



## NEWSLETTER OF THE BALLOON AND AIRSHIP FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

### BAFSA UPDATE February 2021

#### Membership

Our membership now stands at 37. Thanks to those who have renewed their membership and a reminder to those who are still to do so – it is a condition for holding a valid pilots licence.

#### Radio Licence Renewal

No doubt most pilots have had issues with this, attached please see an extract from African Pilot that should be of assistance:



Just a friendly reminder that payment for ICASA aircraft radio station licenses that are expiring this year are due by the end of March 2020. Please note that ICASA have a new system for new applications and renewals of the ICASA licences as per the details below.

ICASA are on a new system and the requirement is for you to register online. Once you have created your profile please send Jacqueline Le Roux ([JLeRoux@icasa.org.za](mailto:JLeRoux@icasa.org.za)) the application number you received from the system for the process to be verified. Once process is completed and approved, licenses will be emailed to you and are no longer posted. Please note that the online system can only be used on Google Chrome. In order to renew, you will need to register as a user on the system at the URL: <https://online.icasa.org.za/>

- You will then receive an e-mail with a link that you need to click to 'activate' your registration
- Go to the 'manage licences' page and click on 'amend legacy radio frequency licence'
- Complete 'existing' license number
- Complete dates from which you require the license start date is always 01 March to the date you require as 31 March
- Upload copy of existing license as well as proof of payment
- Submit

#### Current Pricing

- 1 year R159 expires 31 March 2022
- 2 years R304 expires 31 March 2023
- 3 years R436 expires 31 March 2024
- 4 years R555 expires 31 March 2025
- 5 years R663 expires 31 March 2026

#### ICASA Banking details:

NEDBANK Corporate account # 1462 002 927 Branch: 1462 45 00

Should you have any questions, please contact ICASA directly.

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## Flying Events

- **South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2021**

The dates have been set as 15/06/21 – 20/06/21. Details are being finalised and will be distributed shortly.

The arrangements for and the holding of this years SA Hot Air Balloon Championships will be dependent on securing sponsorship, sufficient entrants 8 -10 and volunteer officials for target teams, etc. Please volunteer your services and get involved.

The selection of our representatives for the 2022 World Hot Air Balloon Championships will be determined at this years event.

- **Aero Club Air Week**

This will take place from 23/04/21 – 27/04/21 in Middleburg Mpumalanga.

Be part of this aviation event for aviators and join the other sections of Aero Club for this long weekend of aviation fun.

Please contact Richard Bovell for arrangements.



- **Battlefields Dundee KZN**

Several balloonists flew from the Battlefields resort in September last year and are looking at joining this larger event of aviators.

A flyer for 'BATTLEFIELDS DUNDEE KZN CELEBRATING OUR 21st FLY-IN 7-9 MAY 2021'. The flyer is blue and white with images of various aircraft. It lists activities for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Friday includes Chinese Braai @ R150, 'AltaBattlefields Aero', and game spotting. Saturday includes game spotting, leisure flying, and 'Snoobok' initiation. Sunday includes leisure flying OR Stay! It also lists 'FLY-IN ACCOMMODATION SPECIALS' (rates per room) for Budget @ R600, Standard R700, Idrube @ R850, D'View @ R950, and Camping @ R100 pp. Breakfast at C&amp;B Tagari - R130. It provides 'COORDINATES: 28.0756 S - 30.1223 E ELEVATION +4040 ft 1000m runway 11/29 ZA-0066'. 'BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Battlefields Country Lodge &amp; Sports Resort 034 218 1641 or 079 496 5286 reservations1@battlefieldslodge.co.za'. At the bottom, it says 'No Landing fee - No Entrance fee'.



## Meetings/Conferences

- **Annual General Meeting : 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Please diarise this important event and contribute to your Federation, whether you are a sport or commercial pilot.

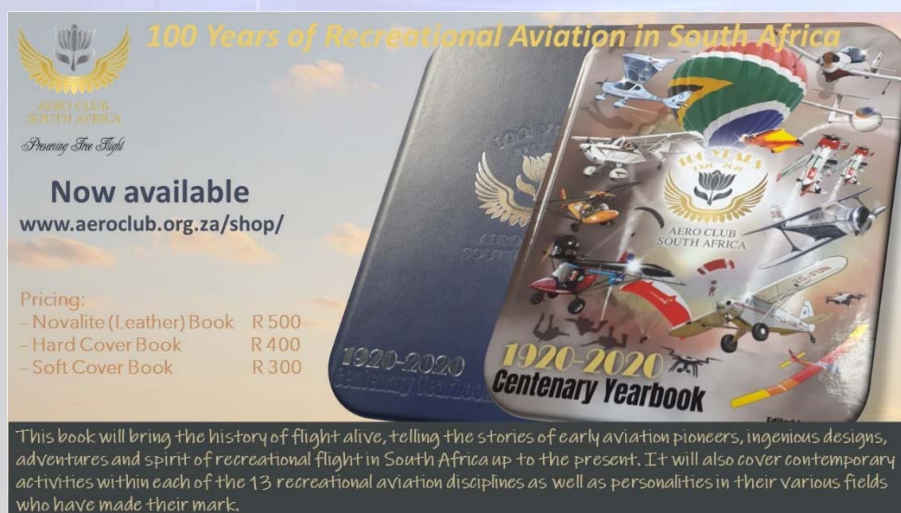
Participation will be via live and electronic platforms.

Formal notices will be distributed in the coming weeks.

- **CIA Conference**

This year the entire conference will be conducted via electronic platforms enabling us to participate at no cost. The main plenary session occurs on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## Aero Club Centenary Book



**100 Years of Recreational Aviation in South Africa**

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The Aero Club on-line shop can be accessed at <https://www.aeroclub.org.za/shop/>

Be safe, keep well and Covid free.

**BAFSA COMMITTEE 2021**



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