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September 2013



**GAA Champs
14/15 September 2013**



The GAA pulled all stops and made it a memorable event.

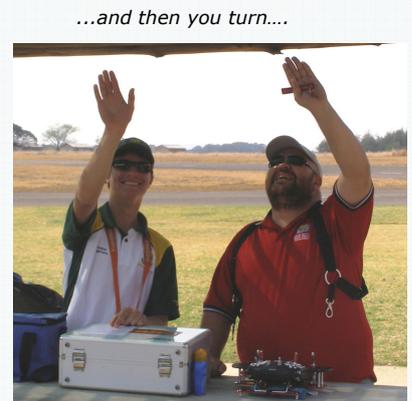
Environmental conditions and other...

Some pilots camped at Cors-Air and was greeted Friday night with serious wind and some rain. I think Nico Erasmus and family actually lost their "Kazibo" but survived. Nevertheless, both Saturday and Sunday provided great weather with some wind. There were no real "landing incidents" and all pilots competed from the first flight to the last.

Frik de Beer had an issue with Controller and timing but no damaged other than on the score card. Micheal Sacca experienced a burned controller before landing during his last flight on Sunday, never the less, he could finish the last round without points for his landing...but was still more than enough to make his round count.



The wind was more of a nuisance than a threat and our CD could sleep though the gusts at times.



Axi 5325/24 Motor: Hadri Lombaard won the Axi by means of a draw. Thank you Bob and Marietjie Skinner.

...when you feed them peanuts...



Judges at work



Entering scores



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Sportsman

The Sportsman Class was a "one pilot" affair with Hadri Lombaard taking all 4 rounds. The real competition was from 2nd position downwards with a close grouping. But the pilots maintained the same positions from day 1 to closing of day 2.

Position	Name	Percent	Normalized
1	Hadri Lombaard	69.76%	3000
2	Micheal Sacca	66.18%	2846
3	Van Zyl Koegelenberg	64.93%	2792
4	Derrick Buttow	62.37%	2710
5	Hugo Erasmus	58.36%	2509



Hadri Lombaard receiving 1st Place



Hadri Lombaard, Hugo Erasmus, Derrick Buttow, Van Zyl Koegelenberg



Micheal Sacca taking 2nd

Relax, don't do it...



The "Staff" from the shop



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Meeting Arthur Eggar, our MAASA Chairman

Arthur lives in Himeville (Southern Berg, KZN) and from his early fascination with everything that flies (man-made that is) he got into control line in 1962. In 1988 he swapped control line for RC. His original dream was to become a real pilot but today, without thinking about the question, RC is number 1." Full size are a bit boring unless one can afford an aerobatic craft."

His first plane was an ugly 40 size stick with a "Sataba" Gold, 5 Channels, 60 Mhz...he still has the radio today. Everyday flying is good but he prefers Pattern flying with the included challenges. His first competitive flying happened in 1989 at Barnstomers where he participated in pattern and Pylon. His first pattern plane was a Curare with a Webra 61. Today Arthur is using a Futaba 12Z and a regular competitor in the MAASA field of play but you might find him on the field with a SAMJA jet or a S-Bach 342 100CC, doing some LSA activity. Greame Cox was a huge influence in his RC life and the highlight of his career was to return to Pattern flying after 18 years of absence. (We are also glad for that Arthur).



Those close to him will know he is a keen Motor Racing fan as he raced Formula K as a young man and actually won the 100C class in 1976. Arthur also received Natal Colours for motor Sport. You might have guessed, his sporting hero is non-other than Michael Schumacher. His proudest moment was when his eldest grandson came 3rd in the World BMX, representing RSA and received Junior Protea Colours that year.

If you plan to invite Arthur for dinner, then remember that he does not do seafood and make sure you have KWV and Hansa available. Any music would do dependent of the mood. Arthur hates bored people and never gives up with his positive, competitive spirit. His most embarrassing moment...the tree episode at Nats 2011. But he will fly and compete for as long as he can and his message is **"Never stop practicing and remember, you are only as good as your next success "** (Arthur, did you ever receive a kite as a prize?)

Green and Gold

Saturday evening, Arthur officially hand the Green and Gold to first time receivers. What an honor to the receivers and for other to witness.

