



**The Aero Club of South Africa**  
*Preserving Free Flight*

**Aero Club Communique # 5 of 2026**

Good morning to all our Aero Club members and the GA Industry.

After many meetings, some which were attended by many on MS Teams and other meetings being informal consultations between groups of three or four, there is consensus on the regulatory framework that will grant relief to the owners of Lycoming and Continental piston-engined aircraft of which the engine is older than or last overhauled post 12 years. Members from the Aero Club consulted with our colleagues from the SACAA earlier last week and we can report that there is agreement on the wording of the proposed amendments to the regulations in Part 43.02.1 and Part 91.09.1.

The two parts mentioned above, when read concurrently with the proposed Appendix 3 to Part 43 of the S A Civil Aviation Technical Standards (CATS), will define the process that will provide the relief that is needed for 12-year plus engines to be operated safely and legally as required in terms of our S A CAA regulations.

After all the meetings, consultations and telephone calls the regulatory formulation process is now underway. This may seem somewhat lengthy, but it is a legislated timeline that cannot be deviated from. The following has already occurred:

- We are pleased to announce that the proposed amendments to the regulations in Part 43.02.1 and Part 91.09.1 that were on the agenda at this morning's meeting of the Civil Aviation Regulations Committee (CARCom) were approved for promulgation.

- Appendix 3 of Part 43 has been agreed to by the SACAA and industry and it will be sent by the SACAA for public comment after which it will be signed by our DCA.

It needs to be noted that the above is the result of a process that occurred as expediently as it could have, given the time constraints of the Christmas holidays and the required legal waiting periods. The Aero Club was significantly instrumental in ensuring that no time was wasted during the process. We thank our dedicated members who spent many hours in meetings delving into regulations to produce the wording of the proposals that now are approved. We also want to thank the General Aviation Department, the Airworthiness Department, and other colleagues at the SACAA for their collaborative cooperation in getting these amendments to fruition.

The yearly Aero Club Airweek has now cleared the TMA and is in level flight, trimmed and is straight and level towards the destination. The dedicated planning committee has finalised all but a few of the administrative requirements. Allocation of stalls for exhibitors has been done and we may be out of space! The presentations and other programme items are all but done and only need to be fine-tuned. The way it is going now, all augers very well for a good event.

Please see the poster below and register your attendance for Airweek at

<https://mailchi.mp/6792bb799348/aero-club-airweek-2026-is-coming-your-way-sign-up-to-participate>

The Aero Club has had a very long relationship with the Commercial Aviation Association of South Africa (CAASA). At the recent 25-year celebration of AAD, CAASA gave awards to Air Show SA, a section of the Aero Club and to the Aero Club for our involvement in AAD over the years.

We as Aero Club will also be involved with AAD 2026 later this year in September.

For more on this and other CAASA news, please see the CAASA newsletter at

<https://www.caasa.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CAASA-JAN-2026.pdf>

If you need to renew your Authority to Fly, see the information below about our Aero Assist system.

The 2026 Aero Club membership renewal commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.  
Please visit the Aero Club website renewal portal at  
<https://aeroclub.org.za/membership/> to renew or to register as a new member.

Enjoy the week, be safe, till next week.

Regards

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2026

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# The Aero Club Membership Support Initiative

## ATFs and Licences

The Aero Club has created a Member Support Initiative to assist active Aero Club members in their Recreational Licence & ATF application submissions to the CAA at a cost of R 300 per submission, discounts for multiple submissions and referrals.



## AeroAssist

<https://www.aeroassist.org.za/>

AeroAssist is a web based system that can be used by members of Aero Club to facilitate Authority to Fly applications with CAA.



The functionality of the system allows for the upload of all required documentation that must be submitted with the application. Aircraft details and applicable documentation will be saved to a master document set for the aircraft and will be available for subsequent applications; making it easier for the user the next time an application is submitted.

Applicants are kept up to date with regards to application progress via their preferred communication method - sms or e-mail. When the Authority to Fly has been issued by CAA, it will be stored in the system and automatically e-mailed to the applicant. As an additional service, we also send a reminder at the appropriate time when an Authority to Fly is due.

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