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Letter from the Chairman

Another year went by in a flash and I am sure that all of us still have a lot to do before the end of the year. Something to look forward to next year is the President's Trophy Air Race to be held at Pietersburg, the first time it will be held there.

On the 1st of November we have attended the yearly Aero Club Awards dinner. As usual this was a grand affair with good food and good company. SAPFA members walked away with a number of prestigious awards. One of them the SA Eagle award that went to our own World Champions in Rally Flying, pilot Nigel Hopkins with navigator Dale de Klerk and pilot Adrian Pilling with navigator Renier Moolman. A number of Rally pilots and navigators also received their Protea colours for the first time.

After being on the committee for many years, I have decided to take a break. I would like to congratulate Chris Booysen for being elected as the new Chairman. I am sure that he will do his best for SAPFA and our members. Congratulations also to the newly elected committee members for 2004.

We are now approaching the time of the year where many of us will fly away to holiday destinations. Please be careful and watch those Charlie Bravos. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a wonderful time with your family and a prosperous 2004.

Keep you wings level.
Jan Hanekom.

JAN HAS NOW RETIRED AS CHAIRMAN OF SAPFA . THANK YOU JAN FOR THE EFFORT YOU PUT INTO THIS JOB , WE KNOW IT TOOK YOU AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY MANY TIMES , BUT WE ASSURE YOU WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR WORK. ENJOY YOUR WELL-DESERVED REST. GROETE EN DANKIE VAN ONS ALMAL .



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SAPFA EVENTS 2004

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
BOSBRAAD	JAN / FEB	TO BE ANNOUNCED
RALLY AND PRECISION INTERPROVINCIALS	FEB / MARCH	TO BE ANNOUNCED
RALLY AND PRECISION NATIONALS	MARCH	TO BE ANNOUNCED
PRESIDENTS TROPHY AIR RACE	10 – 13 JUNE 2003	PIETERSBURG CIVIL
16TH WORLD PRECISION CHAMPS 14TH WORLD RALLY CHAMPS	10 – 25 JULIE 2003	DENMARK

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SAPFA AGM

07/11/2003

The AGM was held in the club-House of the Bloemfontein Gliding Club and we would like to thank them for their hospitality .

As usual the meeting was poorly attended with a lot of proxies .

Chairman , Jan Hanekom , presented his report and thanked the outgoing committee (see complete report elsewhere) and our Treasurer also presented his report. Everybody was pleased that the World Rally Championships did not end in a financial loss for SAPFA.

Three members were not available for re-election, they were: Jan Hanekom, Dave Perelson and Deon van den Berg . Thank you for years of hard work.

The three vacancies were filled by the Glen Myburgh, Robin Spencer-Scarr and Frank Eckard. We would like to congratulate them on their election and wish them all of the best.

Chris Booysen and Ron Stirk were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively by the committee. Thank you for accepting this great responsibility.

SOUTH AFRICAN POWER FLYING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The year 2003 was sincerely a bumper year for SAPFA. Not only did we have the 2003 National Rally Flying Championship, but also a very successful President's Trophy Air Race. To top it all we have also hosted the 13th World Rally Flying Championships

The 2003 National Rally Flying Championships were held at Rustenburg and although fairly low in entry numbers, the competition was of a very high standard. Pilot Adrian Pilling and navigator Renier Moolman were crowned as the National Champions. This event also served as a selection Nationals for the Protea team to represent South Africa at the 13th World Rally Flying Championships. Eventually

The President's Trophy Air Race was definitely a highlight and one to remember as it has attracted 70 entries, the largest number of entries in many years. I would like to thank all our sponsors as well as everyone else who helped making it the success it was.

SAPFA had the opportunity to host the very prestigious 13th World Rally Flying Championships, at Pilanesberg and Rustenburg late in July. SAPFA entered eight teams to compete against the best of 13 other countries. A total of 51 teams eventually competed for the medals. A total of about 680 hours was flown during the practice and the competition week. Pilot Nigel Hopkins and navigator Dale de Klerk acquitted themselves very well by achieving 1st overall and thereby winning Gold. It is worthwhile to mention is that they have done this with a total of about 50% of the penalties of the second place team. To top it all, in the team awards, where the two top teams of each county gets counted, the teams Hopkins / de Klerk and Pilling / Moolman were also awarded Gold.

