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TOUCH & GO !

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Time is not only flying, it has gone Supersonic! Next month, we will be in the first Quarter of 2016 – mind blowing isn' it.

Slowly, slowly, catch a “monkey” ----- meaning, progress might be slow BUT we are getting there – month by month New members are enrolling to this Branch – good news hey!

Welcome Bart Saaiman, our first “Associated “ member in a very long time. We urge members to invite and introduce more deserving associated members.

AGM

Herewith notice of the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the V.C.C., Montrose on the 22nd March 2016 at 12h00.

We urge members to consider nominations for a Secretary / Treasurer and a Welfare Officer.

Please diarise this date --- Monthly lunch to follow meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Your annual m'ship fee of R50-00 is now due! We need to supply NEC with the number of paid-up members, for allotment of voting strength at Congress.

Please, EFT or deposit with your name as reference to:

SAAFA PMB, FNB Howick 250-655

Acc: 625 3177 2524

Advise payment to aranco44@gmail.com Thank You

NB Be advised that PO Box address no longer in operation.

Patrons of the South African Air Force Association

Lt Genl A.M. Muller, SSAS, SD, SM, SALM (Aft)

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Lt Genl W.H. Hechter, SSAS, SD, SM, MMM, SALM (Aft)

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Col. R.F. Haywood, SSA, MMM, JCD

Mr B.E.Hersov,DMS,JCM,LLD(hC)(Rhodes),MA (Cantab)

LEXOPHILIA

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a Banker, but then I lost interest

When chemists die, they barium

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

SAAFA CONGRESS

The annual Congress is to be held at the Simola Country & Golf Club in Knysna. The dates are 26th ---- 29th May 2016. The Captain of this ship is Ola Grinaker and his band of Corsairs --- so brace yourselves for a rough voyage. Further details from your Editor on 082 651 6996

AIRCRAFT DATA

Boeing B-17F , Flying Fortress

Weight:	34,000 lb	(15,435 Kg)
Max T/O wt:	56,000 "	(24,400 ")
Max Bomb load	9600 "	(4350 ")
Norm " "	4000	(1814 ")
Power:	4 X Wright Cyclone GR-1820-97 turbo charged radials, Rated at 1380 Hp each (war emergency pwr)	
Max Speed	325 mph	(523 km/hr)
Crz	182 "	(293 ")
Clmb rate	900 ft/min	
Service ceiling	38,500 ft	(11,700 mtrs)
Max range	4,220 mi.	(6800km)

THINK & PONDER

Reality is only an illusion that occurs due to a lack of alcohol.

We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.

Artificial intelligence is no match for Natural stupidity.

Wives are magicians They can change anything into an argument.

Being over the "hill" is much better than being under it.

JOHN GOODMAN HOUSHOLD MEMORIAL

Another kind donation from SAAFA NEC will allow us to complete the upgrading of this Most important Memorial. We are designing an info board, to be erected on site, thus making it visible to all, passing the site. (info to follow)

For visitors: Follow the Karkloof rd. out of Howick +- 17kms, turn left at Memorial Signpost (road D293) follow signposted gravel rd. +- 8 kms. Memorial on right.

CHOCKS

- (a) Please update your contact details if changed in last year
- (b) SAAFA PMB postal address no longer in use.
- (c) Time and Tide so, we are thinking in terms of a function, Braai or picnic in order for members to chat aviation and of days gone by.
- (d) We urgently need a Welfare Officer – any volunteers?
- (e) Old aviation literature, books , newspaper clippings will be kindly received. Valuable items can be donated to the NEC Library at Zwartkop.
- (f) Awaiting a list of regalia in stock from the SAAFA Secretary – orders can be forwarded.
- (g) Good news! SAAFA and Super Quick Tyres have an arrangement to supply members with tyres at a very good discounted rate. Your m'ship card and reference BRF 531 will open the door for a bargain.

BOOK REVIEW

FLYING BOAT by Ivan Spring

The history of 262 Sqn RAF & 35 Sqn SAAF, covering the Catalina and Sunderland Operations.

Foreword by Wing Commander E.S.S. Nash, DFC , AFC.

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Eyes open and don't forget to lower the GEAR!

Your Editor
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