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Pub Talk – Dream to Reality



March 20, 2020 WhatsApp received from Kyle Sonderegger:

"ATPL passed today! Thanks for all you taught me in the beginning! Without you I would never have gotten that stores job and a foot in the door of aviation. That helped me tremendously! Would not be here without you putting in a word for me. Thank you Telani ""

It was a typically hot Richards Bay Saturday morning when we took off for Kyle's first flight lesson on 19 March 2011. He was one of those driven, enthusiastic students who arrives prepared, soaks up the ground school like a thirsty sponge and although quiet and sensible in his mannerisms, could not hide his passion for flight. At the time he was working in a print shop, and his father had recently passed away, leaving a small sum of money, almost enough to complete his PPL.

Kyle flew SOLO on Saturday 28 May 2011, and completed his PPL a year and 20 days after his first flight, on 29 April 2012.

A few months into his training, he popped into my office, when he did not have a lesson. He was slightly agitated. The gist of the conversation was that he was unhappy working in the print shop, and was trying to figure out how he could get into something Aviation related.

It wasn't long after this that the long-time employee of Alton Aero Engineering, who had been running their stores for well over a decade (it might have been longer), retired. Alton Aero Engineering and Richards Bay Air Carriers, for whom I worked, were both owned by the Vogus family. I suggested Kyle for the stores, but they had already employed someone else. She lasted four months, and when she did not work out, Kyle got the job one month after completing his PPL.

Kyle worked the Stores for 6 years, and learned a lot about the maintenance side of aircraft. His routine was to study in the morning before work and then 2 hrs after work from Monday to Friday. When ready to write a few subjects, he flew up to Joburg, and wrote two in a day. Sticking to this routine he passed his Commercial Pilot License on 29 June 2015, three years after he got his PPL, all achieved by his own efforts.

With his CPL in hand, Kyle started flying part time Charter at Richards Bay Air Carriers, completed his Instructor Rating, added Instruction to his list, and continued running the Stores.

Then shares in the Maintenance side of Alton Aero Engineering were bought, and the whole operation moved to Rand Airport, Johannesburg in Jan/Feb of 2018. Kyle helped to set up the Stores at the new premises.

The new shareholder in Alton Aero Engineering's son just happened to be a Captain at Safair, and as luck would have it, owned a Charter company, Echo Skies, based at Grand Central. With the Stores set up at Rand, Kyle started flying full time for Echo Skies. He had to complete about 40 hrs of line training, (their standard procedure before they let their new pilots loose with the passengers on their own), and has been there ever since, flying mainly Charter, with some Flight Instruction in between.

So far Kyle has accumulated around 1300 hrs twin time, starting with the Seneca and moving on to the G58 Baron and the C402, with a dash of Navajo and Chieftain when required, and is working on finding the money to do his King Air Rating. He flies into the bush a lot, but since they are based in Joburg and fly out of OR Tambo and Lanseria International Airports on an almost daily basis, he is always current on his IF Procedures as he regularly flies the SIDs* and STAR** approaches in IMC⁺, single pilot, which makes proficiency checks and renewals just another day in the "office".

Kyle loves his job with its hands-on interaction with passengers and without the closed cockpit door policy akin to airlines. He enjoys the hands on flying and the freedom in decision making Part 135 Charter operations afford the Pilot. He plans to join Airlines, but not just yet.

Kyle married his long-time girlfriend Mary-Lee on 6 April 2019. I remember her beautiful big soulful eyes, and her unerring support in those early days. She has been through every step of the way with him. Kyle has persisted. He has earned his position in the pages of aviation through his own efforts.

To me, this is a love story. I believe we are most alive when we love what we do, we are most alive when we love who we are with. When what we want does not come easy in the beginning, we appreciate it so much more, a treasure hard won is the most precious



treasure of all. Kyle has earned everything he has built. I feel privileged to have been there at the very beginning. Why do I teach flying? This is why. T

Recent Events

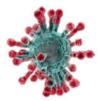
Kearsney Career Expo



Wednesday 11 March at the Kearsney Career Expo yielded a decent number of enthusiastic future Aviators.

Schools that visited the Expo were Kearsney; Kloof; Hillcrest; Thomas Moore; Waterfall; Curro; Westville; Pinetown; Danville; Epworth; Livingstone; St Marys; Gelofte; St Benedict's; Thomas Moore & KwaNtebeni Comprehensive.

The plan was to have a Schools Open Day at the Club, on Sat 21 March with a special on the Trial Lesson for these students. But, due to the Corona Virus, schools closed a week after the Expo, three days before our open day, so we have postponed the event.



