



SAMAA *communiqué #57*

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To: All SAMAA members.

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Special Interest Groups Chairperson

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Charl Jooste Jnr, who has been appointed as the new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Chairperson. Charl, who currently is serving as the Large Scale Aerobatics Chairperson, brings valuable experience and dedication to his new role.

As Charl takes on the responsibility of leading the SIGs, we express our heartfelt best wishes for his upcoming tenure. His past contributions and commitment to the organisation have already demonstrated his passion for promoting excellence within our community.

We look forward to witnessing Charl's continued success and positive impact in his new role. Please join us in congratulating Charl Jooste Jnr and offering our full support as he embarks on this exciting journey.

2024 AGM

The SAMAA had a very successful hybrid AGM, which was held in the EAA Auditorium at the Rand Airport in Germiston. The financial aspect and the budget of the AGM took some time to present and for the members to digest the information. Notably, as the 2022-2023 term concludes, Danie Potgieter will not be continuing his duties within the Development portfolio. Outgoing Chairman Burt Botha has announced the newly elected SAMAA Management Committee for the 2024-2025 term. The leadership transition brings Alec Groenewald into the role of SAMAA Chairperson and Accountable Manager, while Dirk Meyer assumes the position of Vice-Chairperson and Compliance Officer.

Joining Alec and Dirk in their responsibilities are Juanita Smith as Treasurer, Bob Skinner as General Manager, Linda Dold as Administrator, and Charl Jooste Jnr as the Chairman of Special Interest Groups.

2024 SAMAA Combined Nationals

As we embark on another exciting year of model aviation, we extend a warm invitation to all SAMAA members to participate in the 2024 Nationals.

The Nationals provide a unique platform to showcase your skills, share experiences with fellow enthusiasts, and celebrate the passion for model aviation. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a newcomer eager to experience the thrill of competition, this event promises a memorable and enriching experience for all.



Date: 27 April – 01 May

Location: Middelburg Aero Club, Mpumalanga

Entry Deadline: Sunday 31st March

To enter and secure your spot in this prestigious event, please complete the entry form <https://forms.office.com/r/gY0yC3mw8S> and follow the instructions provided.

For those who have never participated in the Nationals before, this is an excellent opportunity to challenge yourself, learn from others, and contribute to the vibrant SAMAA community. We encourage everyone, regardless of experience level, to join us for a week filled with camaraderie, competition, and the joy of flying.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Nationals, where together, we'll make this event a soaring success!

National Association of Scale Aeromodellers (NASA)

NASA is the Special Interest Group of the SAMAA that is involved in the development of the competitive aspects of scale aeromodelling.

Scale aeromodelling is limitless, ranging from re-creating, in miniature, any aircraft from the original Wright Flyer to the most modern and sophisticated jet-powered aircraft; from simple home built aircraft to multi-engined behemoths; from tiny electric powered indoor models to giant 1/3 to ½ scale replicas.



Many scale orientated aeromodellers are content to just build and fly their models without concern for the pressures and excitement of competition, just for relaxation and fun. These semi-scale models often lack the fine detail that prevents their owners from entering them in competitive events. However, just like in many endeavours, competition is the greatest spur to development, and it is an important facet in the growth of this exciting branch of aeromodelling.

Locally, NASA has created the structure for regions to participate in the Series Scale Competitions in order that participants may qualify for participation in the annual SA Scale Masters event which is usually held in March of every year.

Furthermore, NASA has the responsibility to ensure that a Nationals for Scale is run every year, either as a Scale Nationals, or in combination with some of the other disciplines of aeromodelling. These two competitions form the basis for the selection of a National team to represent the country every second year at the World Championships for Scale



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Model Aircraft, which is organised under the auspices of the CIAM of the FAI. South Africa has a proud record at the World Championships, with top five team standings in most instances and even two second team standings in 1998 and 2000.

Sport Scale - The entry level class which is a flying only class.

F4H Stand-off-Scale - Which gained World Championship Status a few years ago. The class consists of a Static and Flying section, where the static criteria are less severe than in F4C and the weighting of static to flying is more in favour of the flying section.

F4C Scale – Which is the premier World Championship class, with more stringent static criteria and a weighting of static to flying of 1:1 in the scoring system.

Sport Scale - This class was introduced as an entry level scale competition and has proved to be quite a popular class. It is a

flying only class with the only requirement regarding the model being that it must be a recognisable model of a full size man carrying fixed wing aircraft.

If the model is painted in a documented colour scheme

the pilot receives a bonus score which is added to his flight score. Sport Scale is a locally developed class offered up to Nationals level only.



