



The Microlight and Light Sport Aeroplane Association of South Africa

MISASA is the National Flying Club that represents ALL Microlight & Light Sport Aeroplane (LSA) pilots in SA.

MISASA is run by a Committee that is guided by a constitution and which is elected annually by the membership at an Annual General Meeting.

MISASA maintains a focus on matters relevant to microlight and light sport aeroplanes and their pilots. We share african skies with aircraft of all types and as such the co ordination and facilitation of matters of a general nature are undertaken by the Aero Club. The one without the other would not achieve the aims and objectives of the two together.

As an association, we have the experience and a sound basis for self regulation. We however need to enjoy more trust from the South African regulatory authorities. Our members are world leaders in the manufacture of light sport aircraft and we call for the freedom to innovate. We have the vision and the courage to work together as a unified entity so as to be acknowledged as leaders in the manufacture of aircraft. Examples such as the Aquilla, the Bathawk, the Cheetah, the Cubby and the Sling do us proud. It is time for the regulatory authorities to join us in a culture of assisting our pioneering manufacturers and assemblers to get their businesses growing. To grow they need the freedom to innovate as microlight and light sport aviation is modern, fast moving and it benefits from continuous technological enhancements in materials and design. As an association we are proud of our South African manufacturers who produce outstanding aircraft that enjoy the interest of foreign markets.

There is a breeding ground for innovation, creativity and change and it lies in the focus of those that professionally build and manufacture kits. Clearly, kit building offers lower prices. In addition, it builds skills, jobs and excitement whilst introducing a broad range of the best aircraft that the world has to offer. This is not the ultimate benefit; the art of invention needs freedom and encouragement to adopt a shared vision for safer skies. Safer skies, filled with competent pilots flying a fleet of aircraft whose design and construction is constantly improving. Improving, because we all have a unity of purpose in this regard. Using the kit as a stepping stone to the establishment of a fully fledged manufacturing facility needs support and encouragement. Let us all support our suppliers, let us work together and keep it world class, keep it fun and keep it affordable. This is the aim of the MISASA annual showcase; an event where we showcase our suppliers and thank them for what they do. For the first two years the event was held at Tedderfield and this year it follows last year's event at Kitty Hawk. Our members invite suppliers and all other members of the Aero Club to bring along their customers, friends and family to this increasingly popular "pilots for pilots" showcase.

All members of MISASA are also members of the Aero Club. You cannot belong to the one without the other. Pilots that are members of the Aero Club may also join other sub-sections of the Aero Club. Many of our members who build LSA kits are also members of the EAA.

Committee

The committee consists of the following people who were elected at the last AGM:

- Donald Hicks (Chairman),
- Brett Hickman (Treasurer),
- Thelma Roberts-Boucher (Administration),
- John Boucher (Internal PRO),
- John Comley (External PRO),
- Mervyn Reynolds (Competitions),
- Marius Nel (Events & Calendar),
- Deon Kraidy & Henri vd Berg (Safety),
- Rowena Kraidy (Technical),
- Nico Willemse (Training & Licensing) and
- Alan Mackenzie (Publications).

Trend Spotting

In the first half of 2014 a trend to home based kit building and to the building of kits with the assistance of professional kit builders experienced an upsurge in interest. The reasoning, as introduced above, is not complex; it is the benefits that drive the interest. This micro industry holds in the palm of it's hand the future of our form of recreational aviation. The 20th century should have taken 500 years and if we can only find a way for our regulatory authorities to "break free" and work with us we too will take aviation in this country to new levels of interest.

New to market in the past year are the following locally constructed aircraft kits and full imports. The home grown Bathawk, the locally constructed Alto kit, the locally constructed Quicksilver kit and the Zlin Bobber.

To our members, do join us on the committee and to the members of the other sub-sections of the Aero Club, please join us at our annual showcase day and make it yours so that together we can promote and develop the reach of our sport in South Africa.

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Above: The Bobber - Craig Lang 082 459 0760

If ever there was a fun aircraft designed for African conditions and weather, it has to be the Savage BOBBER. This unique aircraft with its uncovered fuselage is like nothing else on the market. Combining the stability and familiarity of a conventional aircraft with the open cockpit feel of a Microlight, this aircraft will provide it's owners with hundreds of hours of unsurpassed pleasure. Due to the tandem seating and open cockpit, the Bobber provides unsurpassed visibility, making it an ideal platform for anti-poaching patrols, game counts and aerial surveillance.

Above Right: The Alto - Richard Stubbs 083 655 0355

Designed for the increasingly popular 600kg MTOW LSA class, the ALTO's construction is that of a conventional all-metal low-wing monoplane with various composite elements, namely those of the top and bottom engine cowls, main landing gear, wheel spats and spinner. This extremely light but durable construction method

has enabled the ALTO to provide class leading usable weight considerations - even with full tanks and additional baggage. Impressive performance and totally predictable handling qualities are ideally suited to both the recreational pilot and instructor training environment and for additional safety an optional factory fitted ballistic parachute is available, this having been tested to verify that it actually works!

Right: The Quicksilver Sport 2S - Charl Jooste 082 903 0537

The Quicksilver Sport 2S airplane is a wonderful platform to learn to fly inexpensively as the operating costs are low. The Sport 2SE offers a "magic-carpet" flying experience that is quite different and unique as compared with enclosed cockpit airplanes that fly faster: it is a sensorially rich experience where you can feel the air passing around you, you can see the birds flying along, smell the fields and see what is happening at ground level and being noticed by the people on the ground. All of that is lost in a high flying, fast airplane.

