

PC PELZER AIRPORT, KLERKSDORP

2015 COMBINED POWER NATIONALS-

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MAASA PRECISION AEROBATIC REPORT

“FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, A COMBINED POWER NATS WAS HOSTED AGAIN. THIS YEAR THE NATS TOOK PLACE AT PC PELZER AIRPORT IN KLERKSDORP”



STUART NIX, COBUS MALAN, RODNEY POTTER AND OZZIE PARENZEE - ALL FROM THE WESTERN CAPE

Precision Aerobatics and Large scale aerobatics shared the same flight line at the southern end of the flying field. It provided enough separation from the other activities taking place at the Northern end of the field.

A total of 22 pilots from all over the country entered for Precision Aerobatics. The biggest class entry was Masters, with 8 contestants.

Arriving at the contest site on Friday morning, we met up with Stuart Nix, Cobus Malan, Rodney Potter and Ozzie Parenzee - all from the Western Cape. It was great to see such a

large entry from the Cape Province. Later in the afternoon, they were joined by the WC judges Ludwig Steyn and Martin Knoesen. During one of Rodney's practice flights, the motor and the aircraft separated in mid air, due to possible resonance, ripping the complete nose section off the model. Fortunately he could land the plane, but some damage was caused to the undercarriage and the wings. This was his second misfortune with an Azyular.



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David Austin also had a mishap on the practice day, damaging his beautiful Spark.

During Friday afternoon, Danie Potgieter did the F3A model processing according to the new FAI rules.



CLINTON AND GRANT IN READY-BOX

Many aerobatics pilots also competed in some of the other disciplines – being Pylon Racing, Control line, Large Scale, Jets and Scale, making it a very busy contest for them.

Our judges for the contest were Chris Theron (Chief Judge) - GP, Ivan Olivier - GP, Bruce Clark - KZN, Ludwig Stein -WP, Sebastiano Sacca - NW and Martin Knoesen –WP, and Danie Potgieter was the flight line director. All MAASA classes were contested at the Nats.

Precision Aerobatics started flying on Saturday morning with near perfect

weather conditions, which prevailed for most of the contest.

It was great having Jacques Botha competing in the Sportsman Class flying a Stick.

His scores improved throughout the contest, and he posted his best score of 59.67%. Well-done Jacques. We hope to see more of you in the future.

The Intermediate class was a close contest, with Hugo Erasmus and Chris O'Connell alternating positions every round. Chris finally took top honors with 63.3% and 2977 normalized points.



MODEL PROCESSING



JUDGES AND CD. IVAN, SEBASTIANO, LUDWIG, DANIE (CD), BRUCE, MARTIN AND CHRIS

FLIGHT LINE AND READY BOXES



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Hugo finished second with 60.8% and 2941 normalized points.



CHRIS O'CONNELL (ABOVE) INTERMEDIATE CLASS CHAMPION, (BELOW), HUGO ERASMUS 2ND



In Advanced class, Cobus Malan was flying his own designed and built pattern ship called "Passion", which was powered by a YS185 4-stroke. Cobus achieved an average score of 53.7% and 2620 normalized points.



NICO ERASMUS ADVANCED CLASS CHAMPION (ABOVE), COBUS MALAN SECOND (BELOW)



Nico Erasmus set the pace in Advanced class, winning all 4 rounds with a final score of 62.7% and 3000 normalized points.

In the Masters class, Ozzie's motor failed in his second flight, putting him out of the contest. Neil Allen's wing tube was damaged after his first flight. Danie Potgieter, Michael Sacca (Jnr), Craig Bell and Burt Botha battled it out for top honors. Danie showed class from the start, winning the



DANIE POTGIETER (ABOVE) MASTERS CLASS CHAMPION, (BELOW) MICHAEL SACCA 2ND AND CRAIG BELL 3RD



first 3 rounds, finishing with 70.3%. Michael Sacca won the last round with a 69.33% flight, and finished in second place with only 1% separating them. In third place was Craig Bell with 65.6%, followed by Burt Botha with 58.6%.

Six pilots competed in the F3A class. Wolfgang Matt's Citrin Biplane with the Brenner Contra drive was the model of choice. Andre was flying the Sensation biplane also fitted with a Brenner Contra drive. Calvin was flying the Opium monoplane designed by Gunter Ulsamer and Matthys was flying a Pegasus.

