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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

What has happened to our customary clear blue skies? I bet that it isn't only my "log book" that feels neglected. On the positive side, we are at least getting to spend some time with our spouses.

Firstly, a word of thanks to Mike Van Ginkel and every one who assisted with the relief support in Mozambique. According to the latest reports I received in excess of 20 tons of food and water was successfully flown out and delivered to the disaster areas. Fifteen aircraft flew approximately fifty sorties to Chibuto under extremely severe weather conditions. In the process two aircraft were damaged and Mike was hospitalised with pneumonia. I would also like to thank BP for their pledge of R 100,000.00, SHELL for their pledge of R 60,000.00 and ENGEN for their pledge of R 10,000.00. Without these contributions, it would not have been possible to undertake these "mercy flights".

During the weekend of 18/19 February the SAPFA committee held its annual "bosberaad" at Ron Stirk's game farm. The meeting proved to be a very positive one and was attended by all the committee members. We were fortunate this year to be joined by Mike van Ginkel. Thanks Mike for taking the time to meet with us. Your presence allowed us to sort out a number of issues on the spot.

The ever-increasing cost of fuel, levies and fees was discussed during our "bosberaad". Mike pointed out what Aero Club was trying to do and what they had already achieved. It was decided that SAPFA and AOPA join forces to form a much closer liaison to assist Aero Club in its efforts.

Arrangements for the President's Air Race that will be held in Bloemfontein under the Directorship of Mr. Lucas Wiese are well underway. According to the feedback I have received to date, this year's event will prove to be a "biggy", more than a hundred entries are expected this year. To avoid disappointment and to assist in the arrangements I will ask those who have not yet entered to enter NOW!

I wish to thank the Precision Flying team that will be representing South Africa in the World Championships to be held in Sweden this year, for their dedication in persevering with the stringed training program laid down by Deon van den Berg. I am convinced that their efforts will be well rewarded and that they will bring the medals back to South Africa.

Please don't allow "Diane", "Ellene" and their friends to tempt you to fly beyond your or your aircrafts capabilities.

DICKY SWANEPOEL CHAIRMAN



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EVENTS 2000

26 February 2000	Bloemfontein	Inter Provincial Precision Flying Championships
11 March 2000	Port Elizabeth	Inter Provincial Precision Flying Championships
24 March 2000	Brits	Training for 14 th WPFC, Sweden
25 March 2000	Brits	Inter Provincial Precision Flying championships
8,9 April 2000	Warmbad	Training for 14 th WPFC, Sweden
15 April 2000	Vanderbijlpark	Inter Provincial Precision Flying Championships
27-30 April 2000	Klerksdorp	EAA Airweek 2000
12-14 May 2000	Swellendam	Rally, Fly-in
12-14 May 2000	Ladybrand	Beginners Rally Training camp
19 May 2000	Cato Ridge	Training for 14 th PWFC, Sweden
20 May 2000	Cato Ridge	Inter Provincial Precision Flying Championships
7-10 June	Zimbabwe	Zim Sun Rally
15 – 18 June 2000	Bloemfontein	Presidents Trophy Air Race
29 June – 1 July 2000	Brits	S. A. Precision Flying Championships
8 July 2000	Vaaldam	Training for 14 th WPFC, Sweden
21 July – 6 August 2000	Vasteras, Sweden	14 th World Precision Flying Championships
26 August 2000	Cato Ridge	Inter Provincial Rally Flying Championships
2 September 2000	Port Elizabeth	Inter Provincial Rally Flying Championships
23 September 2000	Vanderbijlpark	Inter Provincial Rally Flying Championships
21 October 2000	Bloemfontein	Inter Provincial Rally Flying Championships
4 November 2000	Stellenbosch	Inter Provincial Rally Flying Championships
18 November 2000	Brits	Inter Provincial Rally Flying Championships
15-18 December 2000	Port Elizabeth	S.A. Rally Flying Championships
June 2001	Andalucia, Spain	2 nd World Air Games
2002	Croatia	World Precision Flying Championships

NORTH WEST PROVINCE INTER PROVINCIAL PRECISION FLYING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRITS, 25 MARCH 2000

It was a nice cool morning, overcast with the cloud base about 2000' AGL. Twelve competitors arrived at Brits, some of them from Bloemfontein and Ladybrand. As I arrived at Brits, Mauritz phoned to tell me that our C150 has got a problem (AMO induced snag) – so I had to rush over to Wonderboom by car, flew over to Brits in a C182 to make it just in time for my papers and obviously a bit stressed because I now had to participate in the C182 at a much higher nominated speed and in a heavier aeroplane.

