



## BAFSA UPDATE Spring 2023

### CAASA : Audit

An ad hoc audit was held recently with CAA. No findings were made by CAA on BAFSA's ARO (Aviation Recreation Organisation) status.

A further annual audit will be conducted prior to year end.

CAA are currently redrafting the Regulation Part 149 relating to ARO's leaving the whole process in limbo.

### Membership

Our membership is currently 40, which is slightly lower than in previous years.

### Pilot Achievements

Harold Tjana and Michael Maja have recently reached the 100-hour P1 milestone. Congratulations to both and to all who have assisted them in achieving this milestone.

May they continue to fly high!

Below is a link to a recent press article on Michael's achievements for your reading:

<https://fourwaysreview.co.za/411849/hot->

### Events

**Aero South Africa** – This general aviation exhibition which was held from 06/07/23 – 08/07/23 at Wonderboom Airport in Pretoria, was supported by Aero Club and its various sections. Thanks go to Chris Burger and Hanke Fourie for their assistance in manning the BAFSA Stand.

### Berg Air Festival 29/07/23

This inaugural festival held in the central Drakensberg, close to Winterton at the El Mirador Airfield, attracted gliders, fixed wing and balloons as well as the Drakensberg Boys Choir.

10 balloons were present, with tethers night glow and free flights held over the 3 days. Those attending had a great flying and social outing.

This promises to become an annual event.

Thanks to Warwick Cook for all arrangements.



## Aero Club Annual Awards Function

This annual function will take place at Rand Airport on 25/11/23. Join in with other sections of Aero Club in celebrating aviation awards and achievements in 2023.

Detail on time and venue as below:



## Chris Burgers Balloon

As many pilots are already aware, Chris Burgers balloon and trailer was stolen recently from Flamboyant Balloons premises.

To date no information or leads have surfaced, despite much social media coverage.

Should any person become aware of any leads or information, please contact Chris Burger or Neels van der Merwe immediately.

Patently all balloonists would like to see Chris Burger in a position to continue flying and participating in ballooning.

We would therefore like to appeal to the broader ballooning community to contribute any used or surplus equipment to a collective that can be donated or made available for use by Chris Burger.

Please advise Neels van der Merwe on 082 478 4100 or email [chairman@bafsa.co.za](mailto:chairman@bafsa.co.za) advising what equipment you may have available.

Looking forward to favourable responses and donations. We understand that certain items have already been identified as possible donations.

## Montgolfier Event

BAFSA proposes holding a Montgolfier Event on Sunday 18/11/23, details to follow.



**BAFSA COMMITTEE 2023**

