



To: All SAMAA members.

Date: 27 November 2023

2023 Aero Club Awards



The annual Aero Club Awards Ceremony was hosted by the Aero Club South Africa on the 25th of November 2023 at 13h00, at the Master Power Technologies hangar at Rand Airport.

The 2023 SAMAA Special Interest Groups World championship teams that participated at the World championships were awarded their National colours, and each participant received a certificate.

The SAMAA Management Committee approached the Aero Club and placed an application to propose SAMAA special recognition categories for individual SAMAA members that showcased their unique contributions towards the Radio Control Model society. It was approved by the management of Aero Club, and the SAMAA now have the following categories solely dedicated to our SAMAA members.

1. SAMAA Member of the year.
 - a. Senior
 - b. Junior
2. SAMAA youth developer of the year.
3. SAMAA SIG group of the year.



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Special Interest Groups at World Championships

F3K Gliders at the World Championships – 26th – 31st August.

The F3K team that participated in Sanpetru, Brasov – Romania consisted of Senior Pilots; Alan Smith, Craig Goodrum, Jethro van der Molen, Michelle Goodrum (Female), Jannie Smit as Team Manager and assisted by Alan Smith. Junior pilots: Cayden Davies, Rhys Smit, Nicole Goodrum, Gavin Davies as Team Manager.



2023 FAI F3K World Championship for Model Gliders, Seniors and Juniors, 26th-31th August 2023

(Opening Ceremony to Closing Ceremony)

Sânpetru, Braşov – ROMANIA

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Unfortunately, Alan Smith and Craig Goodrum could not attend the Awards Ceremony due to personal commitments.





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F3K Junior Team (Nicole Goodrum, Rhys Smit and Cayden Davies)

F3K Team Manager
Gavin Davies

Pylon Racing World Championships – 1st – 5th August

Wayne and Jonathan Willcox competed in the F3E class at the Pylon Racing World Championships, in Drachten, Netherlands. Unfortunately Wayne and Jonathan could not attend the Awards Ceremony as they were competing in the 2023 QATAR INTERNATIONAL PYLON RACE MEET Doha, Qatar, 24 Nov-25 Nov 2023




2023 FAI F3DE World Championships for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft

The Netherlands, August 1st – August 5th 2023 Drachten Airport

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Aerobatic Model Aircraft World Championships – 19th – 26th August.

Roston Dugmore, Andre Stockwell, Joshua Twomey, and Jonathan Heath (Junior) participated in the 2023 FAI F3A World Championships in Warwick, Australia, they were assisted by Team Manager, Neil Twomey.



Unfortunately, Roston Dugmore could not attend the Awards Ceremony due personal commitments.



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FLYFPVSA F9U World championship – Namwon, South Korea – 6 – 9 October 2023.

The 2023 National Team composed of Tristan Twine (junior), Jadon Churchman, Chris Proenca, Logan Smith and Amber Welman (female and junior). Lance Churchman as the team manager.



Unfortunately, Tristan Twine, Lance Churchman and Jadon Churchman could not attend the Awards Ceremony due to personal commitments.



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SAMAA Member of the year.

Senior

Kobus Els

Kobus, from Nelspruit, is the current chairman of the Lowveld Model Aircraft Club, the largest and most active club in the Mpumalanga province.

He attended the Nelspruit Airshow 2023 to display his aircraft. He played a major part of the management team for the SAMAA Combined Nationals 2023 at the Middelburg airport, and joined the 2023 SAMAA Fun Fly Masters in support.

Kobus is a valuable member of the development team to introduce more economical model aircraft to the public and the aeromodellers in South Africa.

Kobus vigorously promotes the SAMAA proficiency scheme at the LOMAC. He is responsible for improving the club's facilities in 2023 and encourages and motivates the members of LOMAC to participate in all events taking place. He is particularly active with introducing and encouraging young members of the club.





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SAMAA Senior Member of the Year



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SAMAA Member of the year.