Thank you to Dylan Hatting who assisted with the Career Expo. Your assistance was very well received by the students and much appreciated by the Club.

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Upcoming Events

Fun-Safety Meeting (Qualifying KZN Event) yep- you can have both -

When: 17 April, 6pm

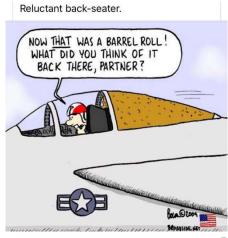
Where: The Club of course!

What: We will be unfurling the STRIPS for emergency

signalling, setting off some fire extinguishers to demonstrate their use and effectiveness, and spreading out the mandatory First Aid Kit and

discussing the contents.

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Club Comms

Tragic Accident





It is with great sadness that we say an untimely goodbye to one of our Club Members. Mark Perrow, was an avid canoeist and aviator. He won the Duzi several times in the past.

On March 15th, just after 11am, while watching a canoe race down the Umkomaas River, Gordon O'Dell witnessed ZU-IPS fly into a cliff in the valley, and fall about 50m into the dense undergrowth, on fire. They pulled over, and videoed what they could to try to get help, and send the GPS location, but there was no signal, so they had to carry on until they got signal and were able to call for help.

One of the canoeists said: "The plane went over us a few times while we were paddling, was flying very low, and the valley near Dumamanzi is very narrow with steep cliffs. We had already finished and were at St Elmo's and the last of the paddlers arrived and had heard the crash

as it went around a corner out of their sight. They saw the fire quite high up a cliff as they came around the next corner I believe. Was too high up for them to get to or do much though, so they took GPS co-ordinates and came down to the finish. They seemed to think no one could have survived it".

Mark's remains were retrieved just before sunset.

Mark was planning to fly his Sling 4 to Greece. RIP Mark.

Our deepest condolences to his family.



We are delighted to report that Martin Hellberg, previous Treasurer at the Club, who served for 37 years, is reported to be cancer free following his surgery on 6 March.

He will be undergoing Chemo to start in last week of April, to continue for 6 months.

We wish him and his family strength for the trials ahead, and a complete recovery.

Taming the Taildragger



Congratulations to Alistair Wilmot, who, so soon (within a month), of completing his PPL, got his taildragger rating this month. Well done!!

We look forward to hearing about some of your Botswana adventures as a flying film maker!



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New SOLO Student





Corona Virus Aero Club Lockdown Notice

Due to the Corona Virus Countrywide Lockdown, all Aero Club Operations will continue as usual to close of business on Thursday 26 March 2020. This includes flight lessons, hire-and-fly, exams, fuel.

Thereafter, the Aero Club will be on lockdown until midnight 16 April 2020 or further notice.

All bookings during this period will be cancelled. Please reschedule for a later date.

AVGAS & JetA1 will be available by prior arrangement during this period. Should you require fuel, please contact Prince 082-8082-393; Mark 083-454-0612, or Curtis 073-378-1918. There will NOT be a call out fee for this service. Please allow 45 minutes lead time.

May you, your family, and all those close to you stay safe and well.

Aero Club Management

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Lockdown NOTAM

A)FAJA FACA FAJO B)2003262200 C)2004170001

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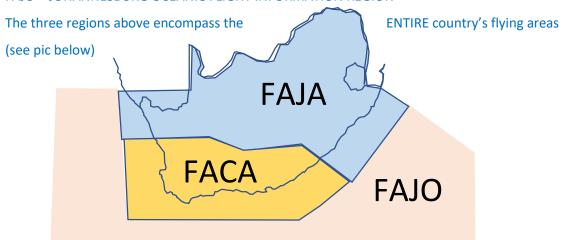
ONLY FLT FOR ESSENTIAL AIR CARGO AND SER WILL BE ALLOWED.)

NOTAM TRANSLATION FOR THOSE NEW TO NOTAMS - NOTICE TO AIRMEN -

A) FAJA = JOHANNESBURG CONTINENTAL FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

FACA = CAPE TOWN CONTINENTAL FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

FAJO = JOHANNESBURG OCEANIC FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION



- B) 2003262200 this NOTAM is valid from 2020, March 26th at 22h00 Zulu time (ie midnight LMT)
- C) 2004170001 and expires on 2020, April the 17th at 1 min past midnight, Zulu time, (ie 02h01 local time).

E) is self-explanatory.

