



BAFSA UPDATE October 2019

1. Aero Club Awards 2019

Please join us in celebrating the recreational flying achievements of the past year

*The Aero Club of South Africa
Awards Ceremony*



Date	Saturday 16 November 2019
Time	Arrival from 13h00 Lunch formalities from 13h30
Location	Dakota Lodge Hangar, Rand Airport, Johannesburg
Dress code	Jacket and tie (Black tie optional)
Cost	R 380.00 per person
RSVP	Please book your seats before 2nd November '19 sandra@aeroclub.org.za or (011) 082-1100



2. South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2020

Dates as follows:

12/07/20 – 17/07/20

The event will once again be known as the Afrox South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2019, thanks to the great support and sponsorship package which has already been secured from Afrox.

We really hope to have a bumper event in 2020, the centenary year of our Aero Club.

Our thanks and appreciation to Sarah Bauling for arranging the Afrox sponsorship.

3. **Aero Club Centenary 2020**



Aero Club Centenary Balloon – As previously communicated, BAFSA along with part sponsorship from the Aero Club, will be undertaking the repainting of ZS-HOI (Capital Radio) complete with the Aero Club Centenary Logo.

The balloon is intended to be flown either free flight or tethered at numerous Aero Club section events during 2020. In addition, the balloon will be used as a training balloon for our current and future PDI trainee pilots.

The Centenary Balloon will initially comprise of only the envelope, cylinders and fan and will make use of the Pioneer Balloon Club basket and burner, other suitable bottom ends will also be registered as usable.

We will be looking to attract additional sponsorship/branding on the envelope. The thought being to incorporate company/brand logos on the nomex panels at R5 000.00 per panel (currently we have secured 2 offers).

The Aero Club Calendar of Events can be viewed on:

<http://www.aeroclub.org.za/a-events/>

4. **Terry Adams Trophy Award**

This trophy has been refurbished to its former self and was awarded to Sarah Bauling at a lunch function held on 05/10/19. The trophy is awarded for outstanding contributions to the sport of hot air ballooning in South Africa and has only been awarded on 4 previous occasions.

5. **SACCA ARO Workshop**

A 4-day workshop was recently arranged by the CAA to gather insight from the various ARO's as to their concerns, issues and the like with the current status quo and regulations.

Hanke Fourie and Richard Bovell attended the workshop which was subject to lively and robust debate among the attendees. The CAA certainly has an improved idea of what recreational aviation is all about and what we would like to see and have as the regulatory framework. It remains to be seen how the CAA will progress this issue but I have little faith that we will see anything change in the short term.

6. **BAFSA ARO Renewal**

As all pilots know, you are required to belong to BAFSA, the approved CAA ARO. Our Manual of Procedures which was approved on 20/11/18 expires on 30/11/19.

The existing manual has been reviewed in conjunction with the CAA and will be submitted in the coming 10 days to the CAA for acceptance and approval.

7. **BAFSA Committee Meeting**

The final Committee Meeting for 2019 will be held 09/11/19 at 14:00 at the offices of Bovell Ross Project Management. Should any member wish to participate, please contact Richard Bovell on 082 465 9514.

BAFSA COMMITTEE

