



## BAFSA UPDATE February 2024

### Aviation Recreational Organisation

The BAFSA ARO certification was renewed in late 2023, following a successful audit with CAA. The latest certificate is displayed on the BAFSA website.

### Membership

Our current membership stands at 32 members. There are still several active pilots who have not joined BAFSA in 2024, we request that this is attended to.

### In Memoriam

All members and friends of SA Ballooning paid their respects and honoured those balloonists who passed on in recent months. Our thoughts and condolences to family and friends of:

- Fred Slippers
- John Matheson
- Terry Adams
- Bruce Attwood

Massive thanks are due to those who actively supported the above in their last days and for arranging remembrance functions.

### Events

#### • Past Events

- Montgolfier Flight – A well supported flight was held at Bill Harrops Original Safaris in November 2023. Thanks to all who attended and to Bill Harrops Original Safaris for their support.
- Aero Club Awards Function – This function was held in late November 2023 at Rand Airport. Our Martyn Evers received a Gold Wings Award for 20 years of service to ballooning in South Africa. Congratulations Martyn.

#### • Upcoming Events

- Pioneer Balloon Club Mini Meet Flight & Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Bill Harrops Original Safaris

- Aero Club Airweek 2024 – 08/03/24 to 10/03/24 in Middelburg



Sport Balloonists are encouraged to attend this annual aviation event. Contact Richard Bovell for details.

- Dinosaur Derby 2024 – 27/04/24 at Bill Harrops Original Safaris, details to follow.
- South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2024

An Expression of Interest document has been distributed to gauge support for holding this event. Pilots are requested to respond by 16/02/24 following which a decision to proceed or not will be advised.

Planned event dates are 01/05/24 – 05/05/24 in Heidelberg.

- World Hot Air Balloon Championships 2024 – This event will be held in Hungary in September 2024. Sadly, South Africa will not be represented on the world stage, due to lack of support for competitive ballooning in South Africa.

## Balloons for Hire

BAFSA have 2 complete balloons available for hire at any of the upcoming events. Please contact Richard Bovell to make arrangements.



## BAFSA COMMITTEE 2024

