



BAFSA UPDATE January 2023

Welcome to 2023. Let's hope we all have a safe and successful year in all our endeavours.

Dinosaur Derby & Montgolfier Flight

2022 ended on a great note with the first Dinosaur Derby Event where a bunch of real old balloons were inflated. The event was the brainchild of the team at Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris, who put on a great Saturday afternoon gathering of balloonist, old and young!!



The Sunday morning was due to be the Montgolfier flight but this was unfortunately cancelled due to unfavourable winds.

Thanks to all at BHOBS for a fantastic and well organised event.

A selection of event photographs will be uploaded onto the BAFSA website <http://www.bafsa.co.za/>

Aero Club Awards Function



After a 2 year hiatus this function took place at the Flying Springbok Hanger in early December 2022.

National colours were awarded to Marc Nuthall and Andries Steyn.

Sema Mathebula and Harold Tjiana received Aero Club Youth & Development Awards.

Thanks to all BAFSA members and guests that attended this special occasion.



BAFSA Aviation Recreational Organisation

The BAFSA ARO renewal was effective 30/11/22.

A copy of the certificate is displayed on the BAFSA website.

Membership

The BAFSA membership for 2023 currently stands at 27 members, which is down from our 2022 numbers. Thanks to all those pilots and members who timeously renewed their membership. There are still several operational pilots (numerous of which are flying commercially) who have not renewed their Aero Club and BAFSA membership, meaning their licences are not fully compliant.

We urge all pilots to renew their membership accordingly.

BAFSA Balloons

BAFSA has 2 sport balloons (ZS-HOI and ZS-HPP) available for hire for recreational flights only.



The 2023 hire rate has been fixed at R1 000.00/flight (excluding gas). Please contact Richard Bovell on 0824659514 should you wish to hire either of the balloons for a recreational flight.

The BAFSA balloon use policy will apply during all hiring activities. Policy is available from BAFSA.

Events

1. Sunday Fun Flights/Mini Meet

BAFSA will be holding a fun flight on Sunday 12/02/23 at the Parys airfield.

Should there be sufficient interest and attendance, a task or 2 will be set for pilots to hone their competitive skill in a fun environment.

Hire a BAFSA balloon and join in the fun!

Contact Richard Bovell for details.

We intend to arrange this event every 6 weeks going forward.

2. Aero Club Air Week

This event for aviators, by aviators takes place from 03/03/23 – 05/03/23 in Middelburg.

Join all the other aviators from Aero Club at this annual fun event.



The links below will take you to the recent Aero Club communique for event details and registration:

<https://www.aeroclub.org.za/airweek/>

<https://forms.gle/Kw45CUKkbsGUY9jv9>

<https://forms.gle/kco5A9ENSBKcyyzH7>

<https://www.aeroclub.org.za/airweek-the-2023-edition-exhibitor-information/>

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BAFSA will be taking the Aero Club Centenary Balloon out for the occasion. Please join in and support your section and Aero Club.

Contact Richard Bovell for further particulars.

South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2023

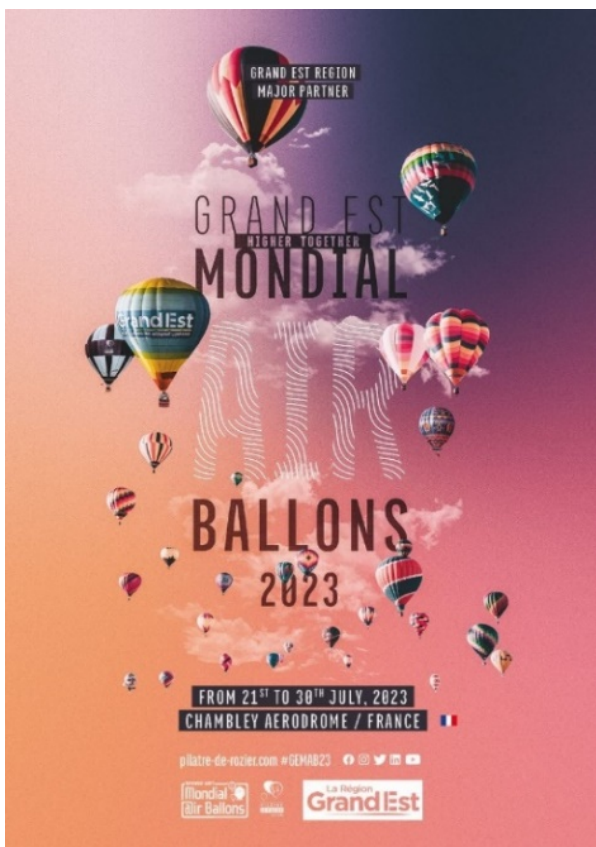
This year's event is planned for 21/05/23 – 26/05/23. Several venues are currently being explored and will be advised once finalised.

The 2023 event will form the basis for selecting 2 pilots to represent South Africa at the 2024 World Hot Air Balloon Championships to be held in Hungary.

The BAFSA Committee has set a minimum criteria of 6 attending pilots in order to make the event feasible. Should this not be attained, the event will unfortunately be cancelled and South Africa won't be represented on the world stage in 2024.

Please diarise the dates now and keep an eye out for the entry documentation which will be distributed shortly.

GEMAB 2023 : Grand Est Mondial Air Ballons 2023



This year's event takes place from 21/07/23 – 30/07/23 in Chambly France.

Hanke Fourie, Martyn Evers and Richard Bovell have entered and will be joining ± 400 other international pilots for 10 days of fun flying in the French countryside.

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

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

International Competition Events

BAFSA has received invitations for the following international events:

- Woman's World Hot Air Balloon Championships in Australia from 01/09/23 – 09/09/23
- Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championships in Poland from 21/08/23 – 26/08/23

Should eligible pilots be interested, please contact Richard Bovell for details.

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