



South African Model Parachute Enthusiasts report back on 50th Anniversary of Silverton Model Flying Club.

Thank you to SMFC Committee for extending their invitation of their half century birthday. Good food, good people, good relations and new friendships were celebrated altogether.

Thank you to the event Safety officer Frans Fouche for trying his best to keep things safe around the runways which was a challenge.

I hereby extend our gratitude to Photographers Martin Maritz and Roelof Groesbeek who entertained and shared their point of view with us on various multimedia platforms. Well done again gentlemen! We appreciate your photos.

The SAMPE family started off with their first display of skill involved to showcase what they love to do best. The wind factor started off with a light breeze of 2 on the Beaufort scale in the morning and extended to a moderate breeze of 4 on the Beaufort scale late afternoon.



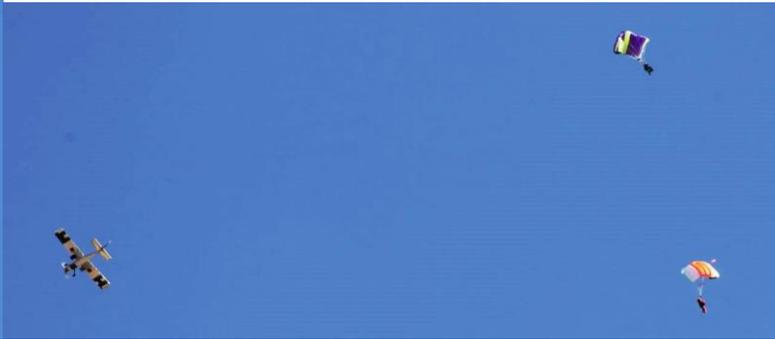
Johan Sieling of Silverton Radio Flyers was the first drop pilot who showed us his newly developed skills with his DLE40twin Stik. Soon to find a bit of a challenge with some engine difficulty at his third haul of the skydivers only to do a safe emergency landing with his drop plane on the extended West-end of the flying field with a minor landing gear bend. It was decided to ground his Drop plane for the day to best sort a possible electrical problem and not put his drop plane or the skydivers in jeopardy. Thank you for the wise decision Johan!



Peter Frost of Silverton Radio Flyers' Stik drop plane was flown by his son Glen Frost and oh boy was Glen excited to keep hauling the jumpers to the delight of the jumpers.



Fanie van Emmenis from Boshhoek Radio Flyers took into the sky with his 50cc Avistar doing two consecutive drops. Thank you Fanie!



Next up Francois van Heerden got his drop plane out only to discover again his plane did not want to work together. Sorry, hope you get it sorted soon.

As Peter's plane was the only ready plane left, I took my favourite Pilot RC Trainer with DLE35RE out the car to help end the day with a few more jumps.



Above we see 25% Scale jumpers.

All jumpers for the day in no particular order who entertained the crowd were Sherwin Beretta, Darrin Beretta, Peter Frost, JP Celliers, Fanie van Emmenes, Evert Kleynhans, Francois van Heerden and Pieter Mulder. We hoped to have a small competition going but were faced with technical difficulties of the drop planes thus we had a friendly to see who got to the centre of the target for most of the day.

We had a good surprise of the SAMPE Judges Raymond and Caroline Myburgh as well as André and Ina van der Merwe who also were at the SMFC event.

We thank all SAMPE Family members doing their level best to help make the day a beautiful success again. Some did a total of 7 jumps for the day while others got to do 3 for the day helping out with doing more drops. The day ended well as lots were learned by the new welcomed drop plane pilots and their drop planes.

We see you soon at the next event.

SAMPE chairman greetings.

Pieter Mulder.

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