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TOUCH & GO 2015 FESTIVE SEASON ISSUE

Dear Members,

Hello. I am “Touch & Go”, your latest PMB Branch member! Actually I am an informer (the CIA calls me a snitch), for I will, bi-monthly, spill the beans on what is happening as well as what is being planned in YOUR Branch. Please welcome me and supply me with all kinds of news, (gossip included) in order to advise all your wonderful friends about the well-being of the Branch.

Via “Touch & Go”, we aim to reach other aviation types residing in the Midlands. This of course includes all ex SAAF, RAF, RRAF and any airmen connected to the Commonwealth forces.

We must not ignore the value of “Associated” or “Honorary” members – the only restriction being that they cannot vote at the AGM or become Chairman, but they can serve on a committee. History has shown that SAAFA has benefited greatly from associated members.

STRAIGHT & LEVEL

Our new Chairman – Morgan Holmes (ably assisted by Maryanne) has taken up his appointment as a duck to water and leads by example . Sooo watch this space!

Winks, our 2IC, is mobile again after her dreadful fall, ending up in hospital for two months.....wonderful to see her up and about. (practising for Comrades I hear)

Eddie Combes remains frail in the walking department, but his minds is as clear as a “judge!”

Doreen has opted for a six month sabbatical, visiting her kids and family, deciding on her future.....we believe that the correct path will be paved for her.

SOME REASONS TO SMILE

Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants!

Marriage changes passion – suddenly you're in bed with a relative!

A good friend will come and bail you out of jail.....but a TRUE friend will be sitting next to you saying "Darn! That was fun!"

FUNCTIONS

- (a) November lunch at VCC on 25th November 2014 – 12h00 for 13h00
Bookings for Xmas lunch and "raffle" tickets will be available.
- (b) Our Year end (Xmas) lunch will be on 11th December at VCC – 12h00.....?
Cost - Paid up members R75/head, non members and guests R100/head.
The raffle will be in a different format BUT bring plenty of R5.00 coins!

MEMBERSHIP

January 2015 is upon us and the Annual Fees are due. The "Bosses" have decided that the M'Ship fee is to be raised to the easy and round figure of R50.00 per annum.....it remains a bargain in order to share with all fellow aviation friends.

Please advise if you are in possession of a SAAFA Membership card. If lost or mislaid, new ones will be issued.

CONGRESS 2015

The National Congress is to be hosted by the West Coast Branch, in Velddrif during May 2015. Arrie and Carol will attend as delegates from PMB but all are welcome.

SHORT FACTS

Wife: "Why are you home so early?"

Hubby: "My boss said – go to hell!"

Doctor: "How's your headache?"

Patient: "She's out of town!"

Q. If a woman is quiet, which day is it?

A. Who cares – just enjoy that day!

Whisky is a brilliant invention – one double and you start feeling single again!

NATIONAL NEWS

A friendly reminder! The National Newsletter, the "Flying Spirit" is available on the website www.saafa.co.za

Lots of articles, updates and news. Worth a visit.

KARKLOOF AVIATION MEMORIAL

The John Goodman Household Memorial, in the Karkloof (Curries Post dist), is in a sad state of disrepair. SAAFA, being one of the originators of this Memorial, has motivated the Branch to initiate a restoration of this historic Memorial.

Household was the first person to fly in South Africahe flew his homebuilt Glider during 1871-1875. The two routes covered are depicted in the map on the memorial - making a very interesting discussion point. We aim to approach SAPPI and the RAFA to assist with the renovation.

The Chairman and Committee wish all members and their Families a peaceful Festive Season and a prosperous New Year. ENJOY.

Blessings,
Your Editor,
Jolly Jumbo.

