



The Aero Club of South Africa

Preserving Free Flight

Aero Club Communique # 7 of 2026

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

12-Year Engines

Appendix 3 of Part 43, the technical standards that will give relief to owners of aircraft with Lycoming and Continental engines that are older than 12 years, was placed on the SACAA website on Friday afternoon.

I quote from their website page:

Electronic copies of the draft Amendments may also be requested from Keitumetse Segami at RDSecretariat@caa.co.za. Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written comments on these draft Amendments on or before **19 March 2026** to the Chairperson of CARCom, for the attention of:

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Please see:

<https://www.caa.co.za/legal-notices-2/#Proposed-Amendments>

For the full Appendix 3 click on:

Schedule 10 SA-CATS 43 (General Maintenance Rules)

As reported in previous Communiques, the Aero Club and its partners engaged extensively with the SACAA on the principles and concept of Appendix 3 of the Part 43 Technical Standards.

The work that went into producing the Appendix and the final result is ample reason for the Aero Club to state that Appendix 3 of Part 43 is a coherent, well-presented document that fully serves its purpose.

Therefore, the Aero Club supports Appendix 3 and we believe there is no need to make any further comment about Appendix 3.

The Aero Club and its partners further wish to assist in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition to the new process that will offer relief to the older than 12-year engine aircraft owners.

Airweek

The 2026 Aero Club Airweek planning is virtually finalised. All the regulatory and legal requirements have been met. In addition, the many and varied activities that make up an event like this have been coordinated. Among many others, this includes anything such as emergency services, vendor stand allocation, availability of fuel and even the placement of portable toilets. Organising Airweek is a big task. I want to thank the team from Middelburg Aero Club and the Aero Club of SA for their dedicated challenging work in making this possible.

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>

We will see you there from the 5th to the 8th of March.

A proposed program for the 4 days of Airweek is given on the next page.

5 – 8 March 2026 - MIDDELBURG AIRFIELD

AEROCLUB AIRWEEK

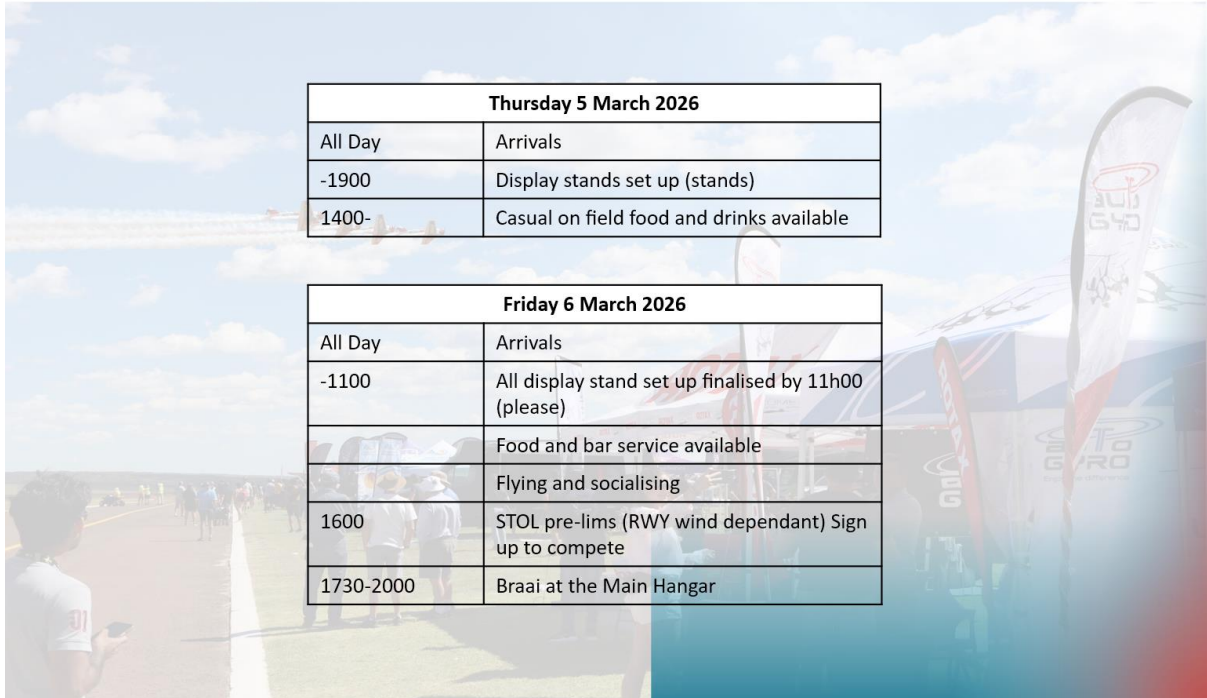
Aviation For the Aviation Enthusiast



PROGRAM

**Thursday 5 & Friday 6
March 2026**

This is a draft program and may be updated



Thursday 5 March 2026	
All Day	Arrivals
-1900	Display stands set up (stands)
1400-	Casual on field food and drinks available

