



CHAPTER OF VINTAGE AIRCRAFT PILOTS

News Letter April 2019

A big Thank you to Lawrence Nicolin for writing up this months news letter.

Greeted by a sunny and windless day and freshly mowed runways, a steady stream of pilots started arriving at around 8h30 am.

A special welcome to a visitor: Johan Barnard from Stillbaai in the Cape who brought along his own design parasol wing aeroplane that looked very much like a DeHavilland inspired Tiger Moth. He was to wow us, later in the day, with incredible, high precision, low-speed aerobatics, right down, against the deck.....the likes of which are not commonly seen at a vintage aircraft meeting.

A very special welcome-back also to Robbie Van Der Swan who decided to join us on the day.

Also a special welcome to our Honorary Vice-Chairman: Tyron Mansfield who came out to share this lovely morning with us.

The flying got off to a brisk start with many vintage designs and gliders taking to the skies. Chris and Byron Freeman were showing us how it is done with the climb and glide event, scratching all the way in weak lift to achieve ceiling. Byron ended up winning this event. A well deserved Byron! Your Sophisticated Lady flew just great!

Later on in the day, Steven Jacobs was to successfully maiden his beautiful Buzzard Bombshell and Johan Barnard was to treat us to some low-speed, low-level aerobatics like many of us had never seen before.....!!!!!! No joke or exaggeration here.....!!!!!! It was an all-round stunning display of really good flying.....!!!!!!

However the day was not to go without incident: Dennis, Ken, Doug and John were to make appointments with the repairman/ hobby shop.....yes, there was some balsa and broken propeller blades scatted at random locations around the field. Ken managed to find a magnetic fence post that locked onto his plane and claim part of the wing.....!!!!!! Fortunately the damage does not look too bad and will hopefully be repaired before the next meet.

Fun Trophy.

To went to Johan Barnard with his parasol wing

Fiddler in the Pits.

Was not awarded to anyone.

Maiden Trophy.

This went to Steven Jacobs with his large and superb BUZZARD BOMBSHELL. It is to be mentioned that Steven has officially joined the Vintage Aircraft movement and we want to wish him a very happy future with us.

Climb and Glide Trophy.

This went to Byron and Chris Freeman.

Best Glider Flight,

This went to Byron Freeman.

Oops Trophy.

This went to Greg Hutton for performing an unauthorized manoeuvre with his electric TOMBOY.....!!!!!!!

The Pilot's choice for the Buddy Wright Trophy

This went to Ken Mansfield.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all and culminated in a nice braai at the Heliclub. Total count of aeroplanes for the day 22.

Our next Fly-In is at JOMAC on the 23rd June 2019 and we hope to see you all there.

Kind regards,
Your Committee,





Our Winners



SUBS

A reminder to those with outstanding subs:

Under 60 yrs R80-00 over 60 yrs R40-00 Over 70 R00-00 Over 80 yrs we pay you R10-00 at the AGM

Fees payable at any fly-in, OR

Please forward your Subs via: EFT to

Jolene Freeman

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IMPORTANT: YOUR NAME AS REFERANCE.

Here are the dates for our 2019/20 fly-ins

23/06/2019	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	JOMAC	No 345
28/07/2019	<i>Vintage Aircraft Memorial Day</i>	at	<i>RMAC</i>	<i>No 346</i>
25/08/2019	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	Barnstormers	No 347
22/09/2019	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	Benoni Heliport	No 348
27/10/2019	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	JOMAC	No 349
24/11/2019	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	RMAC	No 350
15/12/2019	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	Barnstormers	No 351
26/01/2020	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In	at	Benoni Heliport	No 352