

# SOUTH AFRICAN POWER FLYING ASSOCIATION

# NEWS LETTER

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## Chairperson's Message – SA Power Flying Association



Dear Members,  
Welcome to another exciting year with the SA Power Flying Association. As we look ahead, our calendar is already shaping up to be filled with events that will bring our community together, showcase our passion for aviation, and create opportunities for both seasoned pilots and newcomers to share in the joy of flying. Preparations are in full swing for the President's Trophy, taking place at Secunda Airfield from 28–31 May. Curious about what to expect? Join our masterclass webinars to learn more—and you could even win your entry! Meanwhile, we're laying the foundation for the World ANR Championships in Germany, coming up in 2027. Our upcoming events are the perfect opportunity to sharpen your skills and get your team ready to compete on the international stage. Everyone is welcome as we grow, learn, and take on new challenges together. Beyond our events, we are committed to making your membership more rewarding than ever. Throughout the year, we will be rolling out new and exciting benefits designed to support your flying journey, strengthen connections within our community, and add real value to your association experience. Your enthusiasm and dedication are what make this association so special, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and in the skies.

Tarryn Myburgh  
Chairperson, SA Power Flying Association

**DID YOU KNOW: The PTAR has been running since 1937?**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 5**  
ANR Airweek  
FAMB

**Mar 9**  
PTAR MASTERCLASS  
Online

**Mar 14**  
ANR  
Ottosdal

**Mar 27**  
Cirrus ANR  
Airsan

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**PTAR 2026**  
28-30 May 26  
FASC  
Only 40 Entries  
Enter @  
[www.sapfa.co.za](http://www.sapfa.co.za)

**PTAR ENTRIES OPEN**



**PTAR MASTERCLASS**  
9 MARCH 19:00  
ONLINE  
PTAR MASTERCLASS

The PTAR Masterclass is part of the SAPFA Insights Webinar Series. It's your opportunity to learn more about the President's Trophy Air Race. **How to win, how to prepare and what you need for success.** You'll hear from previous PTAR winners, giving you tips and tricks to make sure your race is the best one yet. *The Registration link will be posted on the PTAR whatsapp group and Socials.* Attend the online Masterclass Monday the 9th of March at 7pm. Have your say, and hear from your race team management.

## OUR SUPPORT



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## Airweek 2026

The annual Airweek is upon us where all the different Sections of the Aeroclub of South Africa enjoy a weekend together to share their passion for all things flying. Middelburg Airfield is now firmly established as the home of Airweek, with 2026 marking the 8<sup>th</sup> year running at this welcoming venue.

The event has grown steadily and over 200 aircraft visited Airweek in 2025.

In addition, hot air balloons, model aircraft, paragliders and parachutes were in attendance to showcase their activities. The airfield has also undergone major infrastructure development to accommodate the large gathering, that includes a perfectly manicured area for camping, and ablution facilities.

As always, SA Power Flying will be in attendance to support the event. Airweek serves as the first taste for many pilots and navigators to competition and sports flying through Speed Rallies, Fun Rallies, or ANR's, and highlights the benefits of SA Power Flying membership to aviators to taking part. It is also a great opportunity for newcomers to tap into the knowledge base from our seasoned competitors.

This year, SA Power Flying will host an ANR to showcase our section. An ANR tests both flying accuracy and navigation. The routes are generally between 20nm and 30nm and the aim is to stay within a predefined corridor. Time keeping is also important with the start and finish points scored based on being early or late based on your nominated speed. For a fun event, we widen the corridor and often exclude the timing component to allow crews the opportunity to learn under less pressure. Airweek is over the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of April, and our ANR event happens on Saturday, 7 April 2026. The briefing will be at 09:00. The total route distance will be around 25nm and entry is free to all Aeroclub members.

We sincerely want to thank Marie from EAA chapter 322, Walter, Sandra and Salomi from the Aeroclub, and the Middelburg Aeroclub for all the organisation required to make Airweek happen. We look forward to seeing all our members at Airweek and our first event of the year.