Junior

Jonathan Heath

Jonathan (18) joined the Model Aerobatic Association of South Africa (MAASA), competing in the Sportsman class in September 2021. He won every Monthly and League competition in his class and became the Sportsman Class Champion at the 2022 National Championships.

He progressed directly to the Masters class, to qualify as a member of the SA team to compete at the 2023 RC Aerobatic World Championship in Warwick, Queensland, Australia. Since the 2022 Nationals, he has won every competition in the Masters class, and came 2nd at the 2023 Nationals, securing his place on the team as Junior member. He placed third in the Junior category of the world championship, and 43rd overall.

What a remarkable achievement! Congratulations Jonathan, we are proud of you!

Jonathan organised an outing for the Pretoria Boys High Aeronautical Society, to the Pretoria Radio Flyers club, to showcase aeromodelling. He assists junior and senior members at the club, teaching them the finer skills of flying, and he has always been available to assist wherever he can. He managed the Notautomatic integrated computer scoring system for the Gauteng Aerobatics and MAASA Nationals. He is a keen judge at Regional and National competitions. Jonathan sets an example for Junior and Senior members alike.





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Jonathan Heath

Placard-bearer of the South African team at the 2023 RC Aerobatics World Championships, Warwick, Queensland, Australia.



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Jonathan Heath



FAI Bronze medallist in the Junior category of the 2023 RC Aerobatics World Championships, Warwick, Queensland, Australia.



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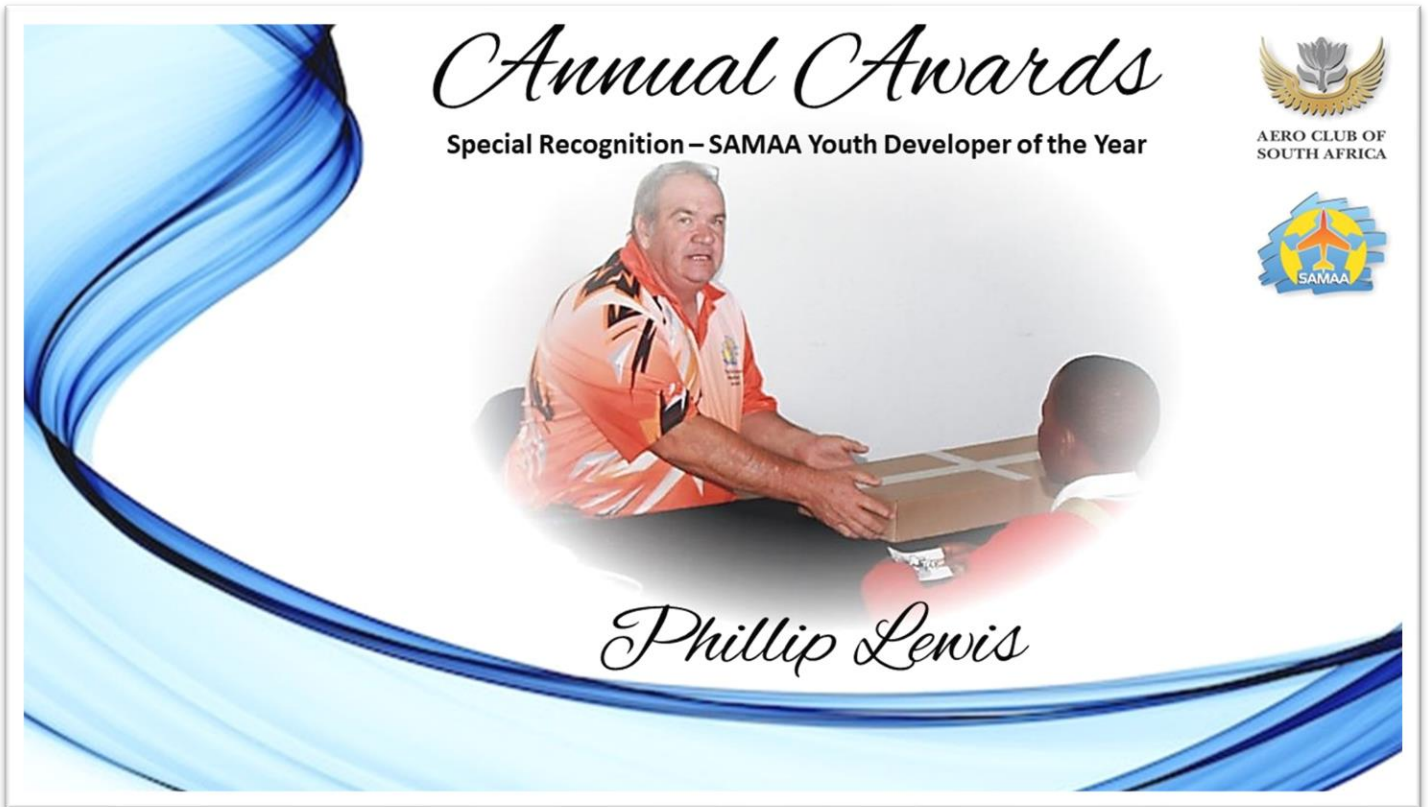
SAMAA youth developer of the year.