F4H Stand Off Scale - This class comprises of a Static and Flying Section. The model is statically judged against documentation supplied by the contestant regarding outlines, colour and markings and realism from a distance from the model. The static criteria are significantly less stringent than in F4C and no close-up



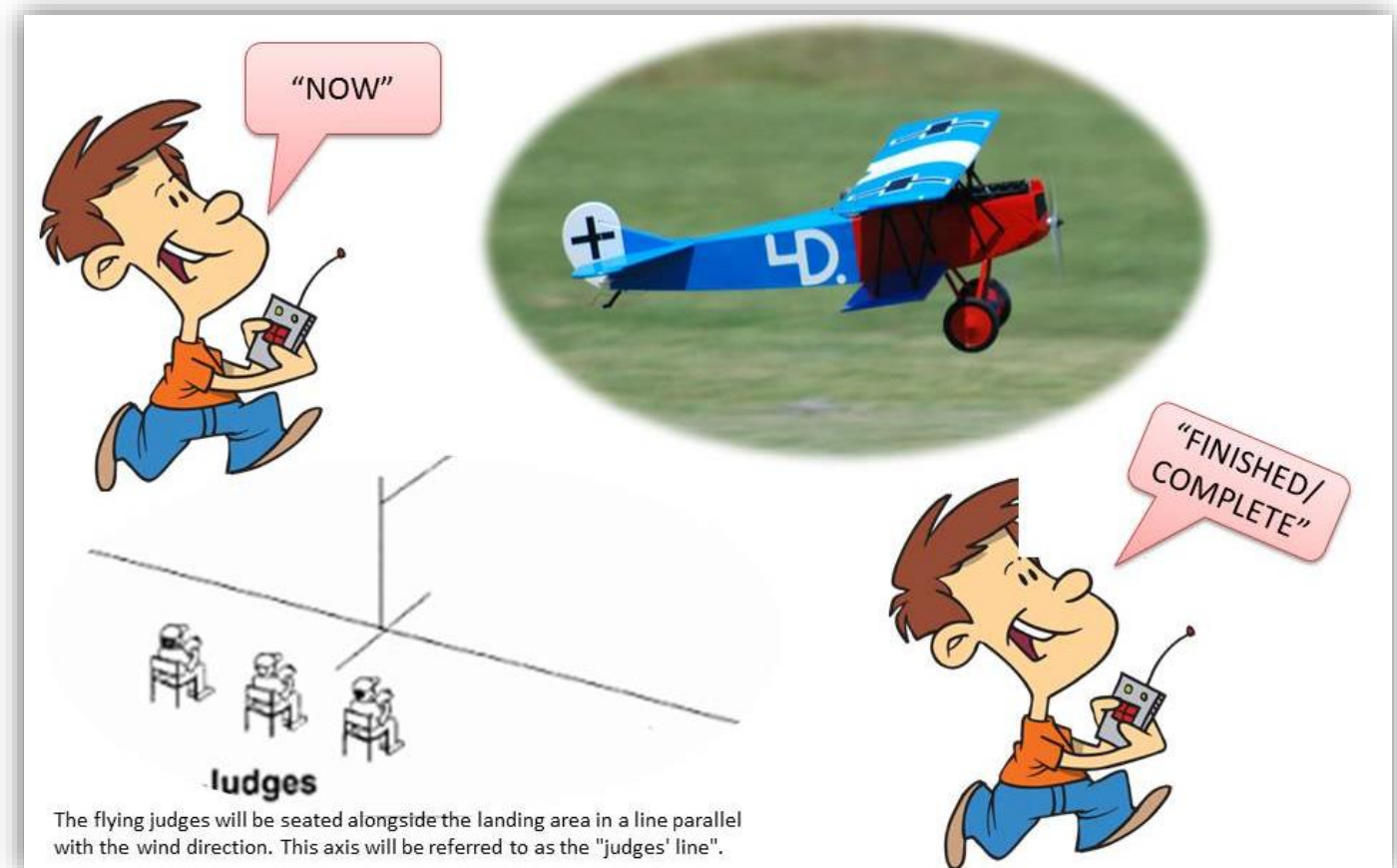
scrutiny of the model is allowed. The flying section is exactly the same as for the other two classes. In F4H the weight of the static to flight scores is 1:2. F4H is a World Championships class with a World Championships which is held every second year.

F4C Scale - This class can be considered to be the most demanding scale class since the model needs to be as accurate as is humanly possible in all aspects in order to gain top static points. This class is often termed "Museum Scale". Static judging includes close up scrutiny of the small scale details of the model. The flying section is the same as for the other two classes. In F4C the weight of static to flight scores is 1:1. F4C is a World Championships class, with World Championships

which is held every second year at the same time and venue as F4H.

Flying Schedule – Most flying manoeuvres must be centred in front of the judges.

- Each manoeuvre must be announced prior to commencement and called upon commencement by the word "NOW".
- Manoeuvres must also be called upon completion by the words "FINISHED" or "COMPLETE".





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Website of the National Association of Scale Aeromodellers

<https://sanasa.co.za/>



Aero Club Airweek 09th March

The SAMAA actively participated in the 2024 Aero Club Airweek, a thrilling aviation event hosted at the Middelburg Aero Club from March 8th to 10th. This engaging showcase featured a dedicated flying time slot for SAMAA, highlighting the exceptional flying talents of renowned RC model pilots;

Daniel Ralefeta, Steve Joubert, Phillip Lewis and Zander Groenewald.