**Read about last year's event through our media partners:**

Pilots Post [www.pilotspost.co.za/PsPpyarn3544](http://www.pilotspost.co.za/PsPpyarn3544)

African Pilot [www.africanpilot.africa/feature/airweek-2025-where-aviation-passion-and-innovation-take-flight/](http://www.africanpilot.africa/feature/airweek-2025-where-aviation-passion-and-innovation-take-flight/)

Flightline Weekly [www.flightlineweekly.com/post/aero-club-of-south-africa-airweek-and-airshow](http://www.flightlineweekly.com/post/aero-club-of-south-africa-airweek-and-airshow)

Iaan Myburgh



**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**  
**The South African  
Power Flying Association  
(SAPFA)  
was formed in 1988**



[www.sapfa.co.za](http://www.sapfa.co.za)

**SPEED RALLY #1 SEASON 8  
2 MAY 2026 BONA BONA**



## From the Archives: Rand Airport Challenge 2006

Extracted from *The Joystick* Volume 11 Issue 1 March 2006

[www.sapfa.co.za/wp-content/uploads/HomePage/Joystick/joystickv111.pdf](http://www.sapfa.co.za/wp-content/uploads/HomePage/Joystick/joystickv111.pdf)

The second Rand Airport Challenge was hosted by SAPFA at Rand Airport in Saturday 1 April 2006. The event was sponsored by AFOS, KARCHER, AviMap, Safeline Brake Pads and Cheetah Tech. This event is primarily a fun event but does test the skills of the crew. First was the Flight Planning where competitors sit down to work out the route from a cryptic clue sheet. After plotting the route the crews set off on the navigation exercise. A total of 21 teams took off and fortunately all 21 teams also arrived back at Rand airport. All along the route the teams had to observe and answer questions. The course took entrants from Rand to a spot landing at Vereeniging Airport, where Quentin Taylor observed some spectacular arrivals. Then down to the Vaal Dam to find out how many sluice gates were open. As the crews flew past the Lethaba Power Station they had to count the cooling towers. At first glance there are 5 cooling towers but as you fly further along the route a sixth one comes into view. This was not done deliberately by the organisers.

It just happened that way. The flights were recorded using the Air Observer GPS Logging System, locally designed and manufactured by TiltTech. While the Air Observer software is very clever and easy to use some of the teams did such "creative flying" that it caused challenges for the software and some manual adjustments had to be made. A large number of prizes were up for grabs, the most interesting one was a prize of R3 000 for 4th place – "because the 4th guy always gets nothing".

By all reports a great time was had by all.

*The main results are as follows.*

**1st Place** - Mike Cathro & Alan Stewart won a KARCHER high pressure washer

**2nd Place** - Marc Grehgo & Robert Hallam won an AviMap Voucher

**3rd Place** - Robert Gobac & Tarryn Adendorf won an AviMap Voucher

**4th Place** - Hubi von Moltke & Gerald Ackhurst won the R3,000.00

(they were also the sponsors of the prize)



Plotting at the Rand Challenge

## IMPORTANT LINKS

**PTAR MASTERCLASS REGISTRATION LINK**

[www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZZTzln9Cf\\_hD33AFZ3b5Hjyv9p3mxEHIJ4PoNikwsSFecCQ/viewform](http://www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZZTzln9Cf_hD33AFZ3b5Hjyv9p3mxEHIJ4PoNikwsSFecCQ/viewform)

**PTAR ENTRY FORM**

[www.sapfa.co.za/competition-entry-form-ptar/](http://www.sapfa.co.za/competition-entry-form-ptar/)

**PTAR WHATSAPP GROUP LINK**

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GAWGJ2MCcPF3sXf3Gwweig>

**SAPFA WEBSITE**

[www.sapfa.co.za/](http://www.sapfa.co.za/)

**PTAR FACEBOOK**

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