Phillip Lewis

Phillip and his team's Involvement in this year 2023 EAA Annual Convention and Young Eagles Day event was a resounding success. This resulted in the SAMAA reaching over 100 school learners of Middelburg secondary schools, by introducing them to building and flying of model aircraft. Phillip arranged the sponsorship of the Flite Test kits, and was supported by Steve Joubert and Tonie Schoeman.

Phillip took a leading role to make all relevant arrangements for a successful static and flying display at this year's Nelspruit Airshow.

Phillip was part and parcel of the arrangements of the SAMAA Combined Nationals 2023 at the Middelburg airport. The success of this event resulted in a few of the SAMAA teams qualifying to represent South Africa at four world championship events, where we secured FAI medals as a result of excellent performances.





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SAMAA Special Interest Group of the Year

Model Gliding Association - MGA

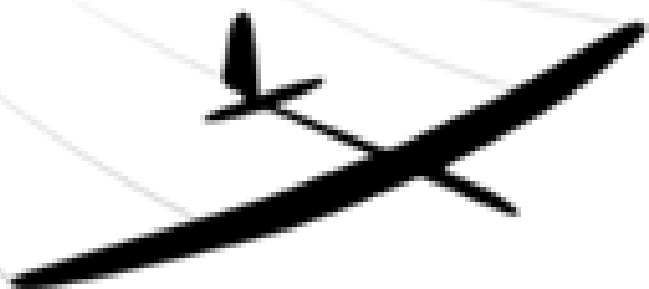
This Special Interest Group (SIG) of the SAMAA has consistently had high levels of activity, with excellent results at world championship events.

The MGA regularly holds regional events, in several soaring classes. It joined the SAMAA Combined Nationals 2023 in Middelburg for the first time, where Senior and Junior teams were selected to compete in the FAI F3K RC Soaring World Championships this year.

The MGA has shown significant growth, with many young enthusiasts taking up model gliding in the last year. The MGA maintains a very positive attitude, and the F3K (Hand-launched Glider) team gained a podium result at the 2023 World Championships in Brasov, Romania.



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MGCA Model Gliding Association



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From L-R:

Burt Botha (Chairman SAMAA); Kobus Els (Senior SAMAA member of the year); Jonathan Heath (Junior SAMAA member of the year); Jan Sime (MGA representative for Special Interest Group (SIG) of the year); Phillip Lewis (SAMAA Youth Developer of the year) and Alec Groenewald (Vice-Chair of SAMAA)



Congratulations to all our candidates and highfliers!!!



