

SOUTH AFRICAN HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION

Incorporating Powered Paragliding & Hang Gliding

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SAHPA NEWSLETTER

Dear SAHPA Members,

*Can you believe it we are nearing the end of 2014, time flies. As we are nearing the holiday season **there are a few very important items you need to be informed about and would appreciate it if you could take some time and read this last newsletter for 2014.***

SAHPA OFFICE NEWS

Postal Strike

Currently the Post office is on strike and so the best is to rather scan and email your renewal forms or send the originals to **Foresthill Mall Post Net.**

Shop 100, Forest Hill City
Corner of N14 & R55
Monavoni
Centurion 0157

Postal address Private Bag X 10
Raslouw 0109

Contact numbers 012-7512040
Email: foresthill@postnet.co.za

Kindly send the SAHPA Office the tracking number so that we are aware of you sending the items.

OFFICE CLOSED IN DECEMBER

The SAHPA office will be closed for 17 December until 2 January 2015.

Please ensure that all renewals are sent in well in advance to avoid any delays in the processing of your renewals before we close.

During this time send in the paperwork as normal.

Bank Deposit references

SAHPA has received quite a few deposits but with references like: SAHPA fees, Licence renewal, etc. Please make sure that you either use your SAHPA membership number or Initials and surname as a reference so that we can allocate the money correctly.

IMPORTANT: TANDEM RATED AND TFI RATED PILOT

As all TFI rated pilots must submit a Class 4 medical with their applications and renewals. It is more convenient for you to visit an Aviation medical examiner as they are able to issue the certificate at the end of your visit and is generally valid for longer than a year.

SAHPA RENEWALS

A big thank you to those of you who have renewed your licenses already, There are currently 624 current pilots but there are still quite a few pilots who have not yet renewed or have outstanding paperwork. If you have not received a current licence, you may not fly. Please contact the SAHPA office if you are unsure of your licence status.

PLEASE RENEW. A list of unlicensed pilot will be sent to RAASA shortly and we would like all of you renewed before this happens to avoid any further action.

To renew please contact the SAHPA office or go directly to our website

Please inform SAHPA (in writing) when you stop flying permanently so that we can update our records.

In order for the SAHPA office to speedily process and issue your licence please ensure that the following documentation is sent and signed off by the either a Club L&SO, Instructor or safety officer.

PARAMOTOR FLYING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Another busy holiday season is just around the corner. If the weather is just nearly as good as it was in December 2013 we will all be flying A LOT!

A few important reminders:

- When you go fly in a new area get hold of the local pilots and get a briefing from them. They know a lot more than you might think. Also they are the ones staying behind to sort out any problems when you return home.
- You are ALWAYS having more fun than the guy on the ground. Your display flying will irritate someone, don't try to be a showoff. If anyone believes that you are flying too low, you most probably are.

Who to contact where:

- The Garden Route is a particularly sensitive area. It is compulsory to sign a copy of the Garden Route Powered Wings club rules. Download a copy from www.fly4fun.co.za under "Local Info" and fax or email as per info on the document.
- Capetown and surrounds are also always very busy during the holidays. Get all the important information from www.xplorer.co.za under "Local Info"
- Grasslands sport facility in the West of Pretoria is where you would find the biggest gathering of Paramotor pilots. More info at www.bolterauerppg.co.za . Also www.flyza.co.za - Hendrik van Zyl who operates from the field.
- Near Hartebeespoort you can join the crowd from Paramaniacs. Info at <http://paramaniacs.wozaonline.co.za/>

There are two SA PPG discussion groups. You definitely want to be on them, that's where most information is posted.

- <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/sa-ppg> : send a request to join the group. Most communications are posted here.
- <http://www.saparamotorforum.co.za/>

Be a responsible pilot and don't ruin it for others. Fly safe.

Pieter Wolmarans

PARAGLIDING

GREETINGS ALL!

Prime XC and competition season is upon us.

Congratulations to Josh Degenaar who absolutely cooked with 336km flight from winch launch near Copperton. Josh has posted some great links on Youtube and he and his flapping, smiling OZONE R 12 are a sight to behold. WELL DONE JOSH!!!

The Buitepos Club/Fly Porterville (Paul Penning) is hosting the December comp at Porterville (14 to 20 Dec) and I believe that as usual the Cape will deliver another fantastic comp.

It would be great to see some new faces at the competitions and a notable improvement on W Cape attendance and results has been evident during the last few comps.

The E Cape contingent under the Hawkwind banner is also proving to be really strong.

On that note, well done to Gerhardus Combrinck, who scooped a very respectable 146km from Porterville to Van Rhynsdorp during a recent three-day sortie.

Its also encouraging to see that regional XC leagues can be run on Leonardo (see the Western Cape XC League and the Hawkwind League on Leonardo).

Facilitation of handicaps to lower end wings certainly shakes the results up too and participation by the EN-A, B, and C wings has got very competitive!

Being competitive is fantastic, just make sure you don't push yourself beyond your means.

Fly well, far and safely this season folks!

Please also always remember to make courteous flying and non-flying related decisions (like land access etc) when out and about and representing paragliding.

Have a well-deserved break this festive season and I bid you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes,

Ant Allen
SAHPA Paragliding Rep

Garden Route sites 2014/15 season

A short update on site fees for this coming season.

In the spirit of "free flight" and in an effort to stimulate both paragliding and tourism in the garden Route a decision has been made by Skywings P.C to waiver all site fees relevant to the **Wilderness sites under our control this year**. This includes the Beach Hotel and both Kleinkranz launch sites.

This said, Skywings will continue to maintain the relevant sites even though the purse strings are going to be decidedly stretched in the months ahead. It was felt that the removal of this ongoing "stumbling block" will stimulate the growth of the club going forward and in turn generate the required funds cover for such needs. This decision will hopefully also stimulate the interaction between visitors and locals to the greater benefit of both the sport the region as a whole.

Use of privately controlled sites, requiring access permission, site fees etc, within the garden Route area, are however excluded from this. For example

- Brenton on Sea
- Goose Valley
- Serpentine
- All Plettenberg Bay sites

Skywings Club membership or the Garden route access card with all the relevant terms and conditions pertaining to them will continue as currently stipulated.

With regards,

Dave Shear
Skywings Paragliding Club