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To: All SAMAA members.

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Fun Fly Series at SAMAA Clubs

Excitement is in the air as we gear up to launch our much-anticipated Fun Fly Series for 2024! Get ready to witness the skies come alive with the whirring propellers and agile manoeuvres of remote-controlled aircraft.

What to Expect: The Fun Fly Series is not just an event; it's an experience that brings together RC model pilots, for a day filled with adrenaline-pumping action and camaraderie. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or someone eager to explore the world of Fun Fly, this series promises a blend of skilful flying, creative aerobatics, and a whole lot of fun.

Get ready for a high-flying adventure that promises to leave you amazed and entertained.

Let the fun fly! 🚁 ✨

2023 FUNFLY MASTERS PARTICIPANTS, OFFICIALS & SUPPORTERS



Membership of the Special Interest Group (SIG) will be open to any Member of the SAMAA nationally. The Fun Fly Series usually consist of the following:

- a. 3 (three) qualifying rounds to be flown. Each round will consist of 6 (six) events per class.
- b. The number of pilots to be invited to the Fun Fly Masters will be determined by the number of pilots entering the various qualifying rounds.
- c. The Fun Fly Masters is flown at the end of all three rounds.

What is attractive is that the planes are relatively inexpensive.



All aircraft will be of a fixed wing type. A competitor may have TWO aircraft. One aircraft MUST be the primary for use during the competition. The other is a back-up and may only be used if the primary aircraft is damaged. The damaged aircraft may be repaired but must be scrutinized by the judges and CD before being pronounced fit to fly. Competitors may share an aircraft, but if it sustains structural damage, then all the pilots using that aircraft MUST use the same back up aircraft, if one is still available. You can choose which class to enter if you are participating for the first time – **obviously with a suitable & eligible aircraft.**

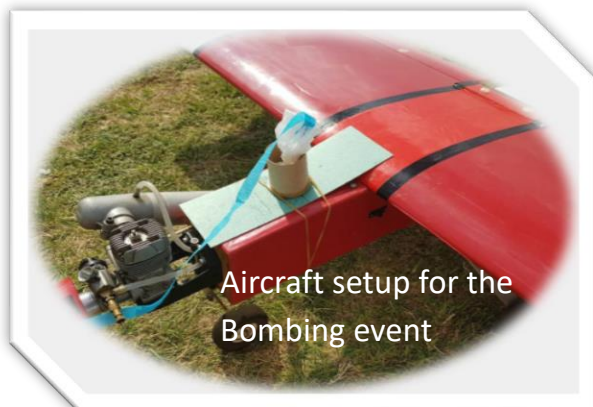


Examples of Fun Fly Events

Touch and Go Between the lines - Aircraft to take-off and perform as many touch-and-go's as possible, between two lines drawn on the runway. Allowed time is 1-minute (Open Class) & 2-minutes (Sportsmen Class). Lines to be 1,5m (Open Class) and 5m (Sportsmen Class) apart.

Downward Spins - Aircraft to take-off, climb for 10-seconds and pilot cuts the engine/motor completely. Aircraft to perform as many downward spins as possible, and land on the runway.

Limbo - Limbo line to be suspended between two poles 1.8 meters (measured in the middle of the runway) above the runway - poles to be 12 meters apart, placed equidistant on each side of the runway: Aircraft to take off and perform a 360 degree heading change between each pass below the limbo line. Time allowed 90 seconds - timed from wheels rolling. Counting stops if the line is touched or any wheel or other part of the aircraft touches the runway.



Test your Bombing Skills!! - A target is to be drawn on the runway. Aircraft to take off and drop three bombs on the target during upwind flight – same direction as take-off. Only three attempts allowed! (1 Bomb per attempt) OR Only one attempt allowed with all three bombs inboard. Pilot to make the call before starting the bombing!

Fly your pants off!!

Aircraft to take-off, and perform: 1 x Bunt (outside loop from the top; push), 2 x Cuban Eights, 3 x Avalanches, 4 x Vertical rolls...and land on the runway (up or down).

Test your Skills (5,4,3,2,1)

Aircraft to take off and perform: 5 x Inside Loops, 4 x Horizontal rolls, 3 x Immelmann turns, 2 x Split "S"s", 1 x 180 degree turn. Land on the runway.



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The idea of the Fun Fly Series held at SAMAA model RC Clubs is to have
FUN! FUN! FUN!