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On the menu - *Starters – Biltong Pate topped with shaved Biltong on a potato rosti with a chive crème fraiche and micro leaves.*

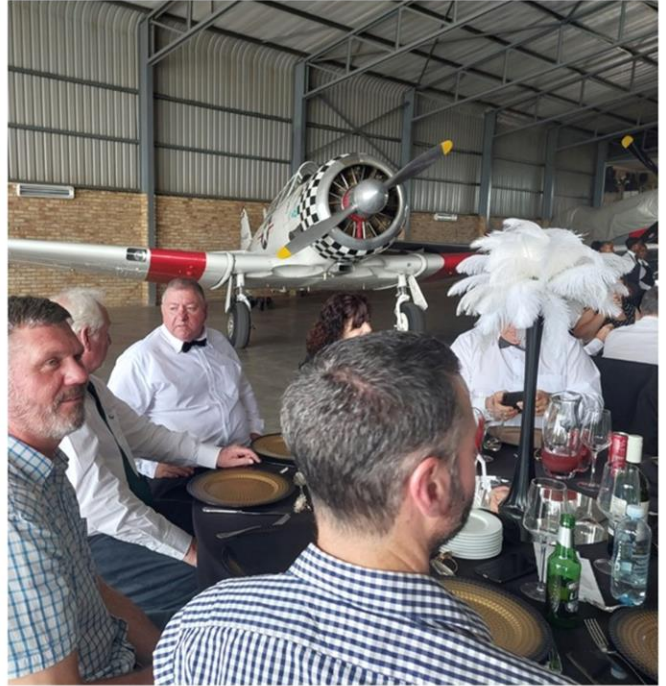
Main Course – Leg of Lamb, Roast Beef with Gravy, Butter Chicken Curry, Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower and Broccoli Gratin, Basmati Rice, Feta, Snow Pea & Avocado Salad.

Dessert – Trio of Mini Desserts; Crème Brulee, Fruit sosatie stick and a Chocolate Brownie.



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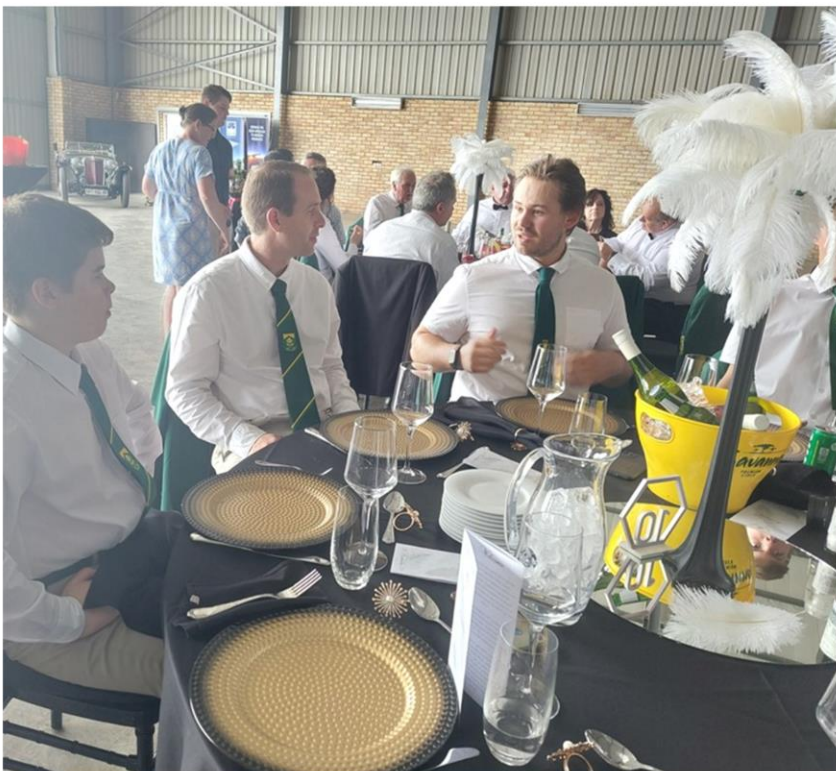




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We, as the SAMAA Management Committee urge each and every one of our SAMAA members to consider those RC modellers at your club and ensure that those deserving candidates be nominated for the categories for the 2024 Aero Club Awards,

1. SAMAA Member of the year.
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For more information on the criteria of the categories, contact the SAMAA office

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Safe Flying!!

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