



**BAFSA UPDATE  
October/November 2022**

**BAFSA ARO Audit**

The annual BAFSA ARO Audit with CAA was held on 26/10/22. The audit was successful without any findings.

Thanks to Hanke Fourie for all his input in pulling this together.

Once the new ARO Certificate is received, this will be uploaded onto the BAFSA website.

**World Rally Flying Championships : Brits 13/11/22**

The opening ceremony of this event takes place on Sunday 13/11/22 at 15:00. BAFSA has offered to tether the Aero Club Centenary Balloon after the event, obviously weather dependent.

Please join us at this event, World Championships don't often come to SA skies. Contact Hanke Fourie.

**World Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022**

Welcome back to both Marc Nuthall, Andries Steyn and their crew.

No doubt a great experience and competitive flying experience for both teams.

Well done to both pilots and teams!



Marc won a Hesitation Waltz task on Day 3! Well done!

This is probably a first for any SA pilot attending the World Championships.

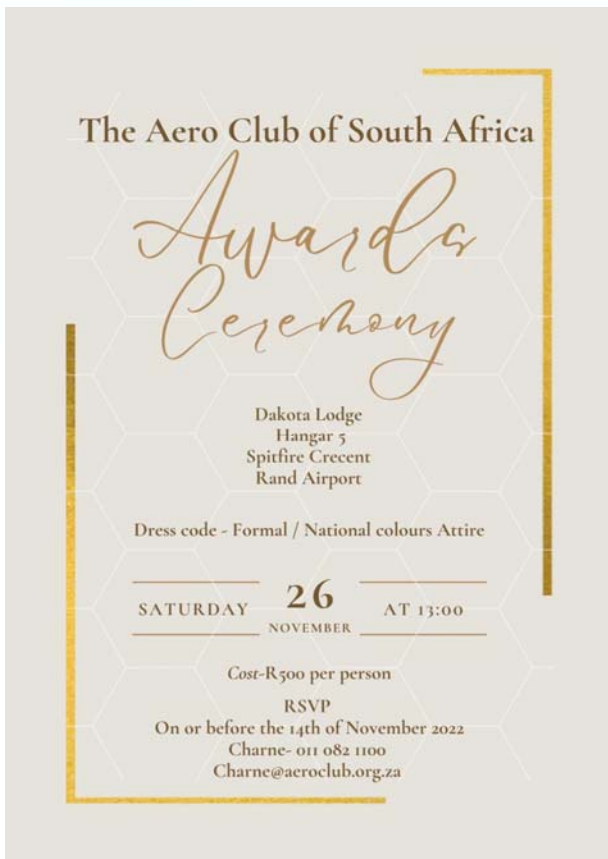
Social media and crew provided numerous fantastic event photographs for all to see and follow proceedings.

Looking forward to hearing all about the event, hopefully we can arrange a team social event in the near future.



**24TH FAI WORLD  
HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP  
MURSKA SOBOTA 2022**

## Aero Club Awards Function 2022



This function makes a return after a 2 year Covid absence. The function will be held on Saturday 26/11/22 at lunch time at Rand Airport.

National colours will be awarded to Marc Nuthall and Andries Steyn and awards will be made to our first 2 qualified pilots under the Department of Sport/Aero Club Training Scheme, Sema Mathebula and Harold Tjana.

Notifications of this event have been sent out by Aero Club.

It would be great to have BAFSA well represented at this event. Cost per person is R500.00, please contact Richard Bovell at [richard@bovellross.com](mailto:richard@bovellross.com) before 11/11/22 if you will be attending, in order to finalise reservations.



### Sasol Balloon

Balloon Workshop has recently completed an inspection with CAA for the return to service and Authority to Fly for ZS-HPP.

We are awaiting further advice from CAA or the issuing of the ATF.

This balloon will be available to BAFSA members for hire for recreational flights.

Please contact Richard Bovell for details.



## GEMAB 2023 : Grand Est Mondial Air Balloons 2023



This fun event takes place in July 2023. The early bird entry fee offer expires at the end of November 2022.

Planning is currently underway to attend this fun event by several pilots. The flying conditions are fantastic and the event is well sponsored.

Should you wish to attend, please contact Richard Bovell or visit the event website at:

<https://www.pilatre-de-rozier.com>

## Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta 2022

Chris Burger attended this years event as a spectator and to qualify and obtain his USA Commercial Pilots certificate, his story is below:

### [My visit to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta 2022](#)

I decided several months ago that I would take the plunge and start actively working towards becoming an instructor. I therefore hopelessly overcommitted myself and bought a Cameron N-105 to start flying regularly.

A strategy I've used in the past to learn some new perspectives is to do an FAA pilot certificate in a new category. I've used this trick on seaplanes, flying boats and gliders. Meeting their standards takes intensive study, something which I seldom make enough time for unless I'm forced to. It also provides some objective feedback on one's standing. Sometimes it is positive, sometimes not so much.

Accordingly, I decided to try to make it to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta this year, and to try to get my Commercial certificate at the same time. Flip pointed me in the direction of Beth Wright-Smith, and I started negotiating with her around early September.

Once in Albuquerque, I flew three training flights and a Commercial test. There is no separate instructor rating for balloons under FAA rules, so the Commercial test includes instruction capability. Accordingly, I had to demonstrate instructional technique to my instructor and to the examiner. As I hold a CFII certificate in the USA, I was technically exempted from the instruction tests, but my examiner was having none of it.

