



BAFSA UPDATE January/February 2022

Membership Status

Annual membership of the Aero Club and BAFSA are due on 1st January each year.

Our thanks to the 33 pilots who have renewed their memberships, to date.

We remind those who have as yet not renewed their membership that their licences are not fully compliant.

Notices have been sent to certain individuals requesting them to renew and operating entities will be requested to ensure that all their pilots are members of good standing.

Renewal notices have been distributed by AeCSA or access to the Blue Box Platform can be accessed via the AeCSA website on www.aeroclub.org.za

Pilot Training

Following Sema's fantastic wings celebration in December 2021, our other 2 candidate pilots, Harold and Bongo, have undertaken several training flights. They still have certain exams to complete, radio licence requirements, prior to finalising their flight training. We look forward to "check out" flights in the not to distant future.

Aero Club AGM

Notices of this virtual meeting on 15th March 2022 at 18:00 have been distributed to all members. Please make the effort to "log in".

<https://mailchi.mp/0636d58811dc/aero-club-year-end-message-15320908?e=d6c8042ce4>



Aero Club Air Week

This event will once again be held in Middleburg Mpumalanga from 22 – 24 April 2022. Like last year we would like to have a good turnout of BAFSA members to join all the other sections of Aero Club at this annual fun flying event. Please contact Richard on 082 465 9514 if interested.



South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022

Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris, under the guidance of Dale de Klerk and Tracy Robb, have kindly offered to host the event once again. Thank you BHOBS!

Dates to Diarise: 12 – 16 June 2022

Details to follow.

24th World Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022

Our selected pilot representatives, Marc Nuthall and Andries Steyn, have been officially registered and their event planning is underway.



Details of the event can be accessed on:

<http://www.hotairballoons2022.com>

Sasol Balloon ZS-HPP

This balloon was donated by Drifters Balloon Club to BAFSA. Thanks to Kevin Watson from Oudshoorn who donated several components.

The required maintenance, in order to obtain its ATF from CAA, is well underway. However, the logbooks are missing!! Could any pilot shed light on these!!

Please contact Felicity on 083 656 3824



General News

- BAFSA will be donating a copy of the Aero Club Centenary Book to the British Balloon and Airship Museum Library that is run by our old friend Celia Kunert. Our contribution to keeping international relations going!

100 Years of Recreational Aviation in South Africa

Now available
www.aeroclub.org.za/shop/

Pricing:

- Novalite (Leather) Book	R 500
- Hard Cover Book	R 400
- Soft Cover Book	R 300

1920-2020 Centenary Yearbook

This book will bring the history of flight alive, telling the stories of early aviation pioneers, ingenious designs, adventures and spirit of recreational flight in South Africa up to the present. It will also cover contemporary activities within each of the 13 recreational aviation disciplines as well as personalities in their various fields who have made their mark.

- Norah Ormerod who some (few) will recall for the late 70's/early 80's, is currently visiting South Africa from USA.

Norah was a founding member of the Pioneer Balloon Club and BAFSA. Tracy Robb has taken her on a flight at BHOBS.

- Rumour has it that we could be expecting a visit from a champagne bottle in the coming months.....watch this space!

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2022

