



The Aero Club of South Africa

Preserving Free Flight

Aero Club Communique # 12 of 2026

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

I trust you are well. We have a mix of information about a few recreational aviation topics.

12-Year Engine Rule

There is nothing new since the previous Communique that was sent on the 20th of April.

What we do have is a link to a video interview with Kev Storie, the CEO of CAASA. He gives information on several facets of the 12-year engine matter, covering the history, what happened and the possibilities about what may happen.

It is well worth the time to watch this informative interview.

Just paste the link below into your browser to watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/Rsf30edkzL0>

85th Annual General Meeting of the Aero Club of South Africa NPC

It is time again for our yearly Annual General Meeting. The AGM is an important legal requirement in terms of the constitution of the Aero Club.

Here is our official Annual General Meeting Notice:

Dear Member, we are pleased to invite you to the Aero Club of South Africa NPC's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will take place on 6th May 2026 at 18:00 for 18:30. The meeting will be held virtually on Teams.

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. In accordance with our constitution, we are delivering this notice of the AGM via email in this Communique and publication on the Aero Club website. A prior notice was sent 21 clear days in advance, as required.

Only members in good standing may attend the AGM. If you are unsure about your membership status, please reach out to us prior to the meeting.

Members who are unable to attend in person or virtually may appoint a proxy.

A member may appoint only one proxy and an appointed proxy may only hold one proxy. Proxies must be members in good standing, and the proxy form must be completed, signed, and submitted to the Chairman at least 48 hours before the AGM.

We encourage you to participate in this important event, where we will discuss key developments and plans for the future of Aero Club. Your attendance and input are highly valued.

The AGM agenda, proxy form and nomination form can be accessed on the Aero Club website at:

<https://aeroclub.org.za/annual-general-meeting/>

You can also access the AGM information on the website at www.aeroclub.org.za under *Governance* on the top right of the launch page.

The Microsoft Teams Meeting Link information is:

Meeting Link Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/37586483728354?p=XqYwJ7MSTxunubHo5v>

Meeting ID: 375 864 837 283 54

Passcode: Nc3Rw28S

Your Yearly Medical

At the recent bimonthly EAA 322 meeting Dr. Mike Brown gave valuable information on the yearly renewal of the medical.

Among other topics, Dr. Brown gave the following advice:

- Prepare early for your medical.
- Do not do the examination if you are unfit or ill.

- If you need information before you do your yearly medical, contact your aviation medical specialist to assist.
- Complete all documentation correctly.
- Establish a relationship with your Designated Aviation Medical Examiner.
- Also covered were the more common disqualifying medical conditions

Please see the full PowerPoint presentation below that contains all the detail of Dr. Brown's presentation.

<https://aeroclub.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Defending-Your-Medical.pdf>

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.

Have a safe week,

Regards

Walter Doubell,

Acting Chairman,

Aero club of SA,

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24 April 2026

Safety Contact Information

The SACAA Confidential Aviation Hazard Reporting System (CAHRS) reporting link:

<https://www.caa.co.za/information-for-the-public/reporting/#cahrs>

ARCC

Aeronautical Rescue
Coordination Centre

SEARCH AND RESCUE

 +27 63 505 4164 or

 +27 63 505 5485

 Report **ANY** Aircraft Accident
Immediately to the ARCC
This includes Paragliders



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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