



The Aero Club of South Africa

Preserving Free Flight

Aero Club Communique # 14 of 2026

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

I trust you are well.

12-Year Engine Rule

We are still at an impasse with regard to progress on the promulgation of the amended Part 91 and Part 43. These amendments are with the Minister of Transport for signature.

In addition to the uncertainty about the signing of the amendments that will give relief to owners of older than 12-year engined aircraft, there are no definite guidelines as to the process once the Condition Monitoring Programme may be implemented. This uncertainty is specifically about what the process is for the owners during and after the aircraft has undergone a CMP. For example: what forms will be required, is there a format for the AME report as per Appendix 3, will it be necessary for the aircraft to be inspected after the CMP? There are other uncertainties. We will send a request to the SACAA to find out about these questions.

Congratulations!

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the South African Gyroplane Association on receiving an award for a television series that showcased gyroplane activity in South Africa.

Jacques Swiegers, chairman of SAGPA, said the following about the award:

"The Gyroplane Television Series won a Silver Award in the Adventure Category at the International Tourism Film Festival, a proud moment for our gyro community."

Congratulations Jacques and your team at SAGPA, truly something to be proud of.



Approved Persons of South Africa

APOSA is a new organisation that sees to the needs of the approved persons in South Africa. By having an organised and formal entity that assists the APs there is a definite advantage that APOSA holds for the Aero Club member. We have common interests and there already is a working relationship with the Experimental Aircraft Association.

APOSA publishes a newsletter. Below is an extract from the May edition with information about APOSA. We will be placing regular news on APOSA future.

APOSA NEWSLETTER May 2026

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and engagement. This update summarises APOSA's current status, ongoing projects, regulatory interactions, training initiatives, and upcoming actions. Please share the attached presentation with colleagues to help grow the AP environment.

Organisational Overview and Membership

APOSA is now in a steady state.

- **Membership:** Approx **116 members**.
- **Governance & Roles:** Work continues on the refinement and clarification of roles and responsibilities across Exco and the various working groups. This ongoing process is aimed at strengthening collaboration, improving accountability, and ensuring greater alignment in the execution of strategic priorities.
- **Annual General Meeting:** Planning underway; a virtual AGM invitation will be circulated.

Finances and Membership Invoicing

Banking and invoicing status.

- **Finances:** The APOSA bank account is active.
- **Membership Invoices:** A basic Excel invoicing system was set up and invoices were sent out. We are still refining the system to suit APOSAS specific needs.

Training and Safety Framework

Primary focus area for APOSA.

- **Theoretical exams:** For our APs in training we would like to confirm which exams can be written at the SACAA across disciplines: CATS & CARS, Gyrocraft, Rotorcraft, Gas Turbines, Airframe General, Aluminium sheet metal structure, Composite, Piston Engine (props and fuel systems), Wood, Fabric and Welded structures, Electrical & Instruments, Avionics.
- **Online training:** Peter Lastrucci is currently investigating King's Academy's online aviation maintenance training programme. Feedback and insights from the review process will be shared once the assessment has been completed.
- **CAA engagement:** We are in ongoing discussions with CAA Members to coordinate formal CAA interaction across Licensing, Airworthiness, and General Aviation.
- **Practical training and mentorship:** Brainstorming sessions are underway to formalise key areas including theoretical training, practical skills development, mentorship programmes, and targeted marketing initiatives aimed at attracting and supporting future trainees.
- **Action:** Members who have training resources, mentors, or course suggestions are encouraged to please share them with us.

Website, Exams, and AP Registration Process

Improving member access and exam support.

- **Website updates:** Our webpage is being updated to include detailed information on the process of becoming an Approved Person, the examinations available through the CAA website, and the CAA exam registration process. Once these updates have been completed, members are encouraged to direct AP trainees to the APOSA website for guidance and relevant information. (See: [APOSA.org.za](https://aposa.org.za).)

Other Aero Club information

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.

Please also see below the information on our Aero Assist system whereby you can easily renew your Authority to Fly.

The contact numbers for the SACAA for confidential hazard reporting and the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre are also listed below.

Enjoy the long weekend. If you fly or drive, be safe. Regards,

Walter Doubell, Chairman,

Aero club of SA, walter@aeroclub.org.za, 12 June 2026

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.

For more information contact The Aero Club of South Africa
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Sections of The Aero Club of South Africa



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

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Immediately to the ARCC
This includes Paragliders



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