

GAA MONTHLY - MODDERFONTEIN TRAINING FOR THE NATIONALS

30 MARCH

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The GAA held their 2nd Training Session this past weekend, with excellent weather and an awesome field to fly at. Thanks to the guys at Modderfontein for hosting us.

Early morning saw excellent

trimming weather, with zero wind, and awesome visibility. Exactly what our country is famous for, it's weather.

Being a monthly, and training session for the nationals, the pilots were eager to get flying,

and receive the invaluable information and feedback from our judges.

Intermediate: The day started off with 2 intermediate Pilots, Pieter Botha & Lee Bonny, both pilots anxious

to get in the air, and show the judges what they are made of, again the feedback from the judges made the worlds difference, with both pilots improving their flying exponentially round after round.



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Pieter took the honours with an average score of 55.4%, followed by Lee with his score of 51.01%.

Masters: Next up was the Masters Class, with 4 Entries, it was also nice to see Rui Martins and family competing this year. Again the feedback from the Judges made a huge impact, and the pilots were able to tweak their planes and flying to perfection for the nationals. Rui Martins won overall with 3 impressive rounds and an average of 70.94%, followed by Max Buizer in 2nd place with 54.81%, Matthys Botha in 3rd place with 56.42%, and John Brink in 4th with 46.83%.

F3A: The two top pilots were at it again, this time putting in the time and energy to get ready for the nationals and next year's world champs. Andre took the overall score for the day with an average of 77.17%, followed closely by Roston with a score of 73.42%. It was truly some impressive flying.



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I have also been asked by Roston to include a word or two he had to say about the competition. Herewith the letter from Roston in regards to the weekends flying:

"Thanks very much to everyone who put in so much work to make this comp happen - organisers and judges. Also thanks to all the Modderfontein members who sacrificed their Sunday morning flying - it was great flying weather after all the rain we have endured lately. We precision aerobatic folk really appreciated the nicely mowed grass and well prepared site.

This was the last chance to prepare for the nats and having three of SA's top judges on duty and prepared to freely offer so much good advice was extremely useful to all the Intermediate, Masters and F3a pilots present.

Thank you Ivan Olivier, Bob Skinner and Chris Theron Two of SA's top F3a pilots, Roston Dugmore and Andre Stockwell were very fortunate the organisers managed to fit in two P schedules and two F schedules for them. These two are strong contenders to make the team for the 2015 world F3a championships and it's obvious they have already started serious preparation, the countdown has started to July 2015. It was so beneficial for them to be judged by world class judges in a relaxed competition where the emphasis was on feedback and training.

Regards

Roston"

All in all it was a wonderful competition in preparation for the nationals. We hope to be able to fly here again, as the field looked awesome, thanks to Modderfontein for hosting us.

Thank you Judges for sacrificing your Sunday to judge our flying without judges this sport would not exist. We would also like to thank our Sponsor JB Switchgear Solutions for all you have done for us.

As always the Boeries were legendary, and I feel that we should send the "Boerie Braai Team" to the Braai Master competitions.

So the next one is the nats, and we hope to see all of you there, this year it will be held in Himville KZN, entries are already open, so enter now!

See you there, and as always, fly safe (and inverted).

Pilot	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
INTERMEDIATE			
Pieter Botha	54,44	56,36	53,33
Lee Bonny	30,51	54,04	47,98
MASTERS			
Rui martins	67,83	68,61	73,28
Max Buizer	51,06	58,56	49,72
Matthys Botha	53,67	53,67	59,17
John Brink	41,06	52,11	41,56
F3A			
Andre Stockwell	76,78	77,56	65,48
Roston Dougmore	72,61	74,22	70,14