Aviation Recreation Organisation no. 010 of the SA Civil Aviation Authority
Associate member of the Aero Club of South Africa. Affiliated to the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale.
The SAMAA is a public-benefit organisation, PBO Reg. No. 930030082.
2023 Committee: Burt Botha, Alec Groenewald, Danie Potgieter, Dirk Meyer, Linda Dold, Juanita Smith, Bob Skinner



FIELD ETIQUETTE

1. Field etiquette is intended to outline the behaviour which is expected of all SAMAA members operating at clubs and flying sites. It is a common courtesy.
2. All members shall comply with the SAMAA Constitution, Safety Rules, Manual of Procedures, Club rules, and the Civil Aviation Regulations and Technical Standards where applicable.
3. No member shall do anything to bring the sport of model aviation into disrepute.
4. Radio control pilots still flying on 27, 35, 53 and 54 MHz shall place their club and SAMAA membership cards on the correct spot on the frequency board before switching on their transmitters. All pilots must restrict their use of their operating frequency to a maximum of 20 minutes, when others are waiting to fly and shall remove their cards, or markers from the frequency board after each flight and return their transmitter to the Tx impound.
5. Radio control pilots using 2.4GHz, shall place their club and SAMAA membership cards on the space provided for 2,4GHz on the frequency board. A pilot shall restrict his flying time to a maximum of 20 minutes, when others are waiting fly, or the club limit on the number of models in the air at one time is reached. The pilot shall remove his cards from the frequency board after each flight and return his transmitter to the Tx impound.
6. Members shall be considerate when flying and shall operate their aircraft in a way that does not interfere with or be a danger to other pilots, or members of the public.
7. Members shall show due consideration, and shall not:
 - a. Monopolise the runway by doing touch-and-go's!
 - b. Shoot up the runway without the permission of other pilots.
 - c. Fly irresponsibly, or dangerously!
 - d. Be inconsiderate to other users of the airspace.
 - e. Have noisy, or inadequately silenced engines in their model aircraft.
 - f. Unnecessarily run or tune their model engines in the pit area.
 - g. Prop-wash other aircraft and equipment in the pit area
 - h. Borrow or use other pilots' equipment, or tools without their permission.
 - i. Make themselves guilty of substance abuse!
 - j. Not use profane language or gestures
 - k. Not litter the club premises, ablution facilities, or car park
 - l. Not disturb fauna and flora
 - m. Wilfully break the lateral and vertical limits of operation.
8. Members may, in the interest of safety, assist by holding a fellow flier's aircraft during engine start up, especially large model aircraft. Carrying a fellow flier's model to the take-off area is an added courtesy.
9. Members shall have a spotter or caller when flying, especially when full-size manned aircraft are overflying or are spotted near the model flying site.
10. Disagreements shall be conducted in a positive manner, without personal or insulting comments being made, particularly in a public forum and especially not to the media.



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SAMAA ARO renewal

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) conducted its annual audit on the South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) on January 25, 2024. The audit aimed to assess SAMAA's compliance with regulatory standards, safety protocols, and operational procedures.

The SACAA ARO audit on the SAMAA for the year 2024 concluded positively. SAMAA demonstrated a commendable commitment to safety, regulatory compliance, and operational excellence within the model aircraft community.

The association's efforts to promote safety awareness and uphold industry standards contribute to the overall integrity and reputation of model aviation in South Africa.

2024 SAMAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As we approach the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, 2024, we invite SAMAA members to communicate any concerns they wish to be addressed during the meeting. To ensure adequate preparation, kindly notify the Chairman of the Management Committee (admin@samaa.org.za) of your concerns at least 21 days before the scheduled date.

Your prompt communication will help facilitate an effective discussion of the matters important to you and enhance the overall experience of the AGM.

The access link for MS Teams, along with the agenda and supporting documents for the AGM, will be provided in due course.

Anticipating your presence at the upcoming annual general meeting.

Please refer to the information below for further details.

**2024
SAMAA Annual
General Meeting**

Date
7th March

Time
18:30

Venue
**at the EAA Auditorium
Hurricane Road, Rand Airport, Germiston
(Located next to Aero Club Offices)**

**In-Person and
via MS Teams**



Sponsorship for Communique

Here is an excellent opportunity to elevate your brand visibility through sponsorship of the SAMAA Communique. Whether you are a SAMAA member or a business owner, or if you know of someone keen on supporting our initiatives, this is your chance to make a meaningful impact. For more details on the sponsorship opportunities available, please reach out to the SAMAA office staff at admin@samaa.org.za. Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this exciting venture and strengthen your brand presence.

Safe Flying!

The SAMAA Management Committee.

Until Next Time...

