



To all the VIP's who made possible the fun day these kids enjoyed

## Aero club for enthusiasts

### Newsletter November 2018

Greetings fellow members.

It's been awhile since the last NL and there is good reason for this. Our logic is that due to the wonderful world of social media and all the activity currently flowing throughout the Whatsapp medium, with news being received on the hour and very regular. That's terrific so we do not want to bore you and repeat what has already been said. However, we believe the News Letter serves an addition purpose in the sense that it is a record of events transpiring at or from Brakkies and can be stored and viewed on demand through the Brakkies website. Newcomers or potential new members may "surf" the web looking for an ideal club and will land on our site with the satisfaction of viewing at least some of our history since we started recording events. So while the NL going forward may be a little "thinner" than you used to, most of you will have been appraised of many or most events through the ever popular social media platforms in use.

As per the mail dispatched recently by the committee, it's important to please respond to the mail questionnaire regarding your personal details, next of kin, medical aid details etc. A file which will be kept confidential will be compiled and made available should anything untoward occur while you are visiting Brakkies.

As usual we extend a traditional Brakkies warm welcome to the following new members.

**New members:**

Bertie Vorster  
Mark Warren  
Hendrik Viljoen  
Jonty Essen

**Left, fired, retired:**

None to my knowledge

It's getting even better! again more members coming than going. That's a really good sign.

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Again it has to be said. To the newbies and everyone else, on your next visit to the bar, have a drink and engage in some dialogue on why you love to fly. That way we get to know you better

### Recent Events:

The past two or three social events held at Brakkies over the last few weeks proved to be well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. The events being:

1. The Friday evening get together to launch the “new” runway lights, was actually the official re-launch of the new and fantastic solar powered runway lights. These lights are totally powered by solar energy and light-up and shut-off automatically. No longer needed the “seven clicks” of the PTT on frequency required to do the job. These lights are fully endorsed and accepted by SACAA for night flight. An excellent “value add” for the FABB members.

Look at these terrific pics taken by our own Pro Photographer Anton. The evening was a wonderful experience by all, especially those able to get in the air and see the “dark side”.



2. The Saturday fly-away to MPATAMACH. This included a very interesting Game Auction. A life time first for many of the members. Bit difficult to get the Buffalo back in a Cessna tho.



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3. Last Saturday's hosting and flipping of underprivileged children at the field. A big thankyou to all those special people, pilots & crew that contributed there time, goodies, support and flipping.



**Reunion: (not the Island)**

A very recent event being: the “Old Boys and Gals” day on the 17/11/2018. A general get together and social event having started from 14:00 to allow old members to pass on their aviation tales and tribulations. Sluggy was the star attraction. Pictures and write up next edition. (Needs censorship).

**Next Events:**

A possible extended weekend visit to Heimville in the Underberg to experience the fantastic art of powerless gliding. Should this visit interest you, please forward your name to Trevor Conway.

We would welcome any other ideas and or assistance with the social committee to plan and execute ideas, events and community service. (You do not need to be a criminal to do community “time”).

We request all members to please note that we have T Hangars and Communal Hangarage presently available at Brakkies. Please pass this info via the various forms of social media to all your aviation friends and colleagues. We must occupy these hangars. A larger club is a stronger and financially happier club.

Please don't forget to support Sonja at the Flying Grace Pub and Restaurant, as we must ensure that the facility remains viable for all to enjoy.

For those wishing to upgrade their “rusty” and nasty looking hangars as part of the general Brakkies “**upliftment program**” please call Hendrik Hattingh on cell number 084 923 2346. Hendrik is offering a service to do the necessary work to the hangar in terms of corrosion resistance coating and paint. Please be reminded that we would appreciate all hangar owners to please utilise the same colour grey paint as decided upon by the committee, thereby providing uniformity at the field.

**Joker Draw:**

To all members missing out on the chance to bag the jackpot, our weekly Joker Draw takes place every Saturday at 11:00h. Definitely worth the effort, but only if you are there. You might even get some flying in at the same time. We have had some winners recently so you are missing out.

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**Administration issues/information:**

If a hangar owner sub-lets his hangar, Antoinette must be informed of the details, as the new lessee must be a member of the club. There are hangars available. Contact Antoinette.

**Advertising:**

We will continue to post full pictures of the ads on the website so as not to clutter the NL with too many megabytes. Please let us know what you would like to promote or sell articles and or services. We will continue to add them in text format with a link to the website gallery.

**Kind regards, your editor**  
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