



BAFSA UPDATE August 2020

1. Covid-19

No doubt we are all delighted to be able to resume ballooning activities albeit with limited restrictions and adherence to Covid-19 protocols!

We are aware of several flights, both commercial and recreational, that have already taken place and wish all pilots and operators a safe and enjoyable return to ballooning after 5 months of "rations".

2. Centenary Balloon Launch

The rescheduled official launch function for the Aero Club Centenary Balloon will now take place on:

10th October 2020
Bill Harrop's Original Balloon Safari's

A "Save the Date" notification has been distributed with the official invitation to follow.



3. Battlefields Balloon Fiesta 2020

This inaugural event will take place from 24/09/20 – 27/09/20 in Dundee KZN.

Alan Turner has been arranging accommodation options and gas purchases from Afrox.

All interested attendees with or without balloons are please to advise Alan or Richard so we can determine numbers.

Attendees are please to make their own accommodation reservations at the Battlefield Lodge (noting Balloon Fiesta). Options are as follows:

Room Rates/Night

- Budget R600.00
- Standard R700.00
- Idube R850.00
- D'View R850.00 (Self Catering)

Reservations can be made on reservations1@battlefieldslodge.co.za

A 50% deposit is required and bank details are available on the website or as below:

- Name : Battlefields Country Lodge
- Bank : FNB Dundee
- Branch : 270 224
- Account # : 620 204 759 44
- Ref : BAFSA & your Name

The Lodge will have various meal options available at its restaurants and will make special breakfast arrangements for the ballooning group.

We are also investigating a Battlefields Tour, so need to know numbers and interested parties.

Looking forward to getting as many attendees as possible.

4. **Grand Est Mondial Balloon 2021 : France (GEMAB 21)**



This major European Ballooning Fiesta is due to take place in late July 2021.

Entries are already open and the event website can be accessed at:

<https://www.pilat-de-rozier.com/lmab/>

Several South African pilots have attended over the past years and will hopefully continue to do so.

For details please contact Richard Bovell, the Event Ambassador for Africa.

5. **Aero Club Centenary Book**

The Aero Club will be publishing a coffee table book on all forms of recreational aviation soon. Ballooning in South Africa features prominently in the book so please make sure to get your copy, which will hopefully be available to coincide with the Centenary Balloon launch on 10/10/20.

6. **Aero Club/CAA Interaction**

Interaction and liaison between the 2 organisations have improved in the recent past, with a renewed level of interaction and discussions. A recent success for our commercial pilots is the acceptance by CAA Carcom on the issue of Class 2 medicals. Expect to see a Communique from Aero Club soon.

Be safe, keep well.

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2020

