



# South African Model Aircraft Association

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To: All SAMAA members

Date: 19 March 2021

## Communique # 20

Dear SAMAA Member,

Welcome to 20<sup>th</sup> addition of our Bi-weekly communique.

**SAMAA Cards** – We need your assistance please, many SAMAA cards are being returned due to incorrect and or outdated postal addresses. This causes overrun of costs not to mention visa verse frustration. We urge everyone to ensure their addresses are up to date. Please contact Linda Dold in this regard, thank you.

**SAMAA Insurance** – Our (SMC) highest priority now, nothing is as important as this. We have reached out to similar international associations and are in consultation with various stakeholders. We are eager to deliver an outcome with haste however this matter needs time, and we will have to be patient for now. Remember the biggest issue is with full scale airfields. The matter is highly sensitive and is being treated as such, we are also relying on members adhering to latest communications sent out, and failure in doing so might lead to additional risk for the member and the club. Do not continue and or partake in an event that has not been approved by SAMAA, the organizers and attendees will do this at their own risk and without any support from SAMAA whatsoever.

**COVID-19 Update** – South Africa is still in Lockdown Level 1. a Possible third wave might be looming with the holidays and winter approaching. If so, we can expect a change in the levels and an increase in the restrictions, however until then let us take care and do our part to curb the curve.

### Events planned.

- LSA Extravaganza competition 2021.
  - Date: 27 & 28 March 2021.
  - Organizer: Justin Gomersall.
  - Contact: 084 465 1000
  - Where: Barnstormers
- Pylon Racing competition.
  - Date: 27 & 28 March 2021.
  - Organizer: Mathys Botha
  - Contact: 073 895 9909
  - Where: RMAC
- IRF Float Fly-in
  - Date: 17-18 April
  - Organiser: Corne De Wagenaar
  - Contact: 082-335-3139
  - Where: CAT Club at Bronkhorstspruit dam



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## Aviation fun facts

### 1. 1919

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines is the world's oldest airline, established in 1919.

### 2. 1920

Qantas is the world's second oldest airline, established in 1920.

### 3. USD\$40,000

In 1987 American Airlines saved \$40,000 by removing one olive from each salad served in first class.

### 4. 37 seconds

An aircraft takes off or lands every 37 seconds at Chicago O'Hare's International Airport.

### 5. Wingspan

The wing-span of the A380 is longer than the aircraft itself. Wingspan is 80m, the length is 72.7m

### 6. \$700 million

Singapore Airlines spends approximately \$700 million on food every year and \$16 million on wine.

### 7. 1.5 litres

Travelling by air can shed up to 1.5 litres of water from the body during an average 3-hour flight.

### 8. JFK

John F. Kennedy Airport in New York was originally named Idlewild Airport.

### 9. 10 tons

Lufthansa is the world's largest purchaser of caviar, buying over 10 tons per year.

### 10. 120 feet

The Boeing 747 wing-span (195 feet) is longer than the Wright Brothers first flight of 120ft.

**Sponsorship feedback** – Speaking to potential sponsors out there, please see the remarkable feedback we have received from Brain Worx below. Please contact us for more details.

- **“Before** advertising in the communique : 103 South African pilots were using the app **After** advertising in the communique : 306 additional South African pilots downloaded and are now using the app”
- Total South African pilots now using the app : **409**
- Assuming there are 2700 registered pilots at SAMAA, this is now (roughly speaking) **15%** of all South African pilots now using the app daily, or nearly **1 in 5** (which I predict by the end of this week, with the current sign-up rate).
- I doubt we would have grown the app's usage from 103 to 409 pilots that quickly in South Africa, without the help of the communique – pilots are definitely reading it and taking action on our advert. Many of the pilots are already updating flying club and flying location details in real-time from within the app, for the whole SA RC pilot community benefit.



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**Winner of Communiqué # 19** – Dirk de Klerk, from Capricorn Radio Modelvliegklub, is the winner of our last competition. Well done. Below the current club standings.

**Big announcement!!! – Up for grabs, R 1 000.00 for the winning club at the end of the year.**  
We predict that this will be a big game changer.

Club Name	Club winnings	Winnings	
Durban Model Aircraft Club	1	R	100.00
Maritzburg Model Aircraft Club	1	R	200.00
Modderfontein Model Aero Club	1	R	200.00
Capricorn Model vliegklub	3	R	600.00
Irene Radio Flyers	1	R	200.00
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This week's Word search – Find the words, mentioned below, circle it, and sent it back to us for review.

Please submit your to answer to [admin@samaa.org.za](mailto:admin@samaa.org.za) with your name and SAMAA number before 12:00PM 26 March 2021 to stand a chance to win **R 200.00** with the compliments of our new sponsor, **Brain Worx**. Good Luck and enjoy.

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Enjoy the rest of your weekend and remember, we are born to be real, not perfect.

Best regards

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Thank you to BRAINWORX for you're continued sponsorship this week.

- With **aeromura** get a bird's eye view of the current flying conditions and real-time weather and forecasting at all your local flying locations and clubs
- **aeromura** is better than using other weather apps because its focused on an RC pilot and saves you time and effort in checking out all the weather forecasts for all your favorite flying clubs and locations – you can find these at a mere glance with **aeromura**, whilst it also provides flying time recommendations according to your personal preferences
- You can adjust your personal preferences to influence the flying recommendations presented to you, so you can plan ahead for your flying
- **aeromura** contains over 200 flying locations and clubs in South Africa, and more than 12000 worldwide – handy if you travel and would like to know where you can fly at your destination
- With **aeromura** you can update a flying location's data for the whole community's benefit in real-time, which is seamlessly audited behind the scenes by Brainworx support staff
- Since launch in October 2020, more than 6000 RC pilots are already using **aeromura**, with 1 in 5 South African pilots now using it on a daily-basis
- It has been arranged that all South African pilots have been given a free premium subscription valid until end April 2021, to help you try the app before committing to it – subscriptions are cheap though at \$ 2 USD per month, or at the discounted rate of \$ 15 per year – and you can subscribe only for the months in which you actually fly.

## Perhaps try it out?

You can read more about the **aeromura** app by following this link : <http://www.aeromura.net/>

Android pilots download the app for free on the Google Playstore here :

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.brainworx.aeromura>

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