Dale de Klerk and his team of helpers and marshals did an excellent job in the planning and setting up of this route. We had unmarked (secret) timing points, secret markers in town where it was difficult to time yourselves and find the markers, and we had one turning point behind a koppie which also made it difficult to get ones timing right. Unfortunately we discovered an error with Dale's distance calculation on one leg, which meant that the timing for two secrets had to be cancelled.

An indication of the difficulty was that four pilots missed a turning point marker in town. But seeing that we want to do well in the coming up World Championships, I feel that this is what we need.

After a well appreciated lunch break with Tannie Truia and her team doing the necessary providing us with meals, it was off to the landing contest. Conditions were good with a slight crosswind of about 5 Kts. The organizers decided that we have to do all four landings namely, 1) Powered approach, 2) Glide approach, 3) Glide approach (no flaps allowed) and 4) Powered approach with obstacle. This is a very crucial part of the contest and some competitors feel that it is weighted too heavily with regards to penalties. The bottom line is – one bad landing and you are basically out of the competition.

After a short wait and an impromptu airshow (with smoke and all) by Norman Dixie and his Cub, the final results were available.

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Through the half light, smudged with darkness
Gleamed the dial denoting height.
Hands that spoke of Course and Station
Fitfully wavered left and right.

Grim and resolute, sat the Pilot
Portraiture of concentration
Rampant on his furrowed brow
Tell-tale beads of perspiration.

Doggedly he fought the stupor
Induced by the motor's drone
Rationalized capricious signals
From his radio's faltering tone.

Like a hen that tries in vain to
Coax back home each wayward child,
To the haven of her wingspread
When they all are running wild.

So this Pilot vainly strove to
Bring back each hand to it's position
Corralling one and loosing others
Progressed to a worse condition.

Soon a chilling fear engulfed him.
Desperate now, this Aviator
Pressed the button and ejected –
From his Frasca Simulator

C R McDonald

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY AIR RACE 2000

The **PRESIDENT'S TROPHY AIR RACE 2000** will be held at Tempe 15-18 June 2000. We would like everyone interested to voice your opinion on any matter you would like to discuss. It is your race and without your help and involvement it cannot be a success. Thanks for the response received so far.

Would you please e-mail, fax or telephone your opinion through to Jan Hanekom.

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Barry de Groot with his Jabiru won the landing contest with a total of 40 penalties and Jan Hanekom did the best on the navigation / observation section with a total of 120 penalties. It was a tight finish as usual with only 82 penalties covering the top five positions.

Open Class:

Pos.	Pilot.	Penalties.
1.	Hans Schwebel	199
2.	Barry de Groot	232
3.	Adrian Pilling	236
4.	Mary de Klerk	267
5.	Jan Hanekom	281
6.	Ron Stirk	392
7.	Frank Eckard	431
8.	Mauritz du Plessis	709
9.	Walter Walle	916
10.	Norman Dixie	1808

Sportsman class:

1.	Ted McKerchar	2408
2.	Jack Onderstal	3638

A very special thanks again to Brits Flying Club for hosting this event. See you in Vanderbylpark on the 15th of April – and please bring your friends along.



Smiling faces of the first three.

SAPFA PLANNING SESSION – BRITS, 19/2/2000

As usual, all the committee members gathered on Ron's farm north of Brits for the yearly planning session.

The road to the farm was quite bad due to the floods experienced just the week before and it was unbelievable to see tree trunks resting on top of telephone poles – this must have been a frightening site to see all that water – not to mention the damage and losses the farmers in the area have experienced. Anyway, we had the full committee present and after a long day we were all satisfied that it was necessary to have this session. A number of important decisions were made and these will filter through to our members as usually.

Another fact that we all agreed on is that we need more members in order to be a stronger force in local aviation matters. With more members we will be in a much stronger position to tackle matters like fuel prices, landing fees etc.

I sincerely hope that our members will see the benefits of being SAPFA members and will also convince their friends to join us. A big thank you to Ron for providing the facilities free of charge. Jan Hanekom – Vice chairman.



A Happy Committee –
Ready to serve our Members

EASTERN PROVINCE PRECISION FLYING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 11 March 2000

During the week up to the competition day, PE had lots of rain with the last rain falling on the Friday morning as I arrived there. Saturday was one of those perfect mornings that you can only get at places like PE and we had a field of 13 competitors ready to roll at Progress airfield.

Dave Perelson's experience as a competitor showed with a very well thought out route with seven legs and an away start to complicate matters. The route distance was about 75NM. Miss the start and you can just as well go home. Most of us came back from the navex, confident that we found most of the secrets – not to be. Dave has put 3 secrets in villages and they were in positions where it was not only difficult to spot them due to the "busy" environment, but also where you would not expect them. Another problem obviously was that it was difficult to fly your time accurately at these secrets. With a total of 10 timing points (6 secrets) the results reflected your real performance and took luck out of the equation. Isn't this what Precision flying is all about – on track, on time, all the time.

