



BAFSA UPDATE August/September 2021

WORLD Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022

This event is scheduled for 16 – 23 September 2022 in Slovenia. Following the South African Hot Air Balloon Championships held in June 2021, our selected representative pilots are:

- **Marc Nuthall**
- **Andries Steyn**

with Zach Muller as first reserve.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the selected pilots with their event planning.

Donation to BAFSA

BAFSA recently received an email from Kevin Watson, in Oudshoorn.....

It turns out that Kevin emigrated to South Africa from the UK some 17 years ago and brought his balloon (AX 5:56) with him, hoping to continue flying here.

Richard Bovell recently visited Kevin in Oudshoorn to discover more. Kevin is an ex Royal Airforce helicopter pilot and started ballooning to pilot the Royal Airforce Balloon. He has flown in several countries and gained numerous hours and like all balloonists has several good ballooning stories to tell.

His balloon envelope (an old Air Tour 56) was never registered in South Africa and is completely unserviceable. He has however offered to donate the bottom end, a fan, instruments and other accessories to BAFSA.



Felecity Clegg has offered to collect the kit from Kevin on an upcoming jaunt to the Southern Cape.

The intention is to combine this with the Sasol balloon and make this available to members for hire.

Out thanks to Kevin for his generous donation to South African Ballooning.

Aviation Recreation Organisation (ARO) Audit

BAFSA recently underwent an ad hoc audit which was successfully completed, with no findings. Our current ARO certification expires on 30th November 2021.

Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris

Several of you would have noticed from social media, that BHOBS has recommenced operations following the tragic passing of both Bill and Mary Harrop.

New management is in place and operations are continuing from the Skeerpoort base as before.

Great to have BHOBS back in the sky and continuing the Harrop's legend. Good luck to all those involved.

Events

Covid continues to cause havoc with numerous aviation events, with the latest event to be cancelled being the World Rally Flying Championships, planned to take place in Stellenbosch in November 2021. BAFSA was to be in attendance promoting the Aero Club with the Centenary Balloon.

We intend to participate at the annual EAA, Fun in the Sun event at Brits airfield in early November 2021. Details to follow.

Pilot Training

The 3 Gauteng based candidate pilots that are receiving training under the Department of Sport and Recreation Grant Scheme, have all had several flights as of late. We hope to have a check-out flight soon!!

Thanks to all the pilots who are undertaking the instruction and training.

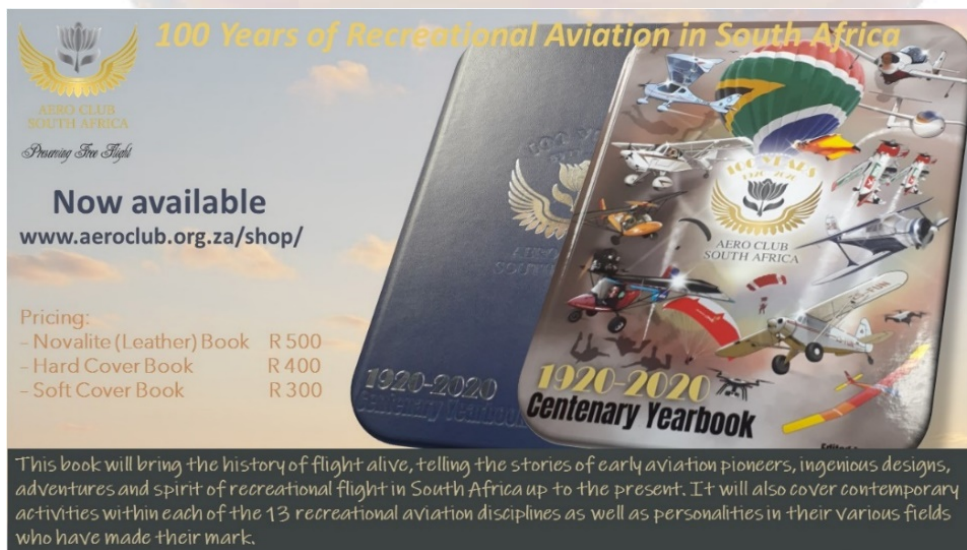
Aero Club Centenary Books

BAFSA recently sponsored 2 books which were donated to:

- The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom
- The French Aero Club

Thanks to Flip Steyn and Delmas Postnet for arranging the courier services.

Centenary books are still available from the Aero Club. Please make an effort to support your Aero Club and South African Aviation.



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- 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.

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

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