



South African Model Aircraft Association

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To: All SAMAA members

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Dear SAMAA Member,

Lucky Friday the 13th and greetings from the South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) Management Committee (SMC).

We start off with - "**CAUTION, BATTERY STORAGE**" – Please do not get complacent: a fellow modeller lost all his equipment due to a fire that started in his workshop (R300 K loss). The main suspect "LiPo batteries". I found good advice on this link <http://www.thedronegirl.com/2015/02/07/lipo-battery/>, a good refresher to us all.

Who says life does not go around in circles - We had a very exiting phone call from Rodney Goodrum, for those who know him, enquiring about the old SAMAA Dart project, active way back when Lottery still made donations towards SAMAA (Who remembers that) None-the less; Rodney visits Plettenberg Bay quite often and has become involved with the modelling community out there. Their club has about 16 members all very active in flying. Now PAWS is planning a fund-raising event at the local rugby club, and they asked the modellers for a static display on the day of the event. They in turn felt it would be a great opportunity to encourage the children to appreciate aeromodelling and approached Rodney to find out what small chuckie-type (Similar old SAMAA DART project) aeroplanes are available. Bob Skinner went back to our archives and managed to put together a package, as they did so many years ago, and posted it to Rodney. They were ecstatic and will now duplicate the content to have "Chuckies" available on the day. This is how a memory from so many years ago came back to relive yet another generation. We are looking forward to the report back, and who know this might just be the beginning of the SAMAA Dart project (Knock knock any Sponsors). Big shout out to the guys and girls down in Plett – well-done.

Carlo Steyn, chairman of Model Helicopters South Africa (MHSA) hosted a webinar with some RC Heli pilots, giving more information regarding the SAMAA and the safety aspects of the MHSA SIG. The first webinar went well, and Carlo is planning to host more of these webinars soon. This will go a long way in galvanizing relationships, and only good can come of this. Well done, Carlo! Please keep up with this brilliant initiative, For more information please use the following contact details - **CARLO STEYN – Model Helicopters SA – 083 292 2145 – carlo@mhsa.co.za <https://mhsa.co.za>**



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Good news for SAMAA members that have model aircraft weighing between 25kg-35kg; the implementation of the registration of these aircraft started on Thursday 05th November and so far 13 SAMAA members have registered their aircraft. The process is simple and very easy to do. Thank you for the positive feedback received thus far.

The amendment to the Aviation Act Part 1 and Part 149 has not yet been promulgated and any model over 35kgs may not be flown. We do trust that we will have this one sorted in due time.

REMINDER – All Club chairmen, please remember to update and or confirm your club committee member details after completing your AGM; email must be forwarded to admin@samaa.org.za. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Events taking place;

Name: Port Elizabeth Radio Flyers Fly-in, Place: Graaff-Reinet airfield, Organiser: Zane Mannell 082-827-8410, Date: 18-22 November

Name: War Bird Day. Place: Stellenbosch Model Aircraft Academy. Organiser: Nic van Rensburg 082-700-1856. Date: 15 November - **Yes this weekend!!** (Postponed due to poor weather conditions last weekend.)

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Have a good weekend, and for those modellers who are superstitious about Friday the 13th:
“The scariest thing I’ll do on Friday the 13th is to check my bank account 😊”

Best Regards

SAMAA Management Committee