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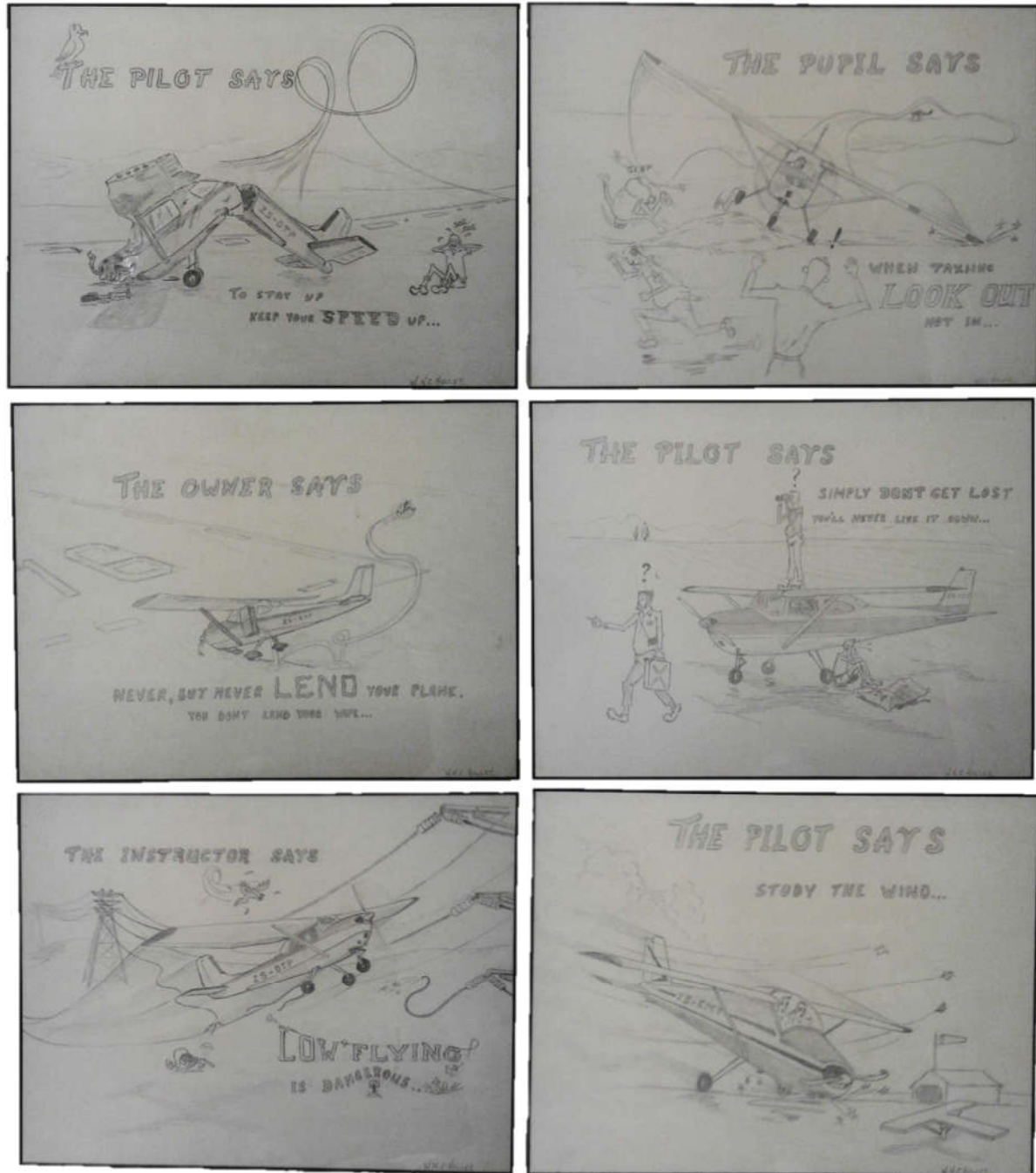
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Pub Talk - What *REALLY* happened?