SAPFA members have also received various awards at the yearly Aero Club awards dinner. The Rally teams, Hopkins/de Klerk and Pilling/Moolman has received the SA Eagle trophy. Chris Booysen, Deon van den Berg and Jan Hanekom have received Aero Club Gold wing awards.

Our Youth Development program, run by Dale de Klerk is also growing with the help of the combined effort by all the Aero Club sections and Siyandiza. A very successful flying day was held at Brits where a group of 25 candidates were actually evaluated by flying with them and where all of them had a chance to take the controls of the aircraft. In the near future, some of these candidates will embark on what will hopefully be a flying career, due to SAPFA funding their Ground School courses and /or PPL training. We want to encourage new and younger pilots of all races to participate in competitive flying, where one gets the chance to hone your basic flying skills.

Despite the economic climate that has affected the entire aviation industry, and the lack of official funding, SAPFA has been able to maintain a positive financial position.

Membership numbers while not what is hoped for have grown slightly for the year. Hopefully the Aero Club's membership drive will have a positive effect here as well.

I would like to thank the SAPFA committee and all the members for their support and hard work during the last year. I would also like to thank the Aero Club for their support during the last year. I strongly believe that SAPFA will grow in the years to come in order to provide a forum for all general aviation pilots.

**Jan Hanekom.
Chairman**

AEROCLUB AWARDS DINNER



NATIONAL COLOURS ;FRONT;R.SPENCER-SCARR,FRANK ECKARDT,RENIER MOOLMAN,BARRY DE GROOT,RON STIRK, WENDY BARTER,NIGEL HOPKINS,ERNIE ALEXANDER,WALTER WALLE.
BACK ; PAUL BARTER,C.SPENCER-SCARR,ADRIAN PILLING,STAN OLIVER(AEROCLUB)
DALE DE KLERK



PILOT OF THE YEAR : CHAUKIE STOBART



GOLDEN WINGS AWARDS

JAN HANEKOM ; CHRIS BOOYSEN AND DEON VAN DEN BERG



WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONS ; S.A. EAGLE TROPHY

PAUL BARTER(TEAM MANAGER)/NIGEL HOPKINS AND DALE DE KLERK (FIRST PLACE) RENIER MOOLMAN AND ADRIAN PILLING (TENTH PLACE)

BRITS FLY-INN ;1 NOVEMBER 2003



FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION (GAC)

MEETING HELD IN LUXEMBOURG FROM 24 - 26 OCTOBER 2003.

PRESENT FROM SA:

HANS SCHWEBEL - DELIGATE,
JAN HANEKOM - ALTERNATE DELIGATE,
BRENDA AND DEON VAN DER BERG – SUPPORTERS

1. We arrived at Luxembourg on the afternoon of 23 October 2003, where we met all the delegates from around the World. After dinner, the Polish delegate Mr. Andrzej Osowski, Jan and myself had a discussion with regard to changing the rules and regulations about Rally Flying and, we decided to present our proposal to the Rally Flying sub-committee.
2. On Friday, 24 October:
The Subcommittees' of Rally Flying as well as Precision Flying, gathered separately to have their meetings and as a member of the Rally Flying Sub-committee, Jan, and myself attended that meeting. After roll call, by Dieter Stephan, Jan Hanekom gave his report on the 13th WRFC held at Rustenburg 2003, a few discussions followed and his report was accepted by the Rally flying Subcommittee.
3. Dieter Stephan, as President of Jury, at the WRFC gave his report on the negative aspects with regard to SA WRFC, he commented that the routes were as specified by the rules and regulations but he felt the degree of difficulty of the routes and clue sheets were to high.
4. Andrzej Osowski, as International Chief Judge, gave his report and he was very positive, congratulating South Africa for an excellent and well-run World Championship.
5. The draft for the 2004 Rally and Precision Flying Championships in Denmark was discussed and accepted to be approved during the plenary meeting.
6. After lengthy discussions, the rules with regard to Rally flying were slightly changed and unfortunately the rule of plotting points was taken away.
7. Hans Gutmann, from Austria gave his report on the proposed Long Distance Tourist Flying Championships 2006, from 14th East: Vienna - Cape Town – Vienna, from the 14th July 2006 – 2nd September 2006. More information with regard to this will be following soon.

