



# SAMAA *communiqué* #53

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To: All SAMAA members.

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*You are your only Limit!*

## Clubs and Proficiencies

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The winner of the R5000, 00 for the club that issued the most proficiencies amongst its members between 01<sup>st</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023,

## **SOUTHERN SOARING CLUB. 12 Proficiencies...Well Done!!!**

Leader board.

Ranking	Club Name	Proficiencies Obtained
1	Southern Soaring Club	12
1	Ballito RC Club	9
2	Irene Radio Flyers	5
2	Pretoria Radio Flyers	5
3	North Eastern Radio Flyers	4
4	Lowveld Model Aircraft Club	3
5	Teksa Radio Control Model Club	2
6	Barnstormers Model Flying Club	1
7	Capricorn Radio Flyers	1
8	Uitenhage Radio Flyers	1
9	Witbank Radio Flyers	1

## *Competition time*

# **SAMAA Virtual Fun Fly Competition brought to you by New Nation Construction!**

How about winning **R 2,500.00** just before the Christmas '23 break, sure this will go a long way supporting the ever so long summer holidays. Got your attention, right, all you must do is,



1. Grab your phone.
2. Study the specific event details.
3. Do a few practise rounds.
4. Call a friend.
5. In portrait view - hit the recording button stating your Name, Surname, Club, SAMAA # and the event you are about to attempt.
6. Hit the event.
7. Forward the video to [admin@samaa.org.za](mailto:admin@samaa.org.za) {before the deadline.} Hint – No limit on entries so if you've managed to improve submit the Video.
8. Keep your eye on our #Imustfly YouTube channel or Instagram page for weekly updates on the overall scoreboard.

This exciting event will be taking place until the 30<sup>th</sup> November '23. One series, four (4) events, enter as many times as you like, the events are based on the Fun Fly series.

**Did we mention - R2,500.00 big ones, winner takes it all  
(winner will be announced 01<sup>st</sup> December).**

Few rules

1. Although it is simulator based you can do an actual flight at your Club – how about that.
2. Must use a 40 Size stick or trainer type plane.
3. Submitting your video, you consent to be added to our social media platforms.
4. Scores based on the Fun Fly Scoring system.
5. Should there be equal top scores, results will be determined by means of a draw.
6. Not allowed to fly on behalf of someone else.
7. Video must clearly show the person and the event.
8. No cheating please, idea is to have fun.

### **Event 4: Downward Spins!**

Aircraft to take off and climb for 15-seconds, and pilot cuts the engine/motor completely. Aircraft to perform as many downward spins as possible, and land on the runway - Type of aircraft - 40 size stick or trainer plane.

Rules:

1. Timing start with wheels off the runway.
2. Spins must be true (no spirals; no snap rolls).
3. Maximum number of spins wins.

Entries for event 4 closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

Scoring calculated as per Fun Fly scoring system.

Follow SAMAA Communique, YouTube channel, Instagram, and Facebook for updated Scoreboards.



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Overall Leader Board		
Rank	Name & Surname	Scores
1	Werner Rabie	210
2	Zander Groenewald	110
3	Pieter Herbst	10

Event 1		
Touch & Go - Still open		
Rank	Name & Surname	Achieved
1	Werner Rabie	25
2	Pieter Herbst	21
2	Zander Groenewald	21

Event 2		
Loop the Loops – Still open		
Rank	Name & Surname	Achieved
1	Zander Groenewald	40
2	Werner Rabie	26

Event 3		
Roll and Loop for Your Life – Still open		
Rank	Name & Surname	Achieved
1	Werner Rabie	47
2		
3		

## Operation of Model Aircraft

### Starting of engines.

It is recommended that hand-starting of engines be done with a chicken stick, glove, or electric starter, when engine capacity is greater than 2,5ccm.

It is recommended to run internal combustion engines (glow or compression-ignition) slightly rich, especially with new engines. All adjustments to running engines shall be done from behind the engine and rotating propeller.

Metal-bladed propellers may not be used on any flying model aircraft. Propellers for engines greater than 2,5ccm shall be fit-for purpose, and the tips should preferably be marked with a contrasting colour, for more easy observation of the spinning disc. Propellers for electric motors, are not suitable for use on internal combustion engines.

It is recommended that all model aircraft be restrained mechanically or physically by a helper during start-up. In the case of model aircraft greater than 10kg, the restraining of a model aircraft during start-up, is mandatory. **Transmitters must be programmed for fail-safe.**



### **Safety of persons.**

There is a general prohibition on endangering safety CAR 91.01.10, in that: 'No person shall endanger the safety of an aircraft or person therein; or cause or permit an aircraft to endanger the safety of any person or property.

This regulation states that any model aircraft must always stay clear of a manned or full-size aircraft under all circumstances. Further, all model aircraft must only be operated in a safe manner to ensure no injury to persons or damage to property.

### **Safety inspection.**

It is recommended that a safety inspection is done prior to the first flight of any model aircraft, or after any major repair to a crashed or damaged model aircraft. This inspection may be done by an independent person or an appointed instructor. For larger or specialist model aircraft this is a requirement, and the flier shall be fully *au fait* with the flying characteristics of his model aircraft.

### **Pilots under instruction.**

All pupil pilots, learners, or inexperienced fliers under instruction, shall be briefed on all safety, frequency, and operational requirements of the club. All persons flying at a registered club/field, shall be paid-up SAMAA members.

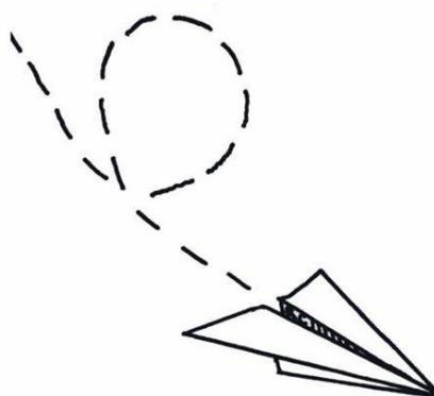
The qualification of a flier who may teach a beginner or newcomer, has been established to be a SAMAA fixed-wing silver proficiency. The preferred method of instruction is contained in the Fixed-Wing Proficiency Booklet.

### **Cornerstone College Development Program**

Rob Hurlin, from the Cornerstone College, manages the Model Flying Development Program at the Cornerstone College. The Silverton Model Flying Club hosted the end of year function on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of November 2023 and one of the students obtained a Solo proficiency, well done Callan Daniels.

A BIG thank you to Rob Hurlin, and all that were involved in the activities to make this a special day for the children.

For some photos of the day, see below...





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Callan Daniels



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Safe flying!

The SAMAA Management Committee.

## Until next time...



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