25-30 manufacturers, vendors and suppliers to the aircraft industry present. They were positioned in the static display area right in front of the Clubhouse. A big thank you to them all for being a part of the event, and especially to those who travelled so far to take part. It is the 3rd year in a row that Andrew Pappas and the BatHawks have attended, as well as the Airplane Factory, with their two seater tail dragger version being the new offering. Far too many to mention here, but this event was created for you....and it is great to see so many of you taking advantage of this year after year. Kudos to Alan Mackenzie who ensured even more exposure for the suppliers by designing an I phone "APP", whereby visitors could get deals sent directly to their phones whilst browsing around. His skills on the technical side of the event are most appreciated and it adds a modern touch to marketing the industry.

Planes, planes, planes...lots of them! The figures we were given were more than 138 aircraft for the day, with an unknown 100's of vehicular visitors too. We had a Dornier Do27, a 206, a Chipmunk and a Stampe pop round in and amongst the trikes, CCM's, Fixed wings, helicopters and gyro's present, it made for a beautifully colourful flight line. I have no doubt that had the low heavy cloud not been about in the early morning, we would have had at least 20-30 more aircraft flying in, which is a tribute to the popularity of this annual festival of "grass-roots flying."



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The catering and beverage was provided by the Kitty hawk Restaurant, who under the passionate efforts of Wilma, made sure the masses were fed and hydrated throughout with a well priced and thorough menu to suit all tastes. The Marquee tent was packed with people and laughter as pilots from all disciplines gathered and engaged in hanger talk and humour. The camaraderie was contagious & the banter unending.... So many faces & friends all gathered together in the spirit of aviation is something completely unique to this event and what makes it so special for those who attend.

A welcome change this year was the sound. We gratefully accepted Noel Green's (RADIO X) offer to provide the music and commentary for this event. I think it added a whole new dynamic to it with interviews, announcements and radio broadcasts all going "live" during the festivities. With this in mind we will be sure to expand on this as we now have a better understanding of how valuable this part of the day is. I sincerely hope we can get Noel's services again next year, thank you so much for your efforts!

ATNS provided us with the much needed support in the tower as mentioned. We have proven that one cannot stage such an event without ATC assistance and thank the team, especially Riaan Olivier (ATNS George) for all the arrangements to make it possible for the patient friendly voices in the tower.

Well known aerobatic pilots Barrie Eeles, Jason Beamish and Neville Ferreira gave us a fitting & emotional tribute in the sky to our fallen friends from recent weeks in the form of a "Missing Man" formation. Truly special, and we thank them for their ongoing support of MISASA as they unselfishly give of their time, fuel and abundant flying skills to be with us each year. We also thank Hanke Fourie for making a valiant attempt at providing us with a Balloon "night glow" which unfortunately had to be abandoned due to the brisk breeze.



Jason Beamish breaking away from the formo.... ☺



The ATNS team were fantastic....



Abbott & Crabb... loads of laughter!



Mr. Reliable – Paul Sabatier



Night-Glow by Hanke Fourie



Graham Field – Energetic Performance!



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The evening entertainment was great, with braai fires and beverage and the hilarious **Abbot & Crabb** making sure the stomach muscles were very sore the next day! We even had Rafiek "madman" Salie, win himself a weekend at Numbi with the worst rendition of "Ou Ryperd" (assisted by Dish) we have ever heard. Gees, gees, GEES!

Nice to see the clubs in numbers at the event with the ever present "Chaingang" and the Rietfontein GT pilots all making their presence and personalities felt. "Special guests" for the day included, Kevin Storie, Santjie & Jean Michelle White, as well as CAA's Mary Stephens & Piet Fourie. Piet officially represented CAA and we welcomed this. We flew up Chris Badenhorst to address the Part 62 Exam Questions with ALL the instructors on the MISASA committee. RAASA was sadly not present but a special note of appreciation to Tania, who patiently sorted out requests from both Nigel Musgrave & John Boucher.

Many travelled from far afield, including Nico Willemse from "Potties" and a gaggle of Gyro's led by Len Klopper from the Fairest Cape amongst many others. Len's gaggle included two visiting pilots from the UK who I'm sure will have a few amazing stories to tell back home after such a beautiful trip. They were impressed with our event – "we don't have anything like this in the UK" said both Tony & Jonathan!!! They both took a Microflight Africa Yearbook to share with their UK counterparts. Also in attendance was a visitor from Switzerland...

This Annual event is evolving into something every recreational flyer will enjoy. The variety of aircraft and personalities is what makes this such a special day where all aviators under the AeCSA banner just feel completely at home. We will endeavour to provide more options for those who stay the weekend, with a better equipped camping area and hopefully some proper shower facilities to help create a more comfortable stay for all concerned. We really look forward to next year & hosting you all again.

"Bigger & better" at what is now without a doubt our new home...Kitty Hawk!

Some comments from those who attended...