Andre took an early lead, winning the first two rounds followed by Roston, Clinton and Grant. Calvin won the 3rd round closely followed by Andre'. The 4th Round was won by Andre', closely followed by Roston. The final results were, Andre' won with a score of 74.9% and 3000 normalized points, Roston was second with 72.8% 2978 normalized points and Calvin was third with 69.4% 2883 normalized points.

Congratulations to all the podium finishers, as well as to all the pilots who competed in the NATS. You are all Winners and we hope that you achieved your personal goals.



ANDRE' STOCKWELL F3A NATIONAL CHAMPION, ROSTON DUGMORE 2ND, CALVIN SCHROLL 3RD



"ROSTON DUGMORE ALSO WON THE ARTHUR EGGAR SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPION TROPHY."

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2015 F3A TEAM



IVAN OLIVIER



ROSTON DUGMORE JUNIOR
WORLD CHAMPION 2013.

We would like to thank our judges, Chris, Ivan, Bruce, Ludwig, Sebastiano and Martin for judging and braving the cold early mornings.

Without them the NATS would not have been possible.

We would like to wish Andre', Roston, Calvin, Clinton and team manager

Matthys, all the best for the World Championships in Switzerland.

Roston Dugmore will be defending the Junior World Championship Title. Roston, we wish you all the best, and please bring back the Silverware !!!!

Congratulations to Ivan Olivier on his invitation to judge at the F3A World Championship in Switzerland in August. Ivan competed in his first World Championship in 1973, as well as the following 5 WC's. Ivan also judged at the 2013 WC here in South Africa. Judging at a World Championships is the pinnacle in a flying and judging career.

We wish Ivan the very best with the important judging task at the World Championships.

Lastly we would like to thank the NATS organizing committee, Herman Weber, Bob and Marietjie Skinner, Danie Potgieter and Burt Botha, for hosting a very successful Combined Power Nats. We all enjoyed it very much and look forward to seeing you all at the next one.

Sportsman Class						
Jacques Botha	46.83 / 1000	59.67 / 1000	57.33 / 1000	56.50 / 1000	57.83 / 3000	1
Intermediate Class						
Chris O Connell	64.55 / 1000	56.26 / 977	63.33 / 1000	62.02 / 967	63.30 / 2977	1
Hugo Erasmus	60.71 / 941	57.58 / 1000	53.94 / 852	64.14 / 1000	60.81 / 2941	2
David Austin	26.97 / 418	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	8.99 / 418	3
Hercules Myburgh	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	4
Advanced Class						
Nico Erasmus	61.11 / 1000	59.48 / 1000	63.56 / 1000	63.48 / 1000	62.72 / 3000	1
Cobus Malan	54.22 / 887	47.26 / 795	59.63 / 938	0.00 / 0	53.70 / 2620	2
Chris Austin	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	3
Master Class						
Danie Potgieter	66.33 / 1000	74.89 / 1000	69.67 / 1000	64.06 / 924	70.30 / 3000	1
Michael Sacca	63.72 / 961	67.83 / 906	64.94 / 932	69.33 / 1000	67.37 / 2893	2
Craig Bell	65.39 / 986	67.44 / 901	63.61 / 913	64.00 / 923	65.61 / 2822	3
Burt Botha	57.94 / 874	57.33 / 766	50.67 / 727	60.50 / 873	58.59 / 2512	4
Stuart Nix	53.22 / 802	53.33 / 712	54.78 / 786	0.00 / 0	53.78 / 2301	5
Ozzi Parenzee	45.39 / 684	22.50 / 300	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	22.63 / 985	6
Rodney Potter	37.06 / 559	31.06 / 415	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	22.70 / 973	7
Neil Allen	51.67 / 779	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	17.22 / 779	8
Max Buizer	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	9
Rui Martins	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	9
F3A Class						
Andre Stockwell	76.39 / 1000	76.22 / 1000	68.48 / 999	72.10 / 1000	74.90 / 3000	1
Roston Dugmore	75.39 / 987	71.06 / 932	68.14 / 994	71.90 / 997	72.78 / 2978	2
Calvin Schroll	68.56 / 897	65.83 / 864	68.57 / 1000	71.05 / 985	69.39 / 2883	3
Clinton Carter-Brown	71.61 / 937	69.72 / 915	58.43 / 852	66.57 / 923	69.30 / 2776	4
Grant Brooke	70.56 / 924	66.72 / 875	61.29 / 894	59.48 / 825	66.19 / 2693	5
Matthys Botha	63.17 / 827	59.22 / 777	52.29 / 763	59.95 / 832	60.78 / 2435	6