



# The Joystick

VOLUME 7

ISSUE 4

DECEMBER 2002

## Letter from the Chairman

Another year with many changes in Aviation has almost run out. We have seen that the new legislation among other things, as well as various approvals of ARO's (Aviation Recreation Organizations) are slowly but surely falling in place and taking shape.

Once again it was difficult to make peace with the constant rise of costs in aviation, mainly due to our weak currency. This unfortunately filtered down to all aspects of aviation, including insurance. A small light in the tunnel is the performance of the Rand lately and I sincerely hope that some of it will be passed on to the end users.

The 2003 Air Race at Tempe in June 2003 is in the early planning stages and we hope, that with your help, we can make it another big one as one to remember – there are already talks of more International entries.

The World Rally Flying Championships to be held here in Pilanesberg in July 2003 is around the corner and I would like to invite all our members to visit our dedicated web site at [www.wrfc2003.org](http://www.wrfc2003.org) for more information.

Myself and the rest of the committee would like to wish all our members a save and restful Christmas as well as a very prosperous 2003.

Keep you wings level.  
Jan Hanekom.



P.O. Box 1993, Halfway House, 1685  
[www.sapfa.org.za](http://www.sapfa.org.za)



# EVENTS 2003

Acsa Cup Rally Championships	Pilanesberg	20 ,21 , 22 March 2003
President's Air Race	Bloemfontein	12- 15 June
World Rally Flying Championships	Pilansberg	26 July - 3 <sup>rd</sup> August

## NEW APPOINTMENTS – INTERNATIONAL

At the last GAC meeting held in Moscow , October 2002 , which was attended by our delegate , Hans Schwebel the following appointments were made;

- 1) **Hans Schwebel** ; Sub-committee – Rally
- 2) **Thys Hermann** ; International Judge
- 3) **Tony Peters** ; International Jury
- 4) **Deon v.d. Berg**; International Jury

Congratulations to all of you and may you be good ambassadors of South Africa.

**YAESU VXA-100**

VHF COM

- Rugged
- Compact
- 760 Channel
- 50 memories
- Programmed SA Airfields
- Nav Option

**MICROAIR™ 760 VHF TRANSCEIVER**



4W, 57mm mount, 760 channels, 25 memories

**COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGIES**  
[www.aeropages.co.za/composite.html](http://www.aeropages.co.za/composite.html)    [afriair@cts.co.za](mailto:afriair@cts.co.za)  
 Tel: (011) 805-1491 Fax: (011) 805-5745

TAKE THIS ADVERT WITH TO GET YOUR DISCOUNT

## AIRCRAFT WRFC PILANSBERG 2003

We will need about 50 aircraft for the above event.

