



SOUTPANSBERG MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

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The Soutpansberg Model Aircraft Club which is situated in Louis Trichardt, Limpopo, approximately halfway between Polokwane (formerly Pietersburg) and the Zimbabwean border, recently upgraded its flying field and facilities.

The Club now boasts an airfield with a tarred runway of 180 metres long and 12 meters wide. It has two taxi strips from the pit area, one at a right angle to the runway and the other at a 30° angle to the runway. The airfield is a registered SAMAA flying site.

The Club has a small clubhouse and braai facilities under beautiful shady thorn trees. A borehole was recently sunk on the property and the Club is in the process of installing an irrigation system with a view of planting lawns of 10 metres wide along both sides of the runway.

The Club currently has 19 members. Club meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of every month. On the Sunday following the Club meeting, a general flying and braai day is held at the airfield, where members fly and generally enjoy themselves together with their family members.

Flying, however, is not limited to the general monthly flying day, as members all have keys to the premises and can fly anytime they want during the week and over weekends. It is no strange sight to visit the airfield on any afternoon after normal working hours and sometimes even early mornings before work and find members with model aircraft soaring the sky.

Visitors are more than welcome to visit the Club's airfield to participate in the sport of model aircraft flying. Flyers are reminded that proof of paid up SAMAA membership is required before anyone is allowed to fly.

To reach the Club's airfield, travel along the N1 from Polokwane or Musina towards Louis Trichardt and turn in an Easterly direction at the intersection (four way stop) of the Louis Trichardt/Thohoyandou road. This is the same road that goes to Punda Maria in the Kruger National Park. Follow this road for approximately 2 kilometres and the airfield is situated on the right hand side just outside the built up area of the town.

For more details contact the Club's Secretary/Treasurer, Freek van Niekerk, at 083 276 1050.