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Our Chairman stuck in Mozambique

Our Chairman, Steve Svendsen, is unsure if they will make it out of Mozambique since South Africa is on lockdown. He and his son, David, helped to evacuate people from Northern Mozambique using their Safari Air Company planes. He says the terrorist attacks and cruelty is horrific, including beheadings. I did not ask for the gruesome details. This humanitarian assistance

David, waiting for departure permission on the Apron in Maputo



delayed their departure from Mozambique. Thankfully the rest of the crew had already been sent home. The two of them were still in Beira and Maputo respectively on 28 March, two days after the South African Lockdown.

LATE UPDATE: They made it to SA on Thu 2 Apr and are guests of the Government for a two-week quarantine at the Umhlanga City Lodge.

Airplanes grounded pics

Airlines around the world are sitting on the ground to avoid spreading Covid-19. It's a sad sight, but this is not the first time in human history that people have been told to stay home to avoid spreading a disease. From the Cholera pandemic, (bacteria), starting in 1816 and lasting into 1892 slowly spreading across the globe, through to Smallpox, (two viruses), Typhus, (bacteria from lice, ticks and fleas on humans and rodents), Yellow fever (from a particular mozzie bite), to the Bubonic plague from the late 1800's to early 1900's, this plague alone responsible for more than 12 million deaths, spread fast because of steam train networks and their human and rodent carriers.



So now we have the Corona Virus. And the World is doing what we can to avoid the tragedies of the past.





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INDUSTRY COMMUNIQUE FROM THE SACAA

On 23 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa, announced a country-wide lockdown from midnight 26 March 2020 until midnight 16 April 2020.

The Regulator wishes to share some of the key business decisions taken in order to optimally service the civil aviation industry during the lockdown period.

The President announced some measures related to aviation travel as follows:

- (a) South African citizens and residents arriving from high-risk countries will automatically be placed under quarantine for 14 days.
- (b) Non-South Africans arriving on flights from high-risk countries are prohibited from disembarking from aircraft and will be turned back.
- (c) International flights to Lanseria Airport will be temporarily suspended.

Revision of Regulations promulgated on 18 March 2020 by the Minister of Transport:

The SACAA is tasked with the responsibility to conduct oversight, monitor and enforce the Regulations that were issued by the Minister of Transport on 18 March 2020, as well as associated guidelines that were issued by the Director of Civil Aviation.

Following the President's announcement, the Minister of transport has issued directives as follows:

- All international and domestic flights are prohibited, irrespective of the risk category of their country of origin.
- (2) Only essential air cargo will be allowed, however, cargo from high risk countries must be sanitized.

SACAA Specific Industry Response Plan during the Lock-down:

1. Validity of Personnel licences

- No new aviation personnel licences will be issued during the lock down period.
- The SACAA will issue an extension enabling licensed personnel whose licences expire between 26 March 2020 and 30 April 2020 to exercise the privileges of their licenses for an extended period of up to 26 June 2020. This applies to the following licence categories:
 - Pilot
 - Air Traffic Controller
 - Cabin Safety/Cabin Crew
 - Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
 - Aviation Security Screeners
 - Aviation Security Instructors
 - Flight Engineers
 - Designated Examiners
- Class I, II, III and IV medical certificates will be extended for a period of up to 26 June 2020 subject to the conditions attached to each certificate.
- Dangerous goods and aviation security training certificates will be extended for up to 26 June 2020.
- If your current flight review or proficiency check expires after 01 March 2020, you will be able to continue to use all the privileges of your licence for up to 26 June 2020.
- Air Operator Certificate holders will have relief from Part 121 and Part 135 pilot proficiency checking, dangerous goods training and checking requirements for up to 26 June 2020.

Each set of these exemptions listed above will have its limitations and conditions to ensure safe operations of an aircraft. The limitations will amongst others include the pilot recency, no known medical conditions and individual operator mitigation plans.

2. Writing of Civil Aviation Personnel Licence Examinations

- From 27 March 2020, examinations will be suspended at all SACAA venues.
- The Manager: Examinations will communicate the new schedule in due course, depending on the prevailing circumstances within the country.
- Clients will not be required to pay any additional examination fee for rescheduled examination sessions as a result of this arrangement.
- Theoretical examinations expiring within the lock down period shall be extended for a period commensurate with the lockdown period.

3. Inspections

Inspections and audits paid for by clients are suspended until further notice.

All inspections which fall within the scope of the Minister's regulations dated 18 March 2020 will continue.

