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ONCE A FOOL – TWICE A SUCKER

Some people never learn, and will always suffer the consequences. The title of this article was the wise words of my dear father (rest his soul), but we never listen to our parents, don't we?

For that reason, I'm back again behind my keyboard to bring you news from Stellenbosch Flying Club. On a blurry Sunday morning in the Clubhouse, Johnny and Alison Navarro persuaded me to re-consider taking up the task of again doing our newsletter. Taking advantage of the fact that I was suffering from a heavy "Babbelaas" from the FashKosh after-party, they went in for the kill, and I agreed. On Monday morning I still regretted this decision, but later came to terms with the reality that there are no other suckers in our Club with enough courage and drive (except Dave) to continue the legacy of the Windsock. I also had numerous moans and requests from various other members since Dave Shakeshaft and I stopped the newsletter in December 2009. So I decided why not?

Moving along with the times, we agreed that an electronically version is the only way forward, and I trust that our members will enjoy this new format. However, there is one condition by which I agreed to do this newsletter. It will not be purely done on a monthly basis, and will only be produced when there is enough news to warrant the same. Because I do not have time to visit the Club on a regular basis anymore, I rely on members to contribute news and stories. The more I receive, the more Windsocks will appear.

This is a forum for members, by members, and if I do not get support, the Windsock will surely cease to exist unless you as members can find another sucker. That is a promise, so please !!!

Kind regards

Sakkie Kruger

FASHKOSH 2010



After the very successful “Fashkosh” event last year, it was decided to carry this theme through to our future annual Fly-ins at Stellenbosch Airfield. Once again the turn-out was above expectation, and our caterers had their jobs cut out for them to serve the hungry. Even a large number of non club members joined the festivities, even though it was never advertised.

The weather was absolutely gorgeous, and we enjoyed the last signs of summer during the day. While walking around the various stalls that offered goods for sale, the laughter of children and the roar of aircraft and other machines created a very festive atmosphere. There were a fair amount of visiting pilots, but I need to single out Johan Ferreira and Allan Surgess who treated us with their presence by flying in with the Navy Harvard and the L39 jet. Uncle Dick Henry arrived in the yellow Harvard ZU-SAF, adding to the American theme of the day.

Under the watchful eyes of ASSA and ATNS, the Mini Airshow went very well with a range of displays and aircraft. It will unfair to single out any of the displays as they were equally entertaining. What made the day very pleasant was the interaction between the two announcers, Mark Storey and Martin Lyons. With their quirks and informative details of the aircraft and their pilots, the day seemed to whisk past without annoying music blaring. But an event like this will never be the same without at least one jet, and the L39 thrilled the crowd more than once on the day.

Bob Corbet and his team of Instructors brought the Young Falcons and the Shackleton Simulator with for the day. It was fun to watch some good Cessna pilots struggling to land this beast, and we thank them for their constant support.

Geoff’s famous steaks were served for dinner, and after the Rugby, a one-man band entertained the crowd. One cannot really describe the day on paper, and if you were not there, you really missed out on a great event.

Congratulations to everyone involved to make this event a huge success, especially Alison Navarro, who once again proved that she knows how to organize events. But this would be completely impossible without the help of so many volunteers, and Alison wishes to extend her gratitude and thanks to all the people listed below:



Franklin Smit
Martin Lyons
Mark Storey
Rikus Erasmus
André De Waal (Vredendal Vliegklub)
Paul Roux

Ronny Chapman
Damien
Shayne Loos
Werner Hendrikz
Gudrun Knoetzen

Jonathon Slade
Annie Carson
Kay Jocelyn
Jean Bulmer
Anita Bellini
Vera Frahn
Wolfgang Gurnack
Simon Grimson & Paul
Erick Gerber
Geoffrey and Estelle and their team
All the Staff e.g. Barend etc

All the pilots
Shawn Uren

Johnny Navarro

Arranging scaffolding for ATNS
PA system as well as announcer
Announcer
Safety officer as well as ASSA delegate
Airshow Director
Advertising / Marshaling/ assisting with erecting of
Gazebos etc
Marshaling/Assisting with infrastructure
Assisting on the day
Accounting behind the scenes
Taking care of the Photographers
Assisting with organizing as well as assisting the Training
Centre on the day
Assisting with training centre information on the day
Registration of pilots
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Sponsorship
Information Kiosk
Guess the parts kiosk
Meet and Great the pilots
Assisting with erecting gazebos
Catering
Continuous marshalling, cleaning and general work
behind the scenes
Displays
Arranging everything from advertising to seeing the show
through to its end!
Damage control/ emergency generator supply/as well as
assisting with setting up of structures on Saturday



FUN DAY FOR KIDS

One of our longstanding members, Tom Sergeant, organized a private children's day at the Club on 1 May 2010. The kids were all from the Ottery Methodist Church Children's Home. The service of volunteer pilots was requested, and seven of our members responded to help out on the day.

The kids were thrilled to take to the skies, and some of them even saw the sea for the very first time, which added to the excitement. Back at assembly at the Home on Monday, the kids were all awarded with a "Junior Airmen Certificate".



Tom would like to extend his sincere thanks to all the pilots that offered up their time and aeroplanes for this good cause:

Tiens	Cardinal RG
Mike Miller	RV
Chris Lord	Jabiru
Walter Uys	Jabiru
Jonathan Stols	Jabiru
Louis Tredoux	C172
Marku	C210

Pilot's Code

As a pilot, I recognize my obligations:

To the public which trusts its safety to my skills and judgment.

To my fellow pilots who mutually depend upon me to follow established good practice.

To anyone that looks at me to exercise my best judgment and leadership.

To my passengers who entrusts me, in the conduct of my flights, with moral and economic responsibilities.

To discharge these obligations, I will at all times observe the highest standards of my profession.

I never will knowingly jeopardize the safety of a flight by undertaking a risk to satisfy personal desires,

Nor will I fly when my mental or physical condition might lead to additional risk,

I will use all means at my disposal to assure the safety of every flight.

I will continue to keep abreast of aviation developments so that my judgment, which largely depends on such knowledge, may be of the highest order.

I pledge adherence to these principles for the advancement of aviation.

Ethics are not learned by teaching: they are inculcated by example and by experience.

To a man of honour, ethics come as naturally as good table manners.



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