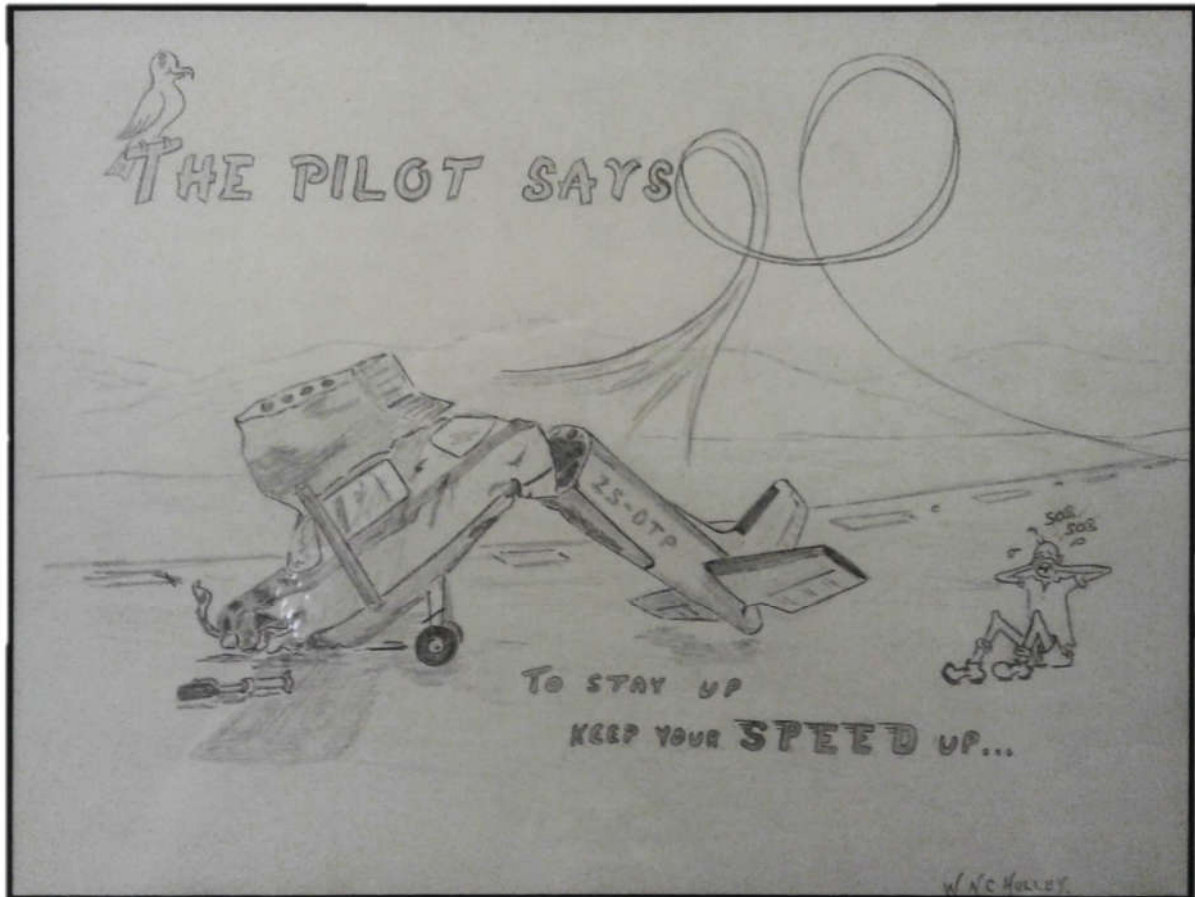
Source: John Campbell

You may have noticed six pencil drawings by WNC Hulley in the Aero Club Pub...



Well, they are not made up. Each of these drawings depicts an actual event that happened at the Pietermaritzburg Aero Club! This is what I have been able to piece together about what happened:

ZS-DTP's broken back...



In order to protect the guilty, we won't name names, (truth is I don't know who it was, only that it took place in 1965).

ZS-DTP, which was the Pmb Aero Club's first omni-vision C150, (ie. it had a back window), was effectively removed from action by a brand new PPL student!