- No new applications shall be processed during the lock down period, e.g. Air Operator Certificates, approvals for Aviation Maintenance Organisations, Airports, Design Organisation Approvals, Aviation Training Organisations, Regulated Agents, Known Consignors, Security Training Organisations, Screening Organisations, Type Certificate, Type Acceptance, Aircraft Registration etc.
- All existing operators/owners intending to renew their approval certificates and certificate of airworthiness during this period must submit applications and proof of payment electronically to the relevant officials.
- The SACAA will conduct desktop inspections and may request additional evidence where necessary.
- As usual, approvals will only be granted when payments are cleared.

4. Airport and Air Traffic Services operations

- All approvals expiring between 27 March and 30 April 2020 are granted extension up to 26 June 2020.
- For upgrade of aerodromes or firefighting service category, etc., a risk assessment shall be conducted with an application for exemption.
- For downgrade of aerodromes or firefighting service category, the licence holder will obtain a written approval from the SACAA and thereafter issue a NOTAM advising the industry of the category downgrade.

- Communication in relation to the above must be directed to the relevant Senior Manager below:
 - Nelson Nkabiti, Senior Manager: Aerodrome Safety. Cell:0834616175, email: nkabitin@caa.co.za
 - Sandile Maphanga, Senior Manager: Air Navigation Services Cell:0834512603, email: maphangas@caa.co.za.

These measures will be reviewed from time to time and as circumstances dictate.

All communication during this period will be uploaded on the SACAA website.

Conclusion

The SACAA is committed to heed the call by the President by adhering to the 21day lock down period. In addition, the SACAA will implement the above measures to provide services to the industry.

The SACAA offices will remain closed albeit with Staff on standby for critical services however this will be assessed and shall be at the discretion of the Executive responsible. The standby list shall be available on the website of the SACAA.

The industry is required to check the SACAA website on www.caa.co.za and social media platforms for future updates. Please also note these important telephone numbers:

- SACAA employees with company cell phones will be contactable via their cell
 phones which will be loaded on the website at www.caa.co.za/contactus.
- NICD hotline 0800 029 999.
- WhatsApp service for queries related to COVID-19. Simply add 060 012 3456
 as a WhatsApp contact and type 'Hi' in the message block for access to relevant
 information.

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Fuel Price



Fuel Prices per litre

incl VAT	Jan'2020 Rate	Feb'2020 Rate	Mar'2020 Rate
AVGAS	R20.70	R21.30	R19.60
JET A1	R14.50	R14.50	R13.60



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Fleet Hours & Hire Rates

Fleet hours 2020 are:

	Jan	Feb	Mar
KNI	15.0	7.6	1.2
WES	10.2	20.2	31.7
SAA	22.8	30.7	31.6
	48.0	58.5	64.5

AIRCRAFT HIRE RATES effective 1 Feb 2020:

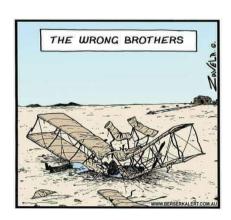
All prices are VAT inclusive.

C172 → R2100

SLING 2 → R1541

INSTRUCTOR HIRE per hour → R402.50

(flying and briefing)





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ALWAYS STAY SAFE!

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Depending on the airfield, you will score points. At the end of the year, at the Year End Function, the top three qualifying scores will win prizes. In 2019, the prizes were: 3rd - Handheld Radio; 2nd - David Clark basic headset; 1st - Bose Noise Cancelling Headset. Nice.

To understand the RULES OF THE GAME, have a look at our Website and follow the links: www.pmbaeroclub.co.za/kpp



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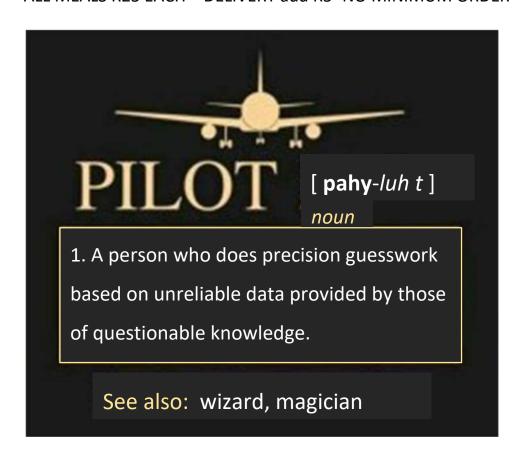
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Chutney/Mayo and Mushroom Chicken	Potato and Veg bake	Vegetable stir-fry on brown rice	Veg Breyani (When available)	Chicken Breyani (when Available)

Hungarian chicken, upside down baboeti

ALL MEALS R25 EACH - DELIVERY add R5 -NO MINIMUM ORDER



Our aircraft news...