**Cessna 172 ; Xp Hawk Reims or similar; Cessna 182; will all be considered and good rates offered.**

**If you are interested , please contact Chris Booysen . You will find his telephone number at SAPFA Committee Members**

**SAPFA  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2003**

NAME	ADDRESS	TEL NO's
JAN HANEKOM Chairman <a href="mailto:jan@tilt-tech.co.za">jan@tilt-tech.co.za</a>	PO Box 869 WIERDAPARK 0149	H 012-6667344 W 012-6667342 F 012-6667343 C 083-2796572
BARRY DE GROOT Vice-Chairman <a href="mailto:spec.mould@eastcoast.co.za">spec.mould@eastcoast.co.za</a>	PO Box 2487 New Germany 3620	H 031-7622053 W 031-7016201 F 031-7016201 C 083-6594575
DICKY SWANEPOEL <a href="mailto:swanpools@cyberserv.co.za">swanpools@cyberserv.co.za</a>	PO Box 1572 VANDERBIJLPARK 1900	H 016-9871257 W 016-9813117 F 016-933049 C 083-6280527
HANS SCHWEBEL <a href="mailto:brgranhs@global.co.za">brgranhs@global.co.za</a>	PO Box 3234 BRITS 0250	H 012-2502658 W 012-2503415 F 012-2501922 C 082-6563005
RON STIRK <a href="mailto:melron@mweb.co.za">melron@mweb.co.za</a>	PO Box 2492 BRITS 0250	H 012-2502213 W 012-2523116 F 012-2524696 C 082-4450373
WALTER WALLE <a href="mailto:erichwalter@internext.co.za">erichwalter@internext.co.za</a>	PO Box 29686 DANHOF, B-FONTEIN 9300	H 051-4442479 W 051-4324322 F 051-4324582 C 082-8015000
DEON van den BERG <a href="mailto:neod@cybertrade.co.za">neod@cybertrade.co.za</a>	PO Box 1670 BRITS 2520	H 012-2525602 W 012-2521498 F 012-2524714 C 082-7718504
CHRIS BOOYSEN Treasurer <a href="mailto:chris.booyesen@za.pwcglobal.com">chris.booyesen@za.pwcglobal.com</a>	PO Box 27013 GREENACRES 6057	H 041-5813040 W 041-3914400 C 082-4427667
DAVE PERELSON <a href="mailto:jdi@iafrica.com">jdi@iafrica.com</a>	PO Box 12071 MOFFAT PLACE 6002	H 041-3745065 W 041-5852135 F 041-5862780 C 082-7722961
DICK CHURLEY <a href="mailto:dickchur@netactive.co.za">dickchur@netactive.co.za</a>	P.O. Box 379 Simonstown 7995	W 021 4485666 H 0217861072 F 021 7861072 C0832705365
JACK ONDERSTALL <a href="mailto:jmo@iafrica.com">jmo@iafrica.com</a>		W 051 4475204 F 051 4472521 C 082 7705505

**AGM 2002 BRITS NOVEMBER**

The AGM is now a thing of the past and I must say was poorly attended by the members of SAPFA, only the regulars were there. The only thing I can make out of this is that the members are totally satisfied with everything in SAPFA and aviation.

A minute of silence was held to honour our friend , Don Macintyre, who sadly passed away after illness.

Two new committee members were elected and we would like to congratulate Dick Churley from Cape Town and Jack Onderstall from Bloemfontein . Welcome to the committee .

Stan Oliver also attended the meeting ,filling us in on Aeroclub matters and explaining the reasons for pulling out of the Aviation Awareness campaign , which led to a lengthy discussion.

Samantha Rorich was co-opted to fill the post as Secretary . Her contact details will be the same as for Barry de Groot .

The new committee then had their first meeting which was dominated by the upcoming World Rally Flying Championships to be held at Pilanesberg Airport in July 2003. I am pleased to report that all seems to be going as planned .

The 2003 Presidents Air Race was discussed and officials appointed to handle this important event.

## A TRIBUTE TO FRANCOIS DE KLERK

I ASKED DALE TO WRITE A SMALL HISTORY ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S LIFE IN AVIATION AND I PUBLISH THIS IN HIS OWN WORDS.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OFFER OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO DALE, FRANCOIS WIFE AND SON AND THEIR ELDERLY PARENTS.

### Francois de Klerk

## His love for life & aviation

I don't remember the exact date but it must have been around 1966 or 67 when I was introduced to aviation by Francois and my dad. They had been building and flying radio-controlled models for a while now. Not so successfully, I might add. Due to the unreliability of the equipment in those days, a model aircraft didn't last very long. It either crashed or flew away. I remember chasing one of Francois's aircraft for about three kilometers that then ended up landing in a drive-in movie theater.

In 1971 Francois went of to do his military training at Airforce base Ysterplaat in Cape Town. He came back a year later, not only a man. But an expert R/C pilot. This was due to the teachings of a friend, "Dieter Rabeling" that he met in Cape Town.

Shortly after his return, Francois came home one evening with an advert out of a "SCOPE MAGAZINE". It read, "Build you own hang glider for R40: 00" and contained a line drawing of something resembling a kite with a man hanging underneath. Well, within a few days construction started. It was built out of 50mm-aluminum tubing and 4mm steel cable bracing. The covering material was a black plastic similar to the garbage disposal bags we use today. This material was stuck onto the frame using 50mm wide sticky tape. After many bumps and bruises, running up and down mine dumps, we actually got it to fly. As materials and technology improved, Francois again became an expert hang glider pilot. He was a many times South African champion and competed in the world championships on two occasions. He was also the first person to attain Springbok colours in hang gliding.