It was his *very first flight* as a PPL, and he decided to demonstrate a shortfield take-off off Runway 16 to his very first passenger. The flight was remarkably short as he stalled the aircraft shortly after take-off and dumped it on the runway, breaking it's back in the process. Our errant PPL, having learnt a great deal about the importance of airspeed in maintaining flight, went on to have a career as a Corporate Jet Pilot.

The omni-vision C150 was introduced by Cessna in 1964. Before this model, C150's had no back window and their tail-fins did not slope, but were vertical. ZS-DTP also had a kiddies bench seat in the back.



See next month's Telstar for the next story!

Upcoming Events

100's CLUB & Airfield Access Compliance

100's Club !!!

Whazzat you say??? Whazza 100's Club?? GREAT question! We meet, we each put a hundred bucks in the POT to take part.... And at the end of the evening there is a DRAW and the WINNER walks away with a minimum of R1000 or full "Pot" amount!!

You gotta be IN it to WIN it! And if you are not present at the draw, you MISS OUT!! (and it will roll over to the following month with an accumulated "Pot")

Get a new number each month or pick one and stick to it, the choice is *yours*.

FIRST 100 Club DRAW will be at the Pmb Aero Club on Friday 9 March at 8pm.

DON'T BE  SEE YOU THERE !

SAME DAY the Professional Aviation Service guys

will be coming ALL THE WAY from Joies to tell us all about Airfield do's and don'ts from the ICAO perspective, so we can get a better insight into it and what's behind it all.

When: **Friday 9 March 2018**

Where: **Pmb Aero Club**

Time: **6pm**

Live Music at the Pmb Aero Club

There is nothing quite like sipping your favourite drink, drink in the company of friends, at a comfortable venue, while listening to great music.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy an evening harmonised with the *sultry sonorous tones* of Bianca Santoro, who will be singing **LIVE** at the:

Where: **Pietermaritzburg Aero Club**

When: **Friday 16 March 2018**

Time: from **18h30 !**



9-11 MARCH 2018 - MIDDELBURG AIRFIELD

AEROCLUB AIRWEEK

Aviation For the Aviation Enthusiast



Our members have expressed a desire to be amongst all the different types of aircraft coming to Airweek.

Be able to engage with pilots and aviators about anything that may catch their eye and have discussions with experts on hand at the field.

If you've ever wanted to find out more about, for example Hot Air Balloons or Self-Sustaining Gliders, this is your opportunity to get up close and personal with knowledgeable experts

Airweek is designed to be just that - An Aviation showcase for Aviators by Aviators!

Camping on the field is encouraged, Friday to Sunday. A miniature South African Oshkosh. (Lots of Fun) Braai packs for sale, fires will be available Friday and Saturday evening. Beer tent available.

Sale of Aviation related goods. Please bring stuff along. Find aircraft parts at our Boot sale.

Meet old friends and make plenty of new ones. Don't miss this one, a fun event for passionate Aviators.

Lots of Showcase events, FUN rally, Spot landing competitions. All in an informal environment



Middelburg Aero Club has been selected to host the 2018 Aero Club Airweek.

Date: 9-11 March 2018 (0600-1800)

Place: Middelburg Air field (FAMB)

Be part of an attempt to make this the biggest SA Fly-In ever!!



ALOE FESTIVAL
FLY IN
7TH & 8TH
JULY 2018
CREIGHTON AIR STRIP
(NOTAM TO FOLLOW)
BREAKFAST & LUNCH AVAILABLE
CREIGHTON COUNTRY CLUB
IAN CROUCH
0845805933
made with TYPORAMA

Bro, do you even lift?

We have done a lot of work on the two strips and will have them nicely prepped.

