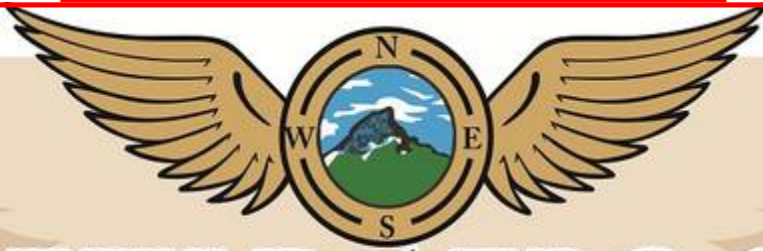


Newsletter



LOWVELD AERO CLUB

GENERAL AVIATION 2012

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FEBRUARY 2012 EDITION

CFI SAFETY TIP

**Safety
First**



Right-of-Way Rules

**Even if you have right-of-Way
you must not continue
if you can foresee
a potential conflict
with another aircraft.**

MEMBER PROFILE

Rinus van Raaij



Age: 40

Marital status: Married

Occupation: Commercial Pilot/ Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

Residence: Nelspruit

Interests: All things to do with aviation. Also history and nature conservation in general

Hobbies: Off-road flying and driving, depending on mode of transport.(ha ha)

LAC Member: Yes, not sure since when

Pilot rating: Commercial pilot

Average monthly flying hours: 20 plus

Total flying hours: Around 1800 in logbook

Goals: To enjoy life to its fullest.

Club or community activities: I always try to be as involved as possible in the club activities.

Message for other pilots: **“Know your own capabilities and stick to them”.**

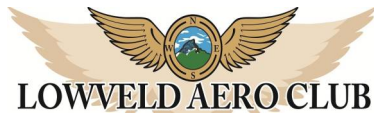


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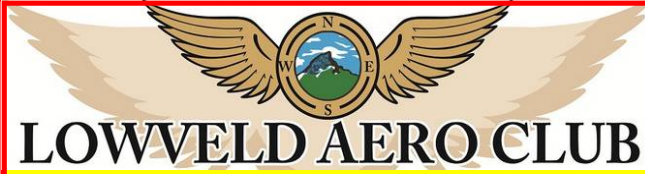
**Solo Flight with ZS - EGW
23 FEBRUARY 2012**



DEMO

Just past 8AM on the 6th of February 2012 quite a lot of curious members gathered at the club waiting for the arrival of the two Sling aircraft. The weather was very bad and cloudy, resulting in the aircraft arriving only at 11 AM. On arrival Michiel & Mike introduced themselves and Esias Joubert was the first to go for a flip. Then followed a very interesting lecture about the newly South African built Aluminium planes. Very sleek indeed. For more information please visit <http://www.airplanefactory.co.za>



REMINDER**AGM**

Date : 13 April 2012

Time : 18:00

Venue : L.A.C

**Members who are not able to attend,
please fax your proxy to Johan Small at
0867160072 or the Lowveld Aero Club at
013—7413636**

Special thanks to Mark & Peter Jackson

**Thank you for generously covering the seats of the bar
chairs. It looks very nice and they are quite comfortable
again**



CURRENT FUEL PRICES



AVGAS - R14.35 per liter excl.

JET A1 - R10.00 per liter excl.



PRO PATRIA MEMORIAL – 11 February 2012

PRO PATRIA MEMORIAL – BARBERTON

HISTORY

This is an attempt to put together the history of events that led to the existence of our Pro Patria Memorial in Barberton

After a rededication parade of the SA Irish regiment at the garden of Remembrance, the discussions of a massive parade of Moth and the old Regiments with historical ties to Barberton, as our Moth 75th Anniversary came about.

One thing led to another and the idea of a Border boy parade was on the cards

The garden of remembrance in Barberton is on the site of the old Military Training camp that was used during WW2 before the regiments were sent North. Many of the Regiments have their Unit Badges made up as plaques, some of these are still the original plaques as built at the time. The Garden of Remembrance also has a Boer war Memorial. Today the Garden is a Heritage site and is included in the tourist area of Barberton.

The Moth of the Lowveld then came up with the idea of constructing a memorial with a Moth badge as there is no such plaque in the Garden.

The Memorial then expanded into having a connection to the Border Boys as in many cases the memorials and cenotaphs are either for boer war, WW1 or WW2 battles, hence the Pro Patria Memorial was born. This joint memorial of the Moth and Pro Patria was then on the design boards.

The proposed parade was tabled at the Moth Transvaal AGM in Ermelo September 2001, the idea was accepted and it was now time to put money and action where the mouth is.