Wilma, FAKT Restaurant (by e mail)

...."Saterdag 8 Februarie sal ek nooit vergeet!! En ek sal dit oor en oor doen! NO REGRETS! Baie geleer! Goeie test run vir die toekoms! Dankie MISASA en Kitty Hawk eienaars vir die event! Alan dankie vir al jou raad en advies! Jy het elke keer my gerus gestel as die "stress" bietjie te veel raak! Dankie aan elke besoeker, dankie vir die geduld om in n lyn te wag vir julle kos en drankies! Dankie vir elke vriend en vriendin wat ons gemaak het! The sky is not the limit, its just another play ground! Kan nie wag vir volgende jaar nie!"

Louis Cole (posted on ML)

"To our whole Committee a big thanks for show casing our premier event. I think you nailed it on every level. The venue, catering, ATC, marshalling, entertainment safety etc. was exemplary and added to a great event. The "unthug-like" behaviour of all the pilots took me by surprise I must admit.."

Athol Franz (from AvCom)

"A fantastic day in the hot sun, with plenty of action and now I am seriously sun burnt! MISASA and the Kitty Hawk management should be congratulated for a well organised, safe and memorable day.....well done!"

Willie Bodenstein (wrote on Pilots Post)

"Well done MISASA, Kitty Hawk Aerodrome, vendors & pilots for making it a safe day in the sun with continuous flying taking place. I look forward to the 2015 event. MISASA can rightfully be proud. In my humble opinion the Fly In was a huge success that will, like the Shoot Out, become a "not to be missed" event."

MISASA Member of the Month.

Well, now how could that be anyone other than the lucky pilot who walked away with the long awaited prize of a trip to Oshkosh 2014 sponsored by MISASA, as well as a set of luggage sponsored by Comet Aviation Supplies

This prize was open to all MISASA members who had already renewed their 2014 fees by the 8th Feb, and the lucky draw was held at the MISASA Fly in on the same date.

The winner was: Carel Viljoen from Centurion Pretoria

.....and I think I speak for all of us when I say...."You Lucky B@#\$%^&!!!"

We hope you have the time of your life Sir - Well Done! :)

We look forward to your report when you return....



Donald Hicks handing over the awesome prize to Carel...

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MISASA AGM 2014

As notified on the MISASA website, Microlighters & Facebook...

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of MISASA will take place on:

**March 11th 2014
@ "Fly Boys" Rand Airport
Time: 19h00 for 19h30**

We encourage the membership to attend, and participate in the process as we elect a new Committee.

SCRM Courses in Gauteng:

Darrell Lush will be hosting two SCRM courses in the next few weeks. These are hosted free of charge and highly recommended to all pilots wanting to improve their decision making capabilities in a single crew environment. All pilots are welcome.

Saturday 22 February in Sandton starting at 09H00.

Address: Cadiant Partners, 2nd Floor, 3 Gwen Lane, Sandton

Lots of parking available and within walking distance from the Gautrain station for those wishing to use Gautrain

Saturday March 15 at Dusty Eagle's Hangar, Tedderfield
Please can all those attending the Tedderfield workshop bring a chair.

If you are interested in attending these courses please contact Darrell and RSVP by email: lushd@mweb.co.za

ANNUAL RECREATIONAL INSTRUCTOR SEMINARS - 2014

The annual seminars for all current and prospective National and Glider pilot instructors will be taking place as follows:

- * Gauteng – 07 MARCH 2014 at 08:30 at the RAASA offices, Rand Airport.
- * KZN – 28 MARCH 2014 at 08:30 venue to be confirmed.
- * Western Cape – 04 APRIL 2014 at 08:30 venue to be confirmed.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All current and prospective National and Glider pilot instructors (Part 62 and 68).

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- Updating of NPL and GPL exams.
- Improving Aeronautical decision making and threat and error recognition in the training environment.

For more details please call the office on (011) 082 1000



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Accidents & Incidents

These are the reported accidents and Incidents which took place during the month of October 2013 involving NTCA aircraft. Please note that although there is a description of the occurrence, the investigations are ongoing and the final findings may vary.

03/10/2013

A22

ZU DIV

Van Reenen Area

Fatalities = 0

Prop Strike

05/10/2013

Skyranger

ZU CMM

Rwy 24 FAAN

Fatalities = 0

On Take off, aircraft experienced a downdraught which caused it to crash and flip over.

11/10/2013

JK-05 Junior

ZU IVE

Strip at Rodia

Fatalities = 0

During Landing, aircraft lost directional control and veered off the runway.



When things go wrong....

And where there is a beginning....

Sadly...as the saying goes, there must be an end. After 3 terms on the MISASA EXCO, I have decided to call it a day....

I will be officially handing over my PRO badge to a new volunteer at the AGM in March where I will step down. I want to thank my MISASA colleagues, my fellow members and in particular John Boucher for the knowledge and experience I have gained during my time served on the EXCO. I do not believe in "closing doors" but rather crossing bridges.... and perhaps one day I will find myself in a position to serve again. I thank you all for your support and guidance during my term and hope you will all support the new PRO as well as you did me. I have enjoyed this journey with you all....

Bundy, signing off...and thank you for accommodating! :)

Live to fly, Fly to live!

Cheers Folks, I'll see you on "another" apron!