Francois was also instrumental in pioneering the powered hang glider, "Microlight aircraft", as we know them today. The only difference was that in those days the undercarriage was your feet. And the only reason he ran fast enough to get airborne was the fact that the prop was only about half a meter behind his arse.

In 1978 we started gliding. We bought our first glider together and did the necessary repairs to it whilst learning to fly. Francois attained second place in his very first South



African championships. He was also awarded a very prestigious trophy of the most improved pilot of the year. Over the next few years he again became a glider pilot of note. Francois was chosen to represent South Africa in the world championships in 2000. Unfortunately he was unable to partake due to work pressure. He was also elected as a team manager for the South African team but I don't remember the year. When he finally got the chance to compete in the world championships held in South Africa in 2001, his glider was damaged due to an event beyond his control, which prevented him from completing that competition.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2002 Francois would attempt to break a world record. In doing so he had to load his glider with as much ballast as possible, also the weather conditions were very unstable. This is indicative of perfect gliding weather. Tragedy struck when Francois released from the tug and went into a spin. He was at low altitude and could not recover.

Francois told me once about twenty years ago that if he had a choice of how he would die, it would be doing what he loved most in life. Flying his glider.

Have a good flight "Fox one"

Cheers Francois

**Your brother, Dale**





**Southern Africa's Premier  
Aviation Portal Site**



This site provides aviators tools required to fly an aircraft and related technical data. It enables the community an opportunity to express ideas, opinions and ask questions on the forum, while providing you the opportunity to transact on aviation goods and services in our uniquely designed marketplace.



## Rustenburg Xmas rally

The request came from the Rustenburg flying club to host a fun rally in conjunction with their Xmas party.

Deon v d Berg and Jan Hanekom did the route planning on the actual competition map of the 2003 World Rally Flying Champs. Jan did all the flying in order to check the route and take the photographs.

We had three open and eight sportsman class entries. It was good to see so many new interested parties and we hope to see them again at future rally's.

The route was +/- 100 nautical miles long. It took us north from Rustenburg almost up to Sun City, then west behind the mountain range, down south over the Olifantsnek-dam and east back to Rustenburg. We had seven checkpoint photos and fourteen en-route photos.

All the sportsmen did their own route planning, some with assistance and some without. They all managed to fly the correct route. The Air observer G P S logger again proved to be worth its weight in gold, as we didn't have one marshal outside of the airfield.

Thys Hermann and his team again did a sterling job with all the other aspects of marshalling. Especially since the computer didn't want to play the game. The final results were as follows:

### Open class.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nigel Hopkins	Dale de
Klerk		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hans Schwebel	Ron
Stirk		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ernie Alexander	Neil Hatting

### Sportsman class.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin Spencer-Scarr	Chris Spencer-
Scarr		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deneys Leh	Rienie Leh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Karin du Bruin	Jan du
Bruin		

Congratulations to all and a big thank you to everyone involved.

Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all at the next rally



## Pilot Shop

Main Terminal Building,  
Lanseria Airport  
Tel: (011) 701-3209  
Fax: (011) 701-3208

**Largest supplier of  
Pilot accessories in Africa**

- Avionics & Headsets
- WAC/ONC/IFR charts/maps
- Pilot shirts/epaulettes/trousers
- Watches/sunglasses
- Books/magazines
- Leatherman tools
- And Much More.....
- Authorised dealer of Jeppesen and David Clark products.
- Authorised retailer of Yaesu, Lightspeed, Pilot Communications, Microair, Aeroflex, Icom, Garmin, Flightcom and Avcomm products.

Now also  
at Grand  
Central Airport  
Main Terminal  
Building  
(011) 315-0197

Mail Orders welcome!  
**24 hour on line shop at**  
[www.wingsnthings.co.za](http://www.wingsnthings.co.za)  
email: [wingsn@iafrica.com](mailto:wingsn@iafrica.com)





**GESEENDE KERSFEES**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**VAN ONS ALMAL AAN  
JULLE ALMAL**

**FROM AS ALL TO YOU ALL**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**VOORSPOEDIGE NUWE JAAR**

**MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE A TAILWIND  
AND NO TURBULENCE ON YOUR FLIGHT  
THROUGH LIFE AND MAY YOUR  
LANDINGS BE SMOOTH.**

