



FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SOARING MODEL AIRCRAFT (Class F3J)

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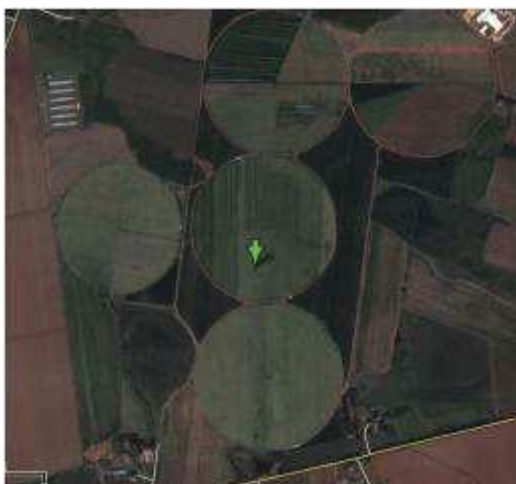
The Model Gliding Association, under the auspices of the Aero Club of South Africa (FAI member) and the SA Model Aircraft Association, invites all FAI member countries to send teams to participate in the FAI World Championship for Soaring Model Aircraft (FAI Class F3J) to be held near Johannesburg, South Africa.

Change in Contest Venue

The Model Gliding Association would like to inform all competitors of the 2012 FAI World Championship for Soaring Model Aircraft (Class F3J) that there has been a change to the venue for the event from the GEMS Model Gliding Field to the Africa Lawns farm. The new field is also positioned East of Johannesburg, approximately 40 km South East of the official hotel, near the towns of Delmas and Springs. The change is unavoidable as the application which the South African Model Aircraft Association made on behalf of the Model Gliding Association, for sufficient height clearance for the event at GEMS Model Gliding Field, was rejected by Air Traffic Services. The FAI has been informed of the change of venue. The GPS co-ordinates for the new venue at Africa Lawns is S 26 08.540' E 28 37.693'. Maps and directions (shortest and least traffic) to the field will be available at the official hotels and on the web page.

The Africa Lawns farm offers an even better venue, with less possible obstruction and a superior surface. The irrigated lawn circle has a radius of approximately 360m so each circle is about 700m across. There will be an irrigation pivot directed 90° away from the field and therefore easy to avoid. The lawn will probably not be nice and green, due to the fact that it is our winter but the ground will be a bit softer than other areas as it is an irrigated surface. This is flying heaven.

Pictures of the new venue are included below:



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Organisation

Contest Director **Serdar Sualp** (ssualp@soarist.com)
Organising Chairperson **Michelle Goodrum** (michelle@murdoog.co.za)

Communication

Website www.f3jsouthafrica.co.za
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Face-book group F3J South Africa
Twitter @F3JWC2012

Contest Schedule

Date	Activity
3-4 August 2012 Friday-Saturday	* SOS Children's Village (SA) F3J Open Pre-contest
5 August 2012 Sunday	Registration, Model Processing and Opening Ceremony
6 -10 August 2012 Monday-Friday	2012 F3J World Championship Days
11 August 2012 Saturday	Africa-in-a-day experience and the banquet (spare day if required)
12 August 2012 Sunday	Departure Date

FAI Jury

Jury members will be Tomáš Bartovský (Czech Republic), Patrik Michnáč (Slovak Republic) and Lionel Brink (South Africa). Preliminary reserve jury member Philip Kolb (Germany/Turkey).

Flying site facilities

The following facilities will be available at the flying site during the competition:

- Tent (shade) facilities
- Model storage facility in a marquee on the field or a warehouse 1km from the field if you prefer this
- Ground anchor/stake for the line to connect to (no need to bring your own)
- Toilet facilities
- Catering will be in the form of a cafeteria (order as you need) from Fri 3 August until Fri 10 August
- Paramedic services from Fri 3 August until Fri 10 August
- Security from 30 July until Saturday 11 August
- 220V electricity
- Internet access – Each team manager will receive a 3G data pack loaded with 3Gigs data, sponsored by Vodacom, to allow the team mobile internet access for the duration of the event. The pack will be handed to the team manager and must be returned at the end of the World Championship.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner will be served in most of the hotels however you may need to arrange dinner in advance with some of the hotels and B&B's. Please see the web page for nearby shopping centres and general prices