



NEWSLETTER OF THE BALLOON AND AIRSHIP FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

BAFSA UPDATE
April 2021



BAFSA was well represented and received at this years event held last weekend in Middleburg.

7 Pilots and crew attended and 3 flights took place.

Thanks to all who made the effort to join in, especially those who travelled from far.

41st South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2021

- Dates** : 16 – 20 June 2021
- Venue** : Bill Harrop's Original Balloon Safaris
- Entry Fee** : R3 500.00
- Entry Forms** : Will be mailed to all BAFSA members and will be available on the Event website:

www.hotairballoons2021.co.za

The Organising Committee is still working on obtaining event sponsorship, however, if unsuccessful, the event will still proceed.

We will be requiring a minimum of 6 participating pilots, so please get your entries submitted and equipment ready by the entry cut off date of 20 May 2021.

The 2 pilots to represent South Africa at next years World Championship will be selected from this event.

**Loggers in Airsports
Case Study of the CIA Balloon Live App**

For those interested in technology, the Ballooning Commission (CIA) of the FAI has recently developed a new balloon logger and live tracking system that will be utilised at all future Category 1 events.

Below is a link to a recent webinar:

[Recording on Youtube](#)

Annual General Meeting : 10 April 2021

A successful meeting was held with increased attendance and our thanks to all who attended (live or online) this year's meeting.

The first meeting of the elected committee is scheduled for 8 May 2021. Contact committee members for details

Sasol Balloon

Drifters Balloon Club (non-operational) have kindly agreed to donate this balloon to BAFSA, in an effort to consolidate equipment under one "banner" for the non-commercial use of all BAFSA members.

BAFSA will arrange transfer of ownership and Authority to Fly requirements.

Our thanks to Drifters Balloon Club.



GMAB 21 : France 2021

Given that Covid gives us a travel break, several pilots are planning to attend this event in late July 2021. For further details see below:



Aero Club Centenary Book

Copies of this fantastic publication are still available.

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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.

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Be safe, keep well and Covid free.

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2021