8. The South African landing system, developed by Jan Hanekom, was officially approved for Rally Flying.
9. In the afternoon:
The Rally - and Precision flying Sub-committees held a joint meeting where the discussion was focused on the draft of the World Championships in Precision and Rally flying in 2004 in Denmark.
-Proposals of final Jury/Judge – list 2003
-Proposals for standardized amendments of organizational rules 2004
10. Saturday, 25 October and Sunday 26 October 2003:
After roll call, of 26 delegates, from 26 Countries, Pierre Portmann opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting in Moscow was approved and the FAI secretary general, Max Bishop gave his report.
11. Afterwards, Pierre Portmann, President of GAC, gave his annual report. In his report he thanked South Africa for a good and wonderful WRFC and congratulated the organizers for a well organized Championship.
12. The contract for the WRFC and the WPFC 2004 was accepted and signed. The Championships will be from 10th July – 25th July 2004, in Herning, Denmark.
13. For the next WRFC and WPFC 2006, two bids were received from France and Austria.
14. After the Subcommittee reports by Heinrich Schawalder(Precision flying) and Dieter Stephan(Rally flying) the new committee was elected as follows:

Pierre Portmann – President

Heinrich Schawalder – Vice President and Secretary

Henry Lindholm – Vice President and Treasurer

Jean-Francois Schwartz – Chairman Subcommittee Precision flying

Andrzej Osowski – Chairman Subcommittee Rally flying

Hans Schwebel – Member of Subcommittee Rally flying

The meeting ended 11:00 on the Sunday morning, 26 October 2003, and we all had a safe journey back to South Africa.

Hans Schwebel
SA delegate

**FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF SAPFA ,
FOR MANY YEARS ALSO THE TREASURER , STEERING OUR
FINANCIAL BOAT THROUGH VERY TROUBLED WATERS . WE WISH
HIM THE BEST IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT POSITION AND AS WE
KNOW HIM WE CAN EXPECT ONLY 100 % FROM ; BAIE GELUK
CHRIS**

As incoming chairman of SAPFA I have a hard act to follow. Jan Hanekom has done an excellent job as chairman as well as the chief organiser of the World Rally Flying Championships 2003. I am hoping that the 2003/4 year will be a bit less frantic for the committee. We will still have to ensure that the annual events are organised and will have to represent General Aviation (GA) pilots whenever the need arises.

The Presidents Trophy Air Race will still be the major event for the majority of the members of SAPFA. I am sure that you are all aware by now that it will be held in Pietersburg this year. I am sure it will be the great success that it always is. From a world championship point of view the world rally and precision championships are being combined this year and will be held in Denmark in July. This will mean that we must hold National precision and rally events early in 2004.

The old adage "Everyone's business is no one's business" applies a great deal to GA in South Africa. As we are all aware GA is under attack from a cost and regulation point of view. For this reason there must be a strong representative body to fight for the rights of GA. This body must be SAPFA through Aero Club. Obviously the people receiving the Joystick are members of SAPFA and I am preaching to the converted. We must, however get the message out to all GA pilots - if you are not a member of SAPFA/Aero Club then do not complain about the problems you are experiencing. Aero Club is fighting for our rights and getting somewhere. As simple example occurred a few days ago where CAA informed licensed airfield operators that they must have their airfields position surveyed to conform to the WGS84 Datum. This would have to be done by a professional land surveyor at a cost of tens of thousands of Rand. The Uitenhage airfield is run by a non profit organisation and can not afford this sort of cost. A committee member of the organisation running the airfield is a SAPFA member and phoned Neil de Lange at Aero Club. Within hours CAA had agreed that the WGS84 position of the airfield could be determined by other means at an insignificant cost. If this had not happened these wasted costs would have been passed on to GA pilots by means of landing fees. Proof that membership of SAPFA/Aero Club does have benefit for the GA pilot. But "Everyone's business is no one's business" and a large number of GA pilots will not join up and you, the members, will bear the cost on their behalf.

Safe flying
Chris Booysen