



Model Aerobatic Association
of South Africa

CHAIRMANS YEAR END MESSAGE 2011

Dear Members,

We have come to the end of a busy year when much was achieved, and I am pleased with your continued enthusiasm and commitment.

The overall standard of flying and the quality of your models and equipment continues to improve.

Some notable events this year were the Nationals in KZN, Wolfgang's visit and the W/C's in the USA. The latter event saw our top pilots compete with the best and although they did not do as well as expected, it did highlight the need for ourselves to be up to date with international trends and standards.

In the year and a half ahead until the next W/C's right here in SA, we need to expose ourselves to overseas judges, competitors and competition. Our Nationals will be listed on the FAI calendar as Open International Events, so we may expect some overseas competitors as well.

Since no international travel is involved, I urge aspirant team members to use the funds they would have needed for an overseas event to nevertheless travel and compete internationally.

We have an open invitation to the Asia/Oceanic Continental Championship during September 2012 in the Philippines. Here you can obtain international exposure and compete against the best in the east, Japan, Korea, Australia, China, etc. Our chief Judge has been invited to judge this event but the organisers can only partly fund the expense.

Also we wish to have one or two international judges at the next two Nationals. Donations towards these travel costs are needed.

There is still a vacancy for Vice Chairman on the committee. It is vital that this position is filled ASAP. since with my involvement in the 2013 W/C's you need someone to steer the MAASA committee for the next few years. So nominations please!!!!

Referring to the 2013 W/C`s the sponsorship opportunities offered to MAASA members will soon be opened up to all, so get your foot in the door now! And showcase your products and services at this sought after International event.

Your membership renewal falls due on the 1st of January. Do not delay, no membership, no fly, there are no renewal facilities on the morning of the first comp.!

Please note that the Pensioner category was removed at the last AGM.

The competition for a place on the next W/C`s team will be intense with several dormant flyers entering the fray.

I appeal to you all to compete in the best sportsmanlike manner, be fully prepared, and if you need help, ASK! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to compete on home soil.

All of the very best to you and yours over the festive season, travel safely and may your stockings be 2 x2m and full to the brim.

Best Regards,

John Brink