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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings, fellow SAAFA members, as we head into colder, midyear, winter weather and pull out the extra blankets, jerseys, coats and scarves.

After our AGM, held in April, we welcome our new Chairman, Trevor Bernberg, a former Captain in the SAAF and Mirage F1 pilot as well as a recently retired SA Airways Captain. Trevor has long been a member of the SAAF Association, and we hope that his vast experience in the aircraft world will bring new impetus into our PE Branch.

The new SAAFA PE Executive Committee is as follows :-

Chairman – Trevor Bernberg

Vice Chairman – Woody Turner

Secretary – James Canepa

Treasurer – Paul Hoogendoorn

Ex Officio – Colin Trader

We also welcome new ‘Additional Members’ – David Hardy, Lolita Reid & Claude Wessels, who will be looking after other duties like, Luncheons, Horse Race, Entertainment and assisting the Executive Committee members.

News from East London, is that Bernie and Eleanor Sharp are progressing well with the hangar they are building, with the ‘living quarters’ section, inside the hangar now taking shape.

We welcome Mark and Megan Kelbrick back after a divine honeymoon in Zanzibar

The annual SAAFA membership fees are R100.00, payable by February each year. We thank all members who have already paid, **and wish to register a reminder to those that still have to pay their Subs.**

If there are any outstanding, or new payments, they can be made to Paul at our luncheon, or by means of an EFT at a bank, to our **New Banking Details** :-

SAAFA PE - Standard Bank Acct. No. 043641342 – Walmer Branch Code 051001

NB – please record your surname and initials on the banking transaction for identification purposes.

Regards - WOODY - COMMS OFFICE

THE SUNSET CALL

Country member from Jeffreys Bay, Frank Richter, who was a SAAF, Korean War veteran, and SA Airways Captain, passed away at the end of March. (NB – we only heard of his passing late in April)

Former Chief of the SAAF, Korean War veteran and very active SAAFA Member, Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Denis Earp on 19 May.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them “

SICK BAY

Tilly Roodt is not well anymore and has a full time care worker,

Margaret Nightingale has recovered from her bad fall, and has been staying with her children up country while recovering.

We wish all our ill members well and hope to see them “up and about” very soon.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JUNE & JULY, 2019

June	7 th – Barbi Schroeder	9 th – Rudi Nelson
	30 th – Yolande Strydom	
July	4 th – Woody Turner	17 th – Trevor Bernberg
	30 th – James Canepa	

Have a truly special day and good wishes for many more birthdays.

THE OPS. BOARD FOR 2019

NB : Luncheons are R85.00 ea + R5.00 extra for waitron tips. (if anyone has not been contacted prior to the lunch and wishes to attend please contact Lolita on 0413603571)

20th June – SAAFA Luncheon at the Humewood Hotel – 12h30 for 13h00

14th July – Delville Wood Memorial Parade

16th August – SAAFA Luncheon at the Humewood Hotel – 12h30 for 13h00

15th September – SAAFA/RAFA/Battle of Britain Memorial Church Service – St Paul’s Church,
Tucker Street, Parsons Hill -11h30

The above Ops. Board details are correct at the time of going to press, with exception of the ceremonial parades where there could be a change of time and venue.

Full details of each parade will be published in advance as they come to hand


We extend our thanks to the SA Legion for their assistance, and we encourage SAAFA PE members to support them with our representation at these parades.



In Loving Memory



Lt Gen Denis John Earp SSA SD SM SOE
7 June 1930 - 19 May 2019



As extracted from the Pretoria Stick and Throttle Newsletter

Old SAAFA PE member and former Financial Committee Member, Windsor Jacobs, has moved to Park Drive Villages, where Colin Trader has met him again after a long absence. Below is his story about WW II, and the incredible feat of guiding his friend and fellow pilot, Dick Turner, back to their landing ground.

Winged Heroes of yesteryear



Many of the residents of Summer Dunes Village may be unaware that they have one of the "Heroes of the Skies" from the Second World War living among them.

Windsor Jacobs who survived the war unscathed has been married to his pretty wife, Maureen for sixty five years.

He joined the SAAF in 1941 at the tender age of 17 and was sent to Gibraltar to test and check planes. Mustangs were

preferred by the SAAF over Corsairs, which were American Naval Aircraft and were bulkier and not as suitable for aerial warfare. Therefore pilots were instructed to fly Mustangs. They had four machine guns on the front and one 2,000lb bomb under each wing which made them lethal flying machines for the young and fearless Windsor! They made many trips from India across North Africa, Iraq, the Persian Gulf to Colombo and back to Cairo.