Throughout the event, spectators were treated to a mesmerizing display of aerial manoeuvres, expertly executed by these skilled pilots. The precision and creativity demonstrated during the flights left a lasting impression on the audience, showcasing the excitement and artistry of remote-controlled aviation.

Overall, SAMAA's active involvement in the 2024 Aero Club Airweek added a dynamic and captivating dimension to the event, celebrating the passion and expertise of RC model pilots while inspiring a new generation of aviation enthusiasts.



Phillip helped a young enthusiast whose airplane had sustained some damage, repairing it with epoxy so that it was ready for flight once again.

*SEE PHOTOS BELOW OF THE AERO CLUB AIRWEEK SATURDAY
09TH MARCH 2024*







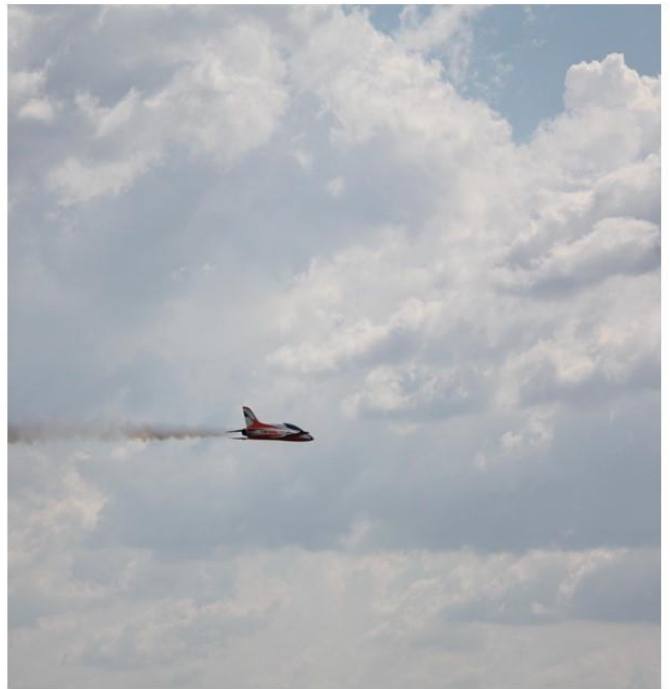
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Phillip Lewis - 1/5 Scale Stinson Reliant SR 9



Daniel Ralefeta - T 1 Sport Jet





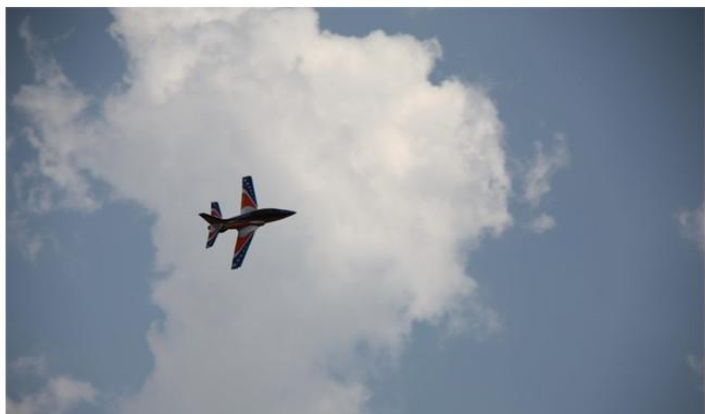
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Zander Groenewald - Marchetti SF 260



Steve Joubert
Viper Jet

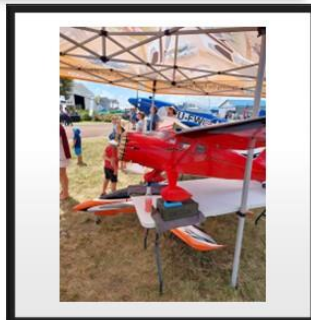




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Phillip Lewis receiving the So Fly Award, Model Aircraft of the Year for his Stinson Reliant



SAMAA ARO Certificate

The South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) proudly announces the renewal of its Aircraft Recreational Organisation (ARO) certificate by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA). This certification stands as a testament to SAMAA's unwavering commitment to safety, excellence, and regulatory compliance in the field of model aviation.

The renewal of the ARO certificate underscores SAMAA's dedication to upholding the highest standards of operational proficiency and safety protocols within the model aircraft community. This accreditation recognizes SAMAA as a responsible and reliable governing body, fostering a culture of safety and professionalism among its members.

With this renewal, SAMAA continues to play a pivotal role in promoting the safe and enjoyable practice of model aviation across South Africa. The association remains steadfast in its efforts to provide guidance, resources, and training to enthusiasts, ensuring adherence to SACAA regulations and best practices.

SAMAA expresses its gratitude to the SACAA for its continued support and recognition of the association's contributions to the model aviation sector. The renewal of the ARO certificate serves

as a testament to SAMAA's ongoing dedication to fostering a vibrant and safety-conscious model aviation community.

As SAMAA looks towards the future, it remains committed to advancing the interests of model aviation enthusiasts while prioritizing safety, innovation, and regulatory compliance at all levels of operation.

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...