I didn't fly in the Fiesta, as the registration of pilots had closed months before. I wasn't entirely unhappy; flying in that unfamiliar situation with 400 other balloons in the sky might have exceeded my ability to stay focused. Instead, I worked as a ground crew member, so I was able to attend all the pilot briefings and stay in touch with happenings.

The weather was lousy throughout the two-week period, including the Fiesta. The storm that wrecked Florida was moving up the east coast, blocking the eastbound circulation and holding the lousy weather in place over New Mexico. I was very disappointed that the gas balloon race was cancelled, I was hoping to use the opportunity to learn about gas balloons.

I've written the full story here: <http://b.org.za/stories/Bubbles2022-10.pdf>

Chris R Burger

### **Dinosaur Derby & Montgolfier Flight**

Bill Harrop's Original Balloon Safari's (BHOBS) has come up with a fantastic event on Saturday 19/11/22 and Sunday 20/11/22, consisting of an opportunity for sport balloons to fly from BHOBS on both days and to join in a free spit braai and a night glow of old envelopes on the Saturday.

Gas will be available for purchase and pilots and crew can join in for their legendary breakfasts at R120.00/person.

Balloon Workshop has sent out details in their latest Balloon Buzz, an extract is attached to the BAFSA Update.

This promises to be a fun event, worthy of support.

### **2022/2023**

As this will be the last BAFSA Update for 2022, we wish all members happy and safe holidays, travels and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Ballooning Year for 2023.

### **BAFSA COMMITTEE 2022**



# DINOSAUR DERBY!

**A night glow of balloons from days gone by. Come and enjoy a free spit braai (RSVP to [jacquie@balloon.co.za](mailto:jacquie@balloon.co.za) to register) and a display of ballooning history.**

**This historic event will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will be followed on Sunday with a Montgolfière Day flight and stories with Terry and all the Previously Licenced Pilots (PLP's) we can muster.**

**We are planning several fun happenings for our special guests and sport balloonists alike. The itinerary will look something like this:**

**Saturday AM: Sport balloonists are welcome to fly alongside the passenger balloons. Sport balloonists and their crew who would like to join for breakfast can book with Jacquie ([jacquie@balloon.co.za](mailto:jacquie@balloon.co.za)) for our stunning breakfast buffet at R120 per head.**

**You are also welcome to do a burner breakfast if you prefer.**

**Saturday PM: The afternoon will start with a Spit braai. Alongside, there will be a burner competition. Bring your old squirts and any ancient airborne heaters you have. Prizes for the oldest still working, best condition, biggest flame, etc This will be interesting!**

**The spit braai is free but please let Jacquie know numbers for catering.**

**Then the fun will begin with a flap inflation of one of the dinosaur balloons. Everyone can have a go and let's see how long it takes. The early balloonists all did this years ago, newbies will not know how it works, so now is your chance to find out.**

**The rest of the balloon dinosaurs will then be inflated for a night glow. There will be balloons you have never seen & balloons you had forgotten about – a real trip down memory lane. If you have a star old bag in your garage, (as in balloon, not wife, boys!!) - tell us about it and bring it along for the show. We will have all hands on deck for this as we have quite a line up. Among others you can expect to see :- Goldie, Old Smuggler, Guinness Goblet, Hot stuff, Liquorice All Sorts, Safari Sunrise – Bill's original, Gold Reef City, Simba and so many more.**

**Sunday Morning will be a Montgolfière Flight and the theme will be "Tricolore", so deck your balloons and yourselves in red, white and blue and let's celebrate the brothers who started all of this. There will be a prize for the best decorated balloon and the best dressed team member. Again, sport balloonists are welcome to join the buffet breakfast for R120 per head – just book with Jacquie ([jacquie@balloon.co.za](mailto:jacquie@balloon.co.za)) so we can cater.**

**There will be a demonstration of a burner breakfast from a whizzy chef. A modern take on what can be done! Balloonists are invited to do burner breakfasts, too. So come and show us your burner breakfast specialities. There are many good traditions - jungle juice, chocolate mud cake and Pamplermousses come to mind. Again, BHOB's will be giving prizes for impressive burner breakfasts. Sport Balloonists can do either their own burner breakfast or Bill Harrop's breakfast buffet at R120 per head.**

**Following breakfast, we will tell stories. Bring your ballooning stories and share them with Terry and our guest PLP's. It is sure to be hilarious fun.**

**We are hoping to drum up some enthusiasm for our new ballooning museum concept and also the restarting of the Pioneer Balloon Club. So, bring some enthusiasm and ideas and help us get these two projects going.**

**We have had such positive feedback from some wonderful past balloonists and look forward to welcoming you all.**

**What do you need to do now? Register - so that we can get our ducks in a row! Tell us if you need accommodation and we can give you all the options close by. Tell us if you need gas, so we can plan. Tell us what meals you will join for.**

**Spit braai – Free if you register**

**Breakfast – R120 on either day**

**Gas – R28.60 per kg**

**Dust off your old burners and get ready to have some fun!**

**All balloons that register and fly the Montgolfier flight on Sunday Morning will get one free tank of gas.**

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