



South African Model Aircraft Association

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RE: GENERAL UPDATE

Dear SAMAA Member,

Greetings from South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) Management Committee (SMC).

Summer has finally arrived, and the spring winds seemingly have subsided, looking forward to the hot sun, clear skies and the sound of non-stop flying topping the silence.

On the 25KG restriction matter, it seems like we're finally going to receive formal feedback within the next week or so. Talks this week led us to believe that there is progress, albeit being down this path before, we remain hopeful for a positive outcome. Will keep you posted.

SAMAA received quite a few applications for flying events over September and the reported back from the event organizers were very encouraging. Nico Erasmus, from St Blaize Model Flyers, hosted a Fly-In rightfully themed "After Covid" with over 21 Pilots attending this weekend. Nico mentioned that this was the best attended event in years with pilots visiting from Cape Town, George, Oudtshoorn and even Pretoria. They had great weather with beautiful camping fires not to mention the various types of planes flying, with a custom made "After Covid Fly-In" badge for those who attended – Well-done to Nico and his team.

Michael Basson from Micton Hobbies reported a windy weekend at the SAMJA "Maverick" Jet event held the 24 -27 Sept '20. Apparently Capetonian's are not deterred by strong winds, and clearly so, with 26 pilots who attended the long weekend. Beautiful displays were flown by all the attending pilots, great to hear that our youngsters are also joining in with 7 year old Gideon de Villiers (Jnr) who eagerly displayed his Puls over the course of weekend. More events are planned for this year and we wish Michael and his team all the best.

The 2020 Aerial Concepts SAMAA Combined Power Nationals are done and dusted, this year's event were met with half the days being very windy, however the pilots persevered and all planned classes and SIG's could complete their schedules. The event was well attended by pilots from all over South Africa and spectacular flying could be seen throughout the long weekend. Real pity that all classes and SIG's could not join, as per norm, they were dearly missed and we hope to see everyone back at the 2021 Combined Power Nationals. The event was a great success thanks to the owner of the facilities and everyone who played a role in the background, more on this in the next SAMAA news.

Covid-19 Feedback. Important to note the following, in line with the latest regulations.

- Important – All Covid-19 principles are still in effect and must be maintained, i.e.
 - Masks, Social distancing & Register.



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- The limit has increased to 80 persons at any given moment for all clubs and events, including close family (Wife and Children).
- General Public still not allowed.

Last but not least, we need feedback from you our member, and in the form of a pole. Would you consider paying a bit extra every year to receive the SAMAA News in a hard print, Yes or No.

Do not get excited just yet, there are many hurdles to overcome, however, your feedback will help us determine the desire for a hard print. Please let your Chairman reply, on what the clubs overall opinion is.

We'll that is it for now, enjoy the flying, appreciate the rain and best of all maintain a good spirit.

Kind regards,

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