By the time we were ready to do the landings, we had a wind of 20-25 Knots more or less down runway 25. Not finished with us, Dave decided that we should do 4 landings namely: 1) Power with flaps, 2) Glide with flaps, 3) Glide without flaps and 4) Obstacle landing. By the time the second group was airborne, low cloud came in and we had to do the glides from 800ft instead of the usual 1000ft.

Results:

In the navigation part of the competition, James Craven did the best with a total of 196 penalties followed by Hans Schwebel (313), Jan Hanekom (387), Russel Phillips (695), Frikkie Lubbe (1181) and A van Vuuren (1445) in the Open Class.

In the Sportsman Class we had R Hickman first (1139), followed by O Akerlund (1354), C Gerard (1602), A Taljaard (2084), D Renwick (2305), C du Plessis (2965) and J Saveur (3292).

The landing competition was won by Russel Phillips, closely followed by Jan Hanekom and Hans Schwebel with only 7 penalties between separating them. The penalties 33, 35 and 40 respectively for the four landings combined.

Overall Result – Open Class

1	H Schwebel	353
2	J Craven	383
3	J Hanekom	422
4	R Phillips	728
5	F Lubbe	1492
6	A van Vuuren	1827

Overall Result – Sportsman Class

1	R Hickman	1469
2	O Akerlund	1736
3	C Gerard	1958
4	A Taljaard	2501
5	D Renwick	3195
6	C du Plessis	3446
7	J Sauveur	3784

Trophies Awarded:

Kronenbrau Trophy

To the overall winner, won by Hans Scwhebel.

John Leggat Trophy

To the first EP Pilot, won by Russel Phillips.

SA Bottling Trophy

To the best Club, won by Hans Schwebel & Jan Hanekom on behalf of Brits Flying Club.

I would like to thank all the competitors for their participation and hope to see everyone at the forthcoming events. A big thank you to Dave Perelson and his able team of marshals without whom we could not have the event. Last but not least, thanks to Algoa Flying Club and John and Mandy English of Progress for offering their facilities. It is indeed appreciated by everyone.



Overall Winner – Hans Schwebel



THE FIRST THREE PLACES IN THE SPORTSMAN CLASS – PORT ELIZABETH.

BEGINNERS RALLY AND PRECISION TRAINING CAMP LADYBRAND 12-14 MAY 2000

The above aviation activities are on the decline. The number of pilots and navigators participating are getting less and less with the same old faces at the Nationals. We should be seeing more new faces.

Ladybrand is central and is well positioned to have a beginners training camp. The only way for this camp to be successful is for experienced pilots to attend and be part of the training team which will encourage beginners by explaining how the sport works and by flying with them.

Please support this fun weekend and bring a beginner with you or have the beginner fly his own aircraft to Ladybrand.

Accommodation:

If you want to brave the cold:

- You can bring a tent and pitch it next to your AC.
- You can sleep in a hangar.

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Ladybrand airfield is one of the few airfields you can land at and walk into town in ten minutes. There will also be transport available.

Avgas will be available in limited quantities (2000 L) on a strict cash or cheque basis. If we need more we can make a plan.

Please contact Norman Dixie at one of the following numbers as soon as possible:

Work: 09266-324 669 or 321 545

Home: 051-924 3152

Cell: 082-4134961

Fax: 051-924 2947 or 09266-310566

Have the following details ready before you phone or fax it through.

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your contact numbers
- 3) Date of arrival
- 4) Where you have booked accommodation
- 5) Liters of Avgas required
- 6) Your status- beginner or "coach"
- 7) Which section of the training would you like to do?

The options are:

- a) Precision practical
- b) Precision observation
- c) Precision landings
- d) Rally plotting
- e) Rally observation

Come on guys – let us make this fun weekend a big success.



PADDY RITCHIE

If you think the Red Baron or Douglas Bader were aces in their Heyday, you should have been at the AFC on Thursday the 23rd December 1999 to witness our 87 year old PADDY RITCHIE perform her Wing Walk act with Stu Davidson at the controls of his Stearman.

This dare devil stunt received the approval of the Aero Club of South Africa and will be entered in the Guinness Book of records as Paddy is the oldest person in the World to have ever achieved such a magnificent feat. She will certainly go down in the history books of our Club as a magnificent and daring Young Lady of the Twentieth century.

Paddy has been a staunch member of the Algoa Flying Club for many years and we trust she will be with us for many more years to come. She has sponsored an annual rally in honour of her late husband Ian Ritchie.

On landing, Paddy's comment was; "It was too short a flight, and if anybody breaks this record, I will be ready to do it again next year!" Later when she had her feet back on the ground Paddy decided to wait for her 88th birthday to break the record again properly. This time she wanted Stu to do a roll or two as she felt the first trip was too mild.

REQUEST TO MEMBERS

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