

NORTH EASTERN RADIO FLYERS

A FAMILIAR FACE RETURNS

25 JANUARY 2015



“THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CONTRA-CLUB, YES THE COUNTER-ROTATING SYSTEMS ARE TAKING OVER”

MAASA Gauteng has had their 1st Monthly Competition of the 2015 calendar this past weekend. Our pilots travelled to the Eastern side of Johannesburg on Sunday to compete in the event hosted at North Eastern Radio Flyers otherwise known as Nerf.

Cool, calm and windless skies seems to be the order of the morning, as our pilots prepared for the days flying, but the wind conditions were bound to change. At 07:30 AM the pilots briefing was called, and we were greeted by a whole bunch of new faces. 6 New Sportsman pilots eager to get the day started!

A great turnout in our **Sportsman** class with 50% of the Pilots competing from NERF, and the other half from RMAC. This was going to get interesting...



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As per tradition, our new pilots had to shake the "Shakes" by performing 10 push-ups, nothing better to get the blood pumping and the heart rate ready for that 1st flight in front of judges.

08:00 AM, Stick Flight Demo.

Clinton Carter-Brown, was handed the all-important "Stick-Plane" to perform and explain what was to be expected by the pilots, we would like to thank Clinton for his invaluable input and advice. During the day

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our sportsman pilots really fell back on this information and it shows in their scores as the day progressed.

08:15 Crunch time, and it was now time for our sportsman pilots to show the judges what they have been practicing for over the last couple of weeks. A bit of turmoil before the start as one of our pilots lost his tuned-pipe on a practice flight, but none-the-less Steven Black quickly rushed home to collect some spares, now that is dedication and sportsmanship.

1st round over, and boy could you see the stress levels drop as our pilots completed their 1st rounds. At this point of the day the wind had picked up and was blowing our pilots to the one side of the box, none-the-less these pilots showed character and determination, and a little wind was not going to damp their spirits. They flew exceptional and in all rounds they bettered their previous scores. In round 1 Arnold Goosen took the honours, followed by his son Arno winning the second round. The 3rd and final round saw a huge comeback from Steven Black winning that round, He had missed the 1st round after his misfortune with the tuned-pipe, and it was great to see him bounce back under the stress of the day. Well done to all our pilots!

The results for sportsman is as follows:

David Austin in 6th Place with a normalized score of 1327, in 5th place was Chris Austin with 1684 normalized points. 4th place went to Chris O'Donnel with 1743. In 3rd place was Arnold Goosen 1966, 2nd place was Steven Black with 1985, and in 1st Place we had Arno Goosen with 1992 normalized points. Boy was the top order close, and this is going to make for some excellent results throughout the year. Watch this space! As I feel we are bound to see more pilots enter as the year progresses.

A special thanks to our sportsman pilots for attending the event, it was really great to have you guys there, we really hope you enjoyed the day with us and we hope to



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“THAT WAS THE BEST MOMENT IN MY FLYING CAREER. EVER!”

see you at our future events.

Moving on to your **Intermediate** and Advanced class pilots.

1 pilot in each class saw Hercules Myburgh and Dereck Butow flying to better their scores. Each Pilot Finishing off the day with respectable scores of 58,28% for Hercules, and 55.63% for Dereck. I am sure they have a jump on their competition for the year, as it seems like their preparations for the year is on track, I am sure they will have the upper hand on their competitors in the next event. Good luck with the year ahead guys.

In **Masters** a familiar face returns. A big welcome back to Freddy Kotze who made a return to pattern flying over the weekend.

Fierce Competition between our 2 resident Master pilots, Max Buizer and Freddie Kotze.

The 1st round was only separated by 1% but round 2 saw Max losing out on valuable points in his top-hat spin manoeuvre, where Freddie increased his lead and score. In the end Freddie took the overall honours, finishing strong with an average score of 62.89% followed by Max Buizer scoring 56,69%. Well done Freddie.

F3A.