ZS-KVW - C172 ... Cessna 172...

Wreck not yet sold. Investigations into pricing are ongoing.

ZS-KNI - C172 ... Cessna 172...





GOOD NEWS: Her Instruments are replaced! She looks GREAT! She was worked on for just over two weeks. A new Mass & Balance also has to be done, as is the requirement with Instruments being changed. Her Auto-Pilot is still not working, and is, we are told, obsolete, so is there to look pretty. Attempting to use it will result in rather exciting and unexpected manoeuvres.

THE BAD NEWS: Though ready to go, we have to wait for SACAA modification approval. This apparently normally takes about 45 days. It was submitted before the lockdown, so lets hope she will be stamped and ready to go very soon after the lockdown is lifted!

ZU-WES – X333 ...Sling 2...

Just before WES had an oil change, Instructor George Talbot and Nathan Lindsey, doing his PPL renewal heard a loud, alarming BANG in flight. Everything seemed okay. At the oil change, Mike at Oribi Flying Services picked up that the starboard wing faring had split. This was the cause of the BIG BANG.

The faring has been replaced, (you will notice it isn't painted yet). Everything else seems fine. We have noticed, from time to time, the DI on the EFIS gets fixated on a particular heading, no matter which direction you turn. This requires a re-set of the EFIS. Maintain straight & level, switch it off, and on, and in under a minute all will be well.

ZU-SAA – TC06 ...Sling 2...

ZU-SAA is now owned by the Pmb Aero Club.

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Anthony Grant PPL



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Vice Chairman: PPL Brian Hawkesworth



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Treasurer: PPL Johan Riekert



PPL **Lucio Santoro**



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Our Aero Club Committee

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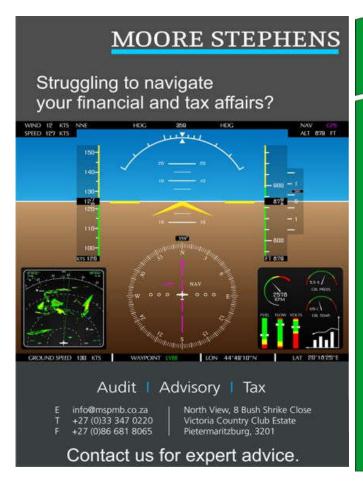


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Pmb Aero Club ties	R 35	In stock
Pmb Aero Club Jersey	R 260	Stock arriving soon
PAC Pilot Shirts (white)	R 250	In stock

Pilot Logbook (large)	R 315	In stock
Fuel Tester	R 215	In stock
Pmb Aero Club Wings	R 300	In stock
Epaulettes	R 50	In stock
Headsets	R2,736	Out of stock
Headset bag	R 364	Out of stock
Durban Maps – laminated one side for easy folding: 1:500 000 & 1:1 000 000	R 75	In stock

Books:

PPL – by Jim Davis	R 130	In stock
The Air Pilot's Manual – by	R 700	In stock

Avex Study Notes for PPL:

Principles of Flight	R 230	In stock
Navigation	R 235	In stock
Meteorology	R 270	In stock
Human Performance	R 225	In stock
Flight Performance	R 230	In stock

Aircraft General	R 280	In stock
Airlaw	R 170	In stock
Radio Handbook – Dietlend Lemp	R 230	In stock
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CX2 Pathfinder	R1,400	In stock
Aircraft Checklist	R 35	In stock
Kneeboard	R 380	In stock
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Bumper Stickers	R 10	In stock





Member's Submission

Owen Davies wrote on Evas Field Group WhatsApp 7/06/2018

Nature's solution to S.T.O.L. machine. Complete with slats, fold up wings, sweep back, digital, seamless infinite flaps, adjustable wash out, six point landing gear with full suspension, and all of this is operated through a self correcting computer that not only compensates for all flying conditions but needs no maintenance and self repairs all accidental damage.

Take off roll 0 meters. Landing 0 meters. The wings fold up under Chitin covers which double up as slats when in flight.

You can store it in your garage and take off on your front lawn!!

Sjoe, we still have a long way to go!! @

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Please feel free to contribute if you find something interesting, an article, a joke, a recommended book, or, even better, a personal experience.

Please also feel free to contribute flying related content on the Members Only Facebook Group: Pietermaritzburg Aero Club (PAC).

Until next time, happy flying!

Telani Lithgow

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