His squadron accompanied the Allied Bombers over Warsaw, protecting them in German areas. Flights were also made to Yugoslavia to prevent the enemy from invading Greece. They strafed trucks, trains and bridges and dropped napalm bombs into trenches. They regularly flew to Bredisi, then Perugia and after that to Farno in Northern Italy where they were billeted.

On one of their sorties Windsor's friend, Dick Turner who was flying next to him was shot in the chest and bleeding profusely. Windsor manoeuvred his plane next to Dick's and with the plane's wing tip under the other plane, was able to bring his friend to the landing strip.

A few years ago, the two men were reminiscing about this rescue and typically of modest and unassuming fighter pilots they had never told their families of this incident.

Windsor remained in Italy with the No 5 Squadron until the end of the war.

Well done Ace!

(Reported by Janice Brereton)

Bruce Abrey, submitted these Churchillian quotes as we remembered the Normandy Landings: " We shall fight them on the beaches, we shall fight them on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills: we shall never surrender" and more positively...*Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm*" Winston Churchill

Mirage F1 pilots and potted biographies

Rank	Name	Date	Type	Remarks
Capt	Johan Ackerman	1981	CZ	
Capt	Piet Ackerman	1989	AZ	
Maj	'Mossie' Basson	1976	CZ/AZ	
Cmdt	Des Barker	1986	CZ/AZ	TFDC test pilot
Capt	Leon Bath	1989	AZ	Ejected, F1AZ 221
Lt	Les Bennett	1978	CZ	Ejected, F1CZ 208
Capt	Trevor Bernberg	1982	AZ	
Maj	Roelf Beukes	1976	CZ/AZ	
Capt	J. H. Botha	1984	AZ	
Capt	Alan Brand	1989	AZ	Ejected, F1AZ 224
Capt	F. Brand	1993	AZ	
Maj	Chris Brits	1978	CZ	Ejected, F1CZ 200
Maj	'Budgie' Burgers	1981	AZ	
Maj	Paddy Carolan	1981	AZ	
Capt	Mark Clulow	1980	AZ	
Capt	Billy Collier	1980	AZ	
Capt	Piet Coetzer	1993	AZ	
Capt	Frans Coetzee	1980	AZ	
Capt	Peter Cooke	1976	CZ/AZ	
Lt	Mark Crooks	1978	CZ	
Mr	Rick Culpan	1993	AZ	Atlas test pilot
Lt	Dirk de Villiers	1978	AZ	
Lt	Neil de Villiers	1977	AZ	
Capt	Rikus de Beer	1983	AZ	Landed F1AZ 221 into barrier

Trevor Bernberg

Trevor was born in Kimberley, matriculated at CBC Boksburg and joined the SAAF in 1977. On his pupil pilot's course Moolies Moolman, Ed van Ravenstein and Giep Vermeulen also flew Mirage F1s.

He says that his entire F1 tour was a highlight because of all the advances



that were made in tactics, attack profiles and skills. The *Gatup* profile, suggested by Josi Lavi, had an offset point of three nautical miles by three nautical miles from the target. The attack was entered at 600 knots at 50 feet AGL, with a 4G pull-up to 4,000 feet, followed by a continuous high-G roll onto the target for a laser shot. Once the shot was taken, the bomb button was pushed and the stick of bombs was released automatically.

After that it was a dive to low level, with flares deployed to avoid heat-seeking missiles. The egress was a mad scramble to get back into battle formation for the return to base. To this day he can still recall where to look for the target—what excellent training. This profile got them in and out of the target quickly and efficiently. Anti-aircraft gunners on the ground had to be very good to get a shot at the Mirages.

Ironically, it was this manoeuvre which caused his most exciting moment. On a *Golden Eagle* deployment to Upington, the formation made a dummy attack on a selected target en route. In the pitch Trevor had the target visual but entered cloud at the apex. Maintaining the image of the target in his mind's eye, he continued the high-G roll-in. When he broke cloud he saw the ground in very close proximity from a most unusual attitude. He pulled "a million Gs", the magnificent Mirage responded and he avoided the ground, albeit leaving a long dust-trail across the arid Northern Cape and with serious vortices streaming off his wingtips. The scariest part was how quickly it all happened.

Trevor is now a B-737 training captain on SAA.

The Reverend Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf.

So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE! St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

NOTE

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