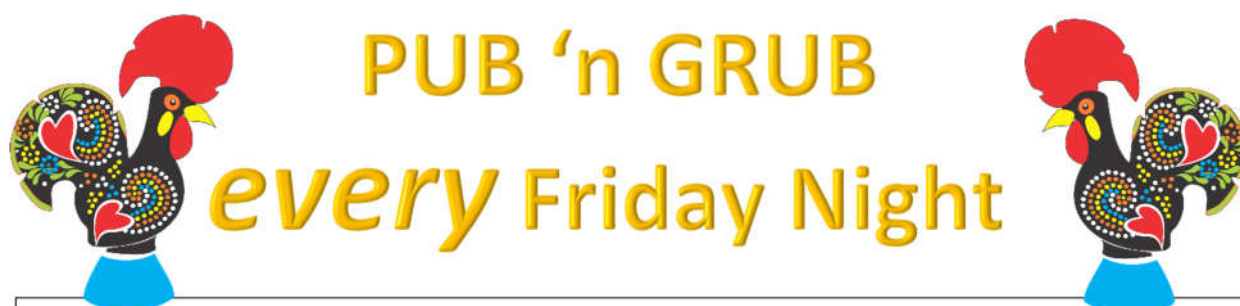
We will be running it in conjunction with the aloe festival. (steam trains, hot air-balloons and festival) so will be a fun filled weekend!

Calendar

Although not all dates are confirmed, here is a rough idea of when things will be happening around here in 2018:

January	February	March	April	May	June
gone	done and dusted	Fri 9 th Safety Meeting – Compulsory for Students & 100's Club Begins! 16 th Live Music Middleburg Fly-in	Fri 6 th 100's Club	Fri 4 th 100's Club Spot Landing Competition at FAPM AGM 80 th Celebration Battlefields Fly-away	Fri 1 st 100's Club Safety Meeting – Compulsory for Students Fly away or Nav Rally
July	August	September	October	November	December
Fri 6 th 100's Club Flour Bombing Competition Aloe Festival	Fri 3 rd 100's Club	Fri 7 th 100's Club Safety Meeting – Compulsory for Students	Fri 5 th 100's Club Halloween Party	Fri 2 nd 100's Club Christmas Wings Party & Trophy giving	Fri 7 th 100's Club

Private Pilots are reminded to attend at least ONE Safety Meeting per year, not only because it might be useful, but also for Insurance Purposes.



REMEMBER GENTS, ITS LADIES NIGHT OFF ON FRIDAYS, SO QUIT THE COOKING AND COME JOIN US AT THE AERO CLUB EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT GET GREAT FOOD ... BEER ... AND BROWNIE POINTS!!!

IT'S A WIN WIN WIN FOR ALL!

Fuel Price

incl VAT	Previous Rate	Current Rate
AVGAS	R20.70	R20.70
JET A1	R12.80	R12.60



Fleet Hours & Hire Rates

All prices are VAT inclusive.

	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
C150	0	0	0	0.9	1.1	
per hr hire rate	R1180	R1180	R1180	R1180	R1180	R1180
C172	8.6	26.9	12.7	41.0	13.4	
per hr hire rate	R1850	R1850	R1850	R1850	R1850	R1850
Sling 2	24.5	38.3	37.2	6.5	30.2	
per hr hire rate	R1400 → R1000	R1000	R1000	R1000	R1000	R1000
Arrow (dual ph only)	R3580	R3580	R3580	R3580	R3580	R3591
Instructor rate	R399 per hour flying R250 per hour briefing.					

New Members

A warm welcome to Ashley Heron, Timira Dayanand, Frans Gerber and Jaydon van Rensburg who have all joined us to do their PPLs.

Aircraft news...

ZS-KNI

KNI is ready to fly... except that we are waiting for paperwork from the CAA. When the paperwork will be completed is out of our hands. For now, it is simply *HURRY UP AND WAIT...*

ZU-WES

WES is back in the game!!! Turns out electronics are rather particular as to their housing requirements, including insulation and corrosion avoidance. This having been masterfully sorted out by PACAIR with a little help from James Brodie, ZU-WES is once again sipping MOGAS with his hundred horsepower pounding up in the sky!

Left to right: Steve Svendsen, Dave McCormac, James Bentley and Wayne Bond outside PACAIR contemplating WES 's electrics.