Roston Dugmore, Jnr World Champion 2013



Clinton Carter-Brown, team manager for SA team 2013

Advanced Class

The Advanced Class had a strong leader from day 1 to day 2....all rounds won by Daviid Swanepoel. Matthys Botha in second also maintained his position but Max Buizer and Nico Erasmus played musical chairs. At the end of day 1, Nico was in 3rd and Max in 4th but came day 4 with a final round 4, Max moved to 3rd and Nico to 4th. Considering the time Nico spent practicing and health issues, it was great to see him back and competing.



Max Buizer, Daviid Swanepoel, Nico Erasmus and Matthys Botha

Position	Pilot Name	Percent	Normalized
1	Daviid Swanepoel	71.91%	3000
2	Matthys Botha	65.72%	2743
3	Max Buizer	60.89%	2585
4	Nico Erasmus	58.87%	2569

Masters Class

Two competitors competed and even with only two...they fought it out to the end. Every round had a different winner and in the end, Frik de Beer won with Arthur Eggar only 7 normalized points behind Frik.

Position	Pilot Name	Percent	Normalized
1	Frik de Beer	54.31%	2971
2	Arthur Eggar	53.41%	2964



Arthur Eggar and Frik de Beer



John Clements provided music during the dinner function. The Shadows was playing again!



Seen at the GAA champs....

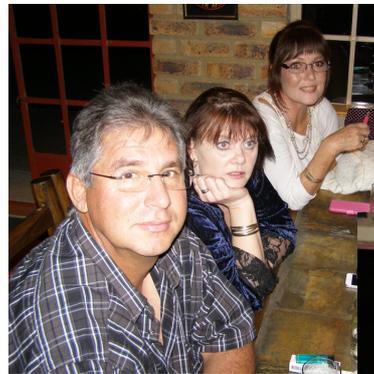


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Photos from Dinner evening



F3A Class

Hmmm.....only positions 2 and 3 changed from day 1 to day 2. Andre Stockwell once again took all the round for himself but looking at the normalized points, one can see the dust in the back ground.

Position	Pilot Name	Percent	Normalized
1	Andre Stockwell	71.00%	3000
2	Roston Dugmore	69.96%	2974
3	Calvin Schroll	69.63%	2965
4	Clinton Cartor Brown	67.97%	2885
5	Grant Brook	65.65%	2773



Unknown Schedules

John Brink from P-Max sponsored vouchers for the winners of these rounds. In promoting and testing the news schedules for 2014, two rounds were flown. All Sportsman and Advanced pilots did the Intermediate Schedule (Old Sportsman class) and the F3A and Masters pilots did the new Advanced Schedule. This was great fun. Daviid Swanepoel won the Intermediate and Roston Dugmore won the Advanced round. The feedback was positive and it was a great idea.



Grant doing a "demo flight" before the Unknowns started

Advanced Schedule results

Position	Pilot Name	Percent	Normalized
1	Roston	72.74%	1000
2	Andre Stockwell	72.37%	995
3	Calvin	71.11%	978
4	Clinton	68.81%	946
5	Grant Brook	59.93%	824
6	Frik de Beer	51.93%	714
7	Arthur	41.19%	566

Intermediate Schedule results

Position	Pilot Name	Percent	Normalized
1	Daviid Swanepoel	66.87%	1000
2	Hadri	65.45%	979
3	Matthys	64.75%	968
4	Max Buizer	63.84%	955
5	Dereck Buttow	54.04%	808
6	Van Zyl	52.63%	787



Roston receiving his PMax Voucher



"Daviid the gaint" receiving his PMax voucher



Our Judges for the weekend

Prize ceremony

Lots of photos, let us just show that.



Micheal Sacca, 2nd Sportsman



Hadri Lombaard, 1st Sportsman



Max Buizer, 3rd Advanced



Matthys Botha, 2nd Advanced



David Swanepoel, 1st Advanced



Arthur Eggar, 2nd Masters



Frik de Beer, 1st Masters



Calvin Schroll, 3rd F3A



Roston Dugmore, 2nd F3A



Andre Stockwell, 1st F3A, GAA 2013 champion



Grant Brook, receiving his kite, most consistent pilot for 2013

Thank you!

- ...to **Global Measurement Solutions** for prizes (Multimeters) www.globsol.co.za
- ...to **Arthur Eggar** for the free entry
- ... to **John Brink** for the Vouchers
- ...to the owner (Corrie Coetzee) of **Cors-air** for hosting the event
- ...to **JB Swithcgear** for sponsoring GAA for 2013
- ... to our **Judges** for the weekend, all of you!
- ...to the **GAA committee** for making this happening

And to all pilots/friends/supporters that attended