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"Briefly" from "The Stirrer" John Boucher

After a tiring but most satisfying event at Kitty Hawk, things are almost back to normal. Having spent so much time on the Tedderfield event, the success of Kitty Hawk just made up for the disappointment of the event cancellation. In all events there are always little niggles but I was extremely disappointed to be verbally abused by one of the manufacturers displaying at our fantastic event. I suppose he thought I was a loitering photographer or hired hand and not one of the team that made it possible for him to showcase his product. I'll leave it at that...

Brett Hickman & I were kindly taken in by Nigel Musgrave during the weekend at his tranquil hide away. What a fantastic place to live in. Nigel is the perfect gentleman and host and we thank him for putting up with our "hey brother" antics, late night joviality and of course – *braaing!* I must say Nigel cooks the perfect Sunday breakfast and after the late night / early morning excursion in the sudden downpour that Kitty Hawk experienced, was manna from heaven for a hungry stomach! I wonder if Brett will ever share Red Heart with me again ;-). Also my sincere appreciation to my good friend Paul Sabatier that adds his vast experience and "cool head" at our events. I have to admit that we have put together an awesome team and our level of safety is only but enhanced by this... Next year winks and why would we want to disturb a winning formula?

As for next year's event, we'll have to make some decisions as to how we are going to add more value ie displays as at Tedderfield and will have to obviously consider all the "new" requirements (most of which we did in any case) and see if the expenditure or cost is worth it. One solution to this of course is a major sponsorship. I predict however that airshows are going to slip into a sad demise and only those with serious financial backing and MOP compliance will be presented...

Some of you may have read the observations & recommendations in the accident report of Trygve Skorge. We were quite perturbed by the interpretation of the regulations by the AIID and MISASA have escalated the concern to AeroclubSA to address with the head of that department. Other comments made reference to the oversight discrepancies between CAA & RAASA. I am aware that RAASA are also addressing the comments made. The media obviously latched onto the comments as did certain other persons – and their comments clearly showing their ignorance of the microlighting fraternity. Personally I think their ranting would only lead to more regulations, something we don't need at all. It is all about attitude and discipline!!!

The Fundi system is operating quite well and Thelma has the small problems under control. The problems mainly arising from member input or lack thereof. The payment issues that the system experienced is also resolved. As of the time of me writing this, the membership total was at a positive 581. The renewals have slowed after experiencing a flurry to pay fees to be eligible for the OSHKOSH DRAW!

I am saddened by Alan Hussey not being available for the 2014 committee as you have read on the previous page but respect his decision. Alan's energy and determination within the microlighting fraternity is a known fact and he brought this quality to the MISASA committee. I sincerely enjoyed working with you "Bundy". Alan and I have indentified a keen aviator to fill his shoes, he has accepted the challenge and we shall present him at the AGM. A project Alan & I discussed at length was the ADM – no it's not advanced flying course that teaches you how to fly in mountain waves or hail or IMC.... On the contrary, it is **AERONAUTICAL DECISION MAKING**. The factors that contribute to the way you approach your flying or the processes you follow when making decisions and then using real life examples eg I learnt from that or accident reports to assist with your pilot thought process. Yes, there is a wealth of info out there on the internet and this was quickly pointed out to me by a friend but what we wanted to do is make it unique to MISASA and its members. It may still happen but will most definitely be up to a couple of individuals that see the importance of the project. Time will tell...

I part with a posting that Alan made on the forum and on Facebook and feel that his thoughts encompasses what we do :

Alan wrote... "I took a quick hop up in DBP yesterday. Absolutely beautiful conditions to fly... alone, just me and my bird....it does not get better than that for me! I could not help but think of the friends we have lost these past few weeks and the "sense of reflection" that is apparent in aviation circles following the tragic outcomes...It is not unlike the period of shock that we found ourselves in in 2012 following a few low flying accidents all in quick succession. Then as well, there was out-cry and disbelief..."what the hell is going on?", we asked.... The simple fact is, nothing has really changed. It is the same ego's, the same "gotta prove something", the same ignorance of the law, the same irresponsibility and lack of airmanship and discipline that is apparent and it is perpetuated year after year by the same fool...the pilot. My challenge to myself, and indeed us all, is to take this "time of reflection"....and use it once and for all, to fundamentally change our attitude towards the sport and passion we love so much. Flying, in any type of aircraft will never be 100% safe...Flying is, and will always be inherently dangerous. It is our actions and respect for our limitations that dictate how safe we allow it to become.... If we could correct the obvious mistakes, and all adopt a more professional approach to our preparedness and performance as PIC's, we would be able to get pretty damn close to that 100% figure. There is no such thing as a perfect pilot, but consistently flying in a low risk environment will give you the best chance of recovering from the inevitable mistake. So go on....reflect upon your actions and improve to the best of your ability. Do not be so hostile towards criticism, it may just be life saving criticism! Listen to advice from your senior peers and be the best you can be. **You owe it to yourself... and even more so to those whom you may leave behind. Look after yourselves my flying friends, stay safe...always."**

Take these words to heart and till next time Enjoy your privilege to fly – legally & safely!!!