Directory

Julie – Office Hours - 033-386-3952

Pmb Tower 033-386-8554

Dbn Met 032-436-5077

Food - Carlos 079-784-2056

Instructors:

Jason - CFI 072-257-2256

Telani – Safety Officer 082-490-1654

Simon 078-329-5575

Brett 076-673-4114

Let me know if there are other numbers you want listed.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Email - Paul Anders

01-02-2018

Hi Telani

Thanx for the Telstar – I do enjoy reading it and taking note of the details.....all part of training and experience.

Cheers

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WhatsApp - Tony Gooch

02-02-2018

Just read your latest Telstar. Thanks so much for the fantastic read.
Reg Tony

Aero Club Shop



Soft, comfortable

100% Cotton Polo shirts

&

Peak caps



Branded Clothes:

Pmb Aero Club Polo Shirts	R 250	In stock
Pmb Aero Club Sandwich Peak Caps	R 75	In stock
Pmb Aero Club ties	R 35	In stock
Pmb Aero Club Jersey	R 260	Out of stock
Pilot Logbook (large)	R 315	In stock
Fuel Tester	R 175	In stock
Pmb Aero Club Wings	R 220	In stock
Epaulettes	R 290	Out of stock
Headsets	R2,736	In stock
Headset bag	R 364	Out of stock
Durban Maps – laminated one side for easy folding: 1:500 000 & 1:1 000 000	R 50	In stock

Books:

PPL – by Jim Davis	R 130	In stock
The Air Pilot's Manual – by	R 700	In stock

Avex Study Notes for PPL:

Principles of Flight	R 207	In stock
Navigation	R 214	In stock

Meteorology	R 248	In stock
Human Performance	R 200	In stock
Flight Performance	R 186	In stock
Aircraft General	R 256	In stock
Airlaw	R 170	In stock
Radio Handbook – Dietlend Lemp	R 230	In stock
Aero Club PPL Bag	R 270	In stock

Nav Tools:

Square Protractor	R 215	In stock
Ruler	R 200	In stock
E6B Whizz Wheel	R 320	In stock
CX2 Pathfinder	R1,400	In stock
Aircraft Checklist	R 30	In stock
Kneeboard	R 380	In stock
First Lesson Brief	R 30	In stock
Bumper Stickers	R 10	In stock



He who demands everything that his aircraft can give him is a pilot; he who demands more is a fool.

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...Before each flight, make sure that your bladder is empty and your fuel tanks are full .



Your Aero Club Committee

President:
Michele Cameron



Chairman:
Anthony Grant



Vice-Chair:
Cameron Mackenzie



Treasurer:
Martin Hellberg



Committee Members:

Steve Svendsen



Gary Keyser



Gary Hughes



Pmb Aero Club Staff



The Staff at the Pietermaritzburg Aero Club in 2017, as in the pictures above, have worked at the Aero Club for the following positions and lengths of time:

Prince Nyandeni – presently Fuel Manager, started in July 1985, (32 years’ service).

Julia de Klerk – Reception and Secretary, started in February 2001, (16 years’ service).

Mark Meter – Fuel Manager, started in April 2007, (10 years’ service).

Tolbert Zondi – Refueller, started in September 2009, (8 years’ service).

Fikile Dlamini – Cleaner, started in June 2010, (7 years’ service).

Telani Lithgow, Flight Instructor, started 2013, (4 years’ service)

Jason Everard, CFI, part time since 2013, CFI since 2015.

Curtis Mutambo, Refueller (& Flight Student), started 2015, (2 years’ service).

Simon Dinkleman, Flight Instructor, part-time, started 2016.

Senzo Nzama, Refueller, started May 2017.

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Members Submissions

Please feel free to contribute if you find something interesting, an article, a joke, a recommended book, or, even better, a personal experience.

Please also feel free to contribute flying related content on the Members Only Facebook Group: Pietermaritzburg Aero Club (PAC).

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Thank you to Julia de Klerk whose keen eye picks up on many an error in this newsletter, your Editing is much appreciated!

Until next time, happy flying!



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