The other question that was raised at the AGM was whether there was any suitable laid down date that would be applicable for such a border boy parade?

Later in the year the date of using February as the date came about due to the fact the hostilities in RSA came to an end in Feb. 1990 as a result of Pres. FW de Klerk's change in policy.

February 2002 was to close so it was then decided to aim for mid year.

At this stage early 2002 the members of Lone Tree Shellhole had progressed with the design, getting approval for construction and assisted by District and the local shellholes funds were arranged, construction started and overseen by Old Bill Glen Du Preez and Moth Charly Marlowe of Lone Tree the memorial took shape.

The District Old Bill Butch James started making contact with as many of the old regiments that were camped in Barberton during WW2, it was surprising how many of these Regiments are still active but sadly they are losing members and the new SANDF seems not to be interested in the history of these regiments, and they will disappear.

The Dedication parade took place on 3rd August 2002, a cold and very windy Saturday afternoon, but a great parade well attended by many Moth from out of the area as well representatives from some of the regiments and associations.

The Pro Patria Memorial part of the memorial is pyramid shaped with a replica of the Pro Patria Medal mounted on the front. The Pro Patria is our attempt to have a memorial that is a little more close to the hearts of the younger generation of ex servicemen of **all ranks and all forces**

The name Pro Patria, Vir Ons Land, and also in local African language is inscribed on the pyramid after all we were all there

We like to think that the memorial will be accepted by ex servicemen, and those presently on duty (for our country)

Now that we have built the memorial in has been decided that we wish to establish a annual Pro Patria parade on the second Saturday of February.

We the Lowveld Moth believe this is the only specific memorial of its kind in the country and hope to make it a parade to be remembered

Special thanks from the Moth Order to the Lowveld Aero Club for their ongoing support over the years.



Special thanks to John Taylor & Butch James for the background Information and pictures

FLY PAST AT BARBERTON





VALENTINE 2012



Our Valentines Party was held on the 10th of February 2012 at the Lowveld Aero Club from 17:00 till late.

With a warm atmosphere and very nice decorations done by Yolanda Roelofse everybody had a nice evening . Because of the Leap year the theme was “Cross Dressed”

Peter K was the star of the evening and had us laughing a lot with his “dress up and funny remarks” . Thanks to Henk Roleofse who served us with mouth watering pasta dishes. We had a very nice party and everybody socialized quite a bit.

Thanks to each and everyone who added to this very nice evening.

Pictures by Yolanda Roelofse



LAC SUPPORT CANSA FUNDRAISER

It was a windy morning on Saturday the 3th of March. From 9AM the fun started with coloured hair spraying and a shavathon in order to raise money for CANSA. Temporary Club memberships were available to the public for the day and it included a flip around Nelspruit. Thanks to Pugs & Peter Jackson for organizing the event.

We thank all the pilots who generously donated their aircraft, time and fuel for this worthy cause. 13 Aircraft and even more pilots in total. It was great fun and everybody enjoyed it a lot. Henk & Yolanda provided delicious hot dogs & Prego's. The day turned out to be a huge success and the Lowveld Aero Club in conjunction with Coca-Cola raised R4400.00 for the day.

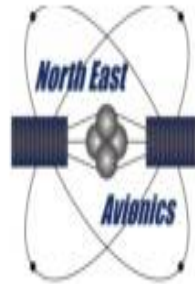
A special thanks to Donna James-Jansen , marketing manager from Coca-Cola for the advertising and great support.. Way to go !!!!



GARMIN SEMINAR

28 March 2012 at L.A.C

NEWSFLASH !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Would you like to see the latest Garmin Avionics in action.... hear about whats here, and whats to come from the worlds biggest avionics manufacturer.....then come and join us at the Lowveld Aero club where Garmin International, in conjunction with North East Avionics will be hosting an informal seminar. There will be functional displays of some of the latest Avionics equipment as well as the latest handhelds and equipment for non certified aircraft. Garmin International personnel will be on site to answer your questions.

We're planning on making this a fun evening, with Curry and Rice on hand to make sure no one goes hungry.

Time : 6 pm for 6:30.

Venue :Lowveld Aero Club

RSVP : jenny@northeastavionics.co.za or deborah.nea@xnets.co.za before 23rd March please.

Complementary Curry and Rice will be served during the seminar, and as usual a cash bar is available at the Club.

We hope to see you there for a fun and informative evening!!!!

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthdays recently! May this year be very successful and may your wishes come true.

A bit of humor



From the Editor

Please send me your interesting news and stuff to share with our members at lacnewseditor@gmail.com