Friday 6 March 2026	
All Day	Arrivals
-1100	All display stand set up finalised by 11h00 (please)
	Food and bar service available
	Flying and socialising
1600	STOL pre-lims (RWY wind dependant) Sign up to compete
1730-2000	Braai at the Main Hangar

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Saturday 7 March 2026

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-1000	MISASA spot landing judging	1445-1530 Meeting Room	An overview of the Current Aircraft Sales Market by Bertus Janse Van Rensburg, Absolute Aviation
0700-1600	Food vendors available	16h00	STOL Finals (RWY wind dependant) Sign up to compete. (Pre-lims on Friday)
0900-1000 Meeting Room	SAPFA Fun Rally briefing <i>Sign up for this navigation fun</i>	1800	Meet for dinner at Main Hangar Drinks and take your seats
0900-1000 Meeting Room	APOSA Update on AP scheme progress by Braam Hechter with Peter Lastrucci	1830-1845	Welcome and start awards
1000-1400	Fun Rally flying at pilots discretion	1930-2100	Dinner with awards between
1000-1400	EAA Aircraft Judging (All welcome) By Paul Lastrucci, Pierre van der Walt and the at Sport Plane Builders team <i>Sign up to claim your aircraft build status</i>	2200	Awards close
1000-1045 Meeting Room	The Pilots' Guide to Tyre Care and Basic Tyre Principles by David-Lee De Welzim, Goodyear Aviation Tyres, Southern Africa.	Other Activities that will take place	
1100-1200 Meeting Room	Crash Site Investigation Panel Discussion	BAFSA activity will take place. Details TBC	
1230-1330	Puma Lions : Harvard's arrive, display and depart. RWY will be closed for 20 min display. Time to be confirmed but is expected to be 13h00	SSSA Gliding to take place during the day	
1345-1445	Comet ROTAX Oil Change Demo at their Stand	SAGPA attendance and sharing their discipline with other pilots	
From morning	Sling flying activity	SAMAA activities will take place. Details TBC	
		PASA Skydiving to be take place as available	
		Static display of iconic aircraft ; vintage and new tech can all be	
		Sunday 8 March 2026	
		-1100	Food vendors available
			Departures

Fees

In last week's Communique we mentioned the latest changes to the SACAA fee structure as it affects general aviation.

A fellow Aero Club council member has mentioned that, although specific reference was made to the process that was followed and the consultations with the SACAA about the fees, it would be good to see actual figures that quantify the fee structure negotiations. Thanks to our council member for his observation and for this idea.

The table below on the next page lists fees of certain elements of Parts 61, 62, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 105 for which we negotiated a reduced fee structure. There is a comparison of the original fee, the original fee proposed by the CAA and the final approved fee.

DESCRIPTION	June 2023 Fee	Proposed Original Fee for April 2026	Promulgated Fee April 2026	% Change Promulgated Fee vs. Proposed Original Fee
Fees relating to Part 61 (Pilot licensing)				
187.01.10 The following fees are payable:				
(a) For validation of the following licences:				
(iii) Private pilot licence	570	1 370	962	-29.78%
(e) For the issuing of following licences				
(i) Student pilot licences	610	1 142	700	-38.70%
(ii) Private pilot licences	790	1 431	908	-36.55%
(h) For examinations of any pilot licence or rating per subject;				
(i) on-line PPL examinations	137	964	158	-83.61%
Fees relating to Part 62 (National Pilot licensing)				
187.01.11 The following fees are payable:				
(b) For the issuing or re-issuing of the following pilot licences:				
(i) national pilot learner certificate (regulation 62.02.5)	610	1 142	700	-38.70%
(ii) national pilot licence (regulation 62.03.2)	610	1 431	700	-51.08%
Fees relating to Part 66 (Aircraft maint. engineer Licensing)				
187.01.15 The following fees are payable:				
(j) For the initial issue of an approved person certificate	580	1 431	667	-53.39%
(k) For the renewal of an approved person certificate	305	905	700	-22.65%
Fees relating to Part 67 (Medical Certification)				
187.01.16 The following fees are payable:				
(a) For appeal against being found medically unfit	6 250	22 656	7 178	-68.32%
Fees relating to Part 68 (Glider Pilot licence)				
187.01.17 The following fees are payable:				
(a) For the issuing or re-issuing of the following licences:				
(i) glider pilot licence (regulation 68.03.7)	610	1 431	700	-51.08%
(ii) student glider pilot licence (regulation 68.02.5)	610	1 142	700	-38.70%
Fees relating to Part 69 (Free balloon pilot licence)				
187.01.18 The following fees are payable:				
(a) For the issuing or re-issuing of a free balloon pilot licence	790	1 431	908	-36.55%

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The 2026 Aero Club membership renewal commenced on the 1st 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.

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

Enjoy the week. Fly, drive and be safe. Till next week.

Regards

Walter Doubell

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AIRWEEK
2026

CELEBRATING
106 YEARS IN SOUTH AFRICAN AVIATION

AIRWEEK 2026 - FLY IN, CAMP OUT & HANG OUT
FOR AVIATORS, BY AVIATORS & ALL ARE WELCOME!
5 - 8 March 2026
MIDDELBURG AIRFIELD (FAMB)

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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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