5 Pilots, 4 Veterans and one newbie. This year saw Matthys Botha moving up to the battlefield they call F3A.

With the World Championships looming over the horizon, and the final team selection in less than 2 weeks, we would expect our top pilots to bring their game, and boy did they bring it. They also brought something else to the table.

The introduction of the Contra-Club, yes the Counter-Rotating systems are taking over, and as said by our top Judge Ivan Olivier; “The Contra seems to be the way to go”, it was clear that he was correct.

That being said we would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate Ivan on being selected to Judge in the upcoming World Championships! Well done Ivan I am sure you will hold our flag high as you have always done in the past.

In 5th place we had Matthys Botha, flying his 1st F-Schedule ever in a F3A competition, afterwards all the other competitors gathered and with great sportsmanship congratulated him on his performance with a huge round of applause. Later on Matthys was heard saying; “That was the best moment in my flying career. Ever!” Matthys finished the day with an average score of 61.44%, in 4th place was Grant Brook with 66.90%, who flew an exceptional F schedule, beating Clinton Carter-brown In that round. But the damage was done in the



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early rounds, and Clinton finished ahead of Grant with 68.89%. 2nd Place went to Roston Dugmore who won the Final F Schedule with an amazing score of 70.81%, his overall score was 70.99% and this bodes well for him, as later on in the year he has to defend his title as JNR. World Champion.

In 1st Place, Some say all gyro's are calibrated by his inputs, and that the Pyramids were modelled after his representation of a Cobra manoeuvre, others call him "Stokkies", All we know is that he is called Andre' Stockwell. Congratulations Andre on scoring an average of 75.31% overall. Amazing! Well done to everyone who participated in this great event. We were all grateful

for the amount of competitors who took part in this event.

We would like to thank the following for making this event happen. 1st off we would like to thank North Eastern Radio Flyers, for lending us their field for the day. We would also like to extend our greatest thanks to our Judges whom without we cannot have these events. (thank you Ivan, Chris & Stadler) We would like to thank our Maasa Gauteng Team, for organizing the event and to our Boerie Braai Team, thanks guys for filling our bellies and quenching our thirsts! We would also like to extend our thanks to our sponsor JB Switchgear Solutions for their contribution towards Maasa Gauteng.

And lastly to our newcomers, thank you, and we hope to see all of you at our next event, which will be our 1st league event of the year, hosted by Snoopies Squadron.

Visit our webpage for more information at www.maasa.co.za

**And as always, Fly safe.
(and inverted)**

**Regards
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	round 1		round 2		round 3		FINAL	
SPORTSMAN								
Arno Goosen	38.17%	795	54.17%	1000	62.33%	922	58.25%	1992
Steven Black	0.00%	0	53.33%	985	62.83%	1000	58.08%	1985
Arnold Goosen	48.00%	1000	52.33%	966	60.17%	958	56.25%	1966
Chris O'Donnel	43.50%	906	45.33%	837	49.33%	785	47.33%	1743
Chris Austin	43.00%	896	42.67%	788	49.50%	788	46.25%	1684
David Austin	26.50%	552	42.00%	775	27.83%	443	34.92%	1327
INTERMEDIATE								
Hercules Myburgh	58.08%	1000	58.28%	1000	56.16%	1000	58.28%	2000
ADVANCED								
Dereck Butow	50.89%	1000	49.33%	1000	60.37%	1000	55.63%	2000
MASTERS								
Freddie Kotze	61.17%	1000	63.61%	1000	62.17%	1000	62.89%	2000
Max Buizer	59.44%	972	52.89%	831	53.94%	868	56.69%	1840
F3A								
Andre' Stockwell	75.50%	1000	75.11%	1000	69.48%	981	75.31%	2000
Roston Dugmore	71.17%	943	70.61%	940	70.91%	1000	70.99%	1943
Clinton Carter-Brown	67.50%	894	70.28%	936	65.00%	918	68.89%	1854
Grant Brook	65.00%	861	66.22%	882	67.57%	954	66.90%	1836
Matthys Botha	59.50%	788	63.39%	844	53.10%	750	61.44%	1632