

A BIG

come back for Pattern Flying in KwaZulu-Natal



After an absence of some 17 years the KZN Model Aerobatics Championship has returned to the South African pattern flying calendar.

In near perfect weather conditions this event was held over the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July 2010 at the picturesque and well prepared flying field of Maritzburg Model Aircraft Club.

A year or so ago the idea of reviving the KZN provincial championship became a discussion point between various MAASA committee members and the MAASA KZN representative, Neil Allen. Neil rose to the challenge and invited the active members of the pattern flying fraternity in

KZN to join him in planning and holding the event.

A good number of people put their hands up to assist and on 14 May 2010 an initial meeting was held to discuss and agree arrangements for this initiative.

From then the game was on and, with dates, venue and other pertinent issues agreed, the organizing committee, operating under the auspices of the KZN Model Aerobatics Association, put their shoulders to the wheel with great enthusiasm to ensure success.

The committee's main objective was to give participants such a positive experience that they would want to return the following year.

Twenty eight pilots (thirteen from KZN and fifteen visitors) registered by entry closure; a participant number which, it is said, may be the highest of any provincial pattern competition held to date.

The entry spread, across the four categories, was twelve in Sportsman, five in Advanced, six in Masters and five in F3A.



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Unfortunately strong winds on Thursday and Friday morning (the result of a frontal system which had passed through earlier in the week) hampered flying but a number of practice flights took place on Friday afternoon as the wind abated.



The PassPort squadron

Well known F3A pilot, Andre Stockwell, also gave up time during Friday to hold several presentations on the process of setting up an aerobatic aircraft.



The Quantum squadron

This was very well received by those who took up Andre's generous offer and a number of valuable bits of information were passed on by him.

There is no doubt that this assisted both judges and pilots alike in understanding what was expected of them over the next two days.

The formal programme commenced on Friday evening with a social get together at Emoyeni Aviation Park and at 20h00 Ivan Olivier gave an interesting (and possibly somewhat daunting to the uninitiated) presentation on model aerobatic judging.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear with a light wind and, at 08h00, briefings were held followed by the first of the flying rounds – two rounds were to be flown on each day.

On Saturday night, at Emoyeni Aviation Park, a delicious potjie lamb dinner was enjoyed by all. This function was well attended and allowed for a good deal of socializing with many an old friendship rekindled and a lot of new friendships made.



Prize winners



Kom, Kom, nou luister julle manne.....!

All entrants were invited to practice at the competition venue before the event and visitors started arriving from Thursday onwards.



Part of the attraction of the MMAC venue is that it has two runways which allowed two flightlines



A hungry pilot has got to have a good breakfast!



How some of the poorer pattern flyers arrive!



Judges & scribes hard at work

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Overall, KZN pilots made a clean sweep in Sportsman whilst visiting pilots took all the honours in the other three categories.

There is absolutely no doubt that this competition was well organized and co-ordinated and all involved, pilots, judges and all the appropriate support people, went home with nothing but a positive view of the experience.

Of course these things don't just happen by themselves - acknowledgment and thanks must go to the following for their significant role in the success of the event:

- KZN MAASA representative – Neil Allen
- Organising committee of KZN Model Aerobatics Association
- MAASA committee
- Competition Director – Danie Potgieter; Judges (Ivan Olivier, Mark Hubbard, Quintin Schroll and Des Cooper), scribes and runner
- Scorers – Gail Dorse and Priscilla Allen
- Sponsors – ARE Enterprises, CMC Hobbies, AMT Composites KZN, Radio Active Models, Clive Gager and Fred Wittstock
- Maritzburg Model Aircraft Club – catering and use of their flying field
- And last, but certainly not least – all competition pilots and their callers/ helpers.

In closing, there's very little more to say except that KZN is well and truly back in the fold of South African pattern flying and the local pilots look forward to welcoming everyone back to their 2011 event.

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Sportsman

Position	Pilot	% Rnd1	%Rnd2	%Rnd3	%Rnd4	% Avg best 3	Normalised score best 3
1	Arthur Eggar	72.83	65.87	60.87	73.48	70.72	3000
2	Ian Morris	62.83	56.09	63.26	56.52	60.87	2714
3	Craig Lipsett	48.48	57.39	59.13	65.65	60.72	2699
4	Alex van der Spuy	56.96	58.91	61.96	53.91	59.28	2656
5	Ben Kohler	44.35	52.61	60.87	60.87	58.12	2589
6	Clive McInnes	56.09	53.70	59.57	61.09	58.91	2588
7	Rostan Dugmore	57.39	55.22	56.96	62.17	58.84	2585
8	Hugo Erasmus	40.87	45.22	54.35	49.35	49.64	2217
9	Colin Addis	39.13	43.70	49.57	42.17	45.14	2021
10	Leon Coetzee	21.74	21.52	51.30	49.13	40.72	1806
11	Mike Wyatt	12.17	42.39	25.87	42.61	36.96	1632
12	Johan Britz	47.83	50.65	0	0	32.83	1426

Advanced

Position	Pilot	% Rnd1	%Rnd2	%Rnd3	%Rnd4	% Avg best 3	Normalised score best 3
1	Bertie Viljoen	65.24	69.15	72.80	67.68	69.88	3000
2	Danie Steyn	65.00	61.83	69.15	66.46	66.87	2928
3	John Clements	53.90	61.34	48.90	59.39	58.21	2591
4	Nick Vauqelin	49.88	42.68	49.63	51.10	50.20	2201
5	Johan de Lange	43.54	41.46	45.24	46.59	45.12	1977

Masters

Position	Pilot	% Rnd1	%Rnd2	%Rnd3	%Rnd4	% Avg best 3	Normalised score best 3
1	Gerhard Venter	63.89	66.85	65.37	67.87	66.70	2992
2	Clinton Carter-Brown	69.91	59.72	56.02	68.43	66.02	2893
3	Grant Brooke	59.81	54.17	64.26	62.50	62.19	2752
4	Nico Erasmus	58.06	61.11	56.20	52.59	58.46	2604
5	John Dorse	46.94	59.44	49.54	53.61	54.20	2430
6	Pierre Fouche	17.96	54.26	53.43	54.26	53.98	2422

F3A

Position	Pilot	% Rnd1	%Rnd2	%Rnd3	%Rnd4	% Avg best 3	Normalised score best 3
1	Andre Stockwell	75.56	79.11	72.43	78.48	77.71	3000
2	Pierre Marais	72.89	77.11	71.52	76.33	75.44	2935
3	Walter van Huysteen	66.22	66.94	54.48	61.67	64.94	2508
4	Neil Allen	52.67	47.72	48.81	53.62	51.70	2054
5	John Brink	54.00	49.61	34.14	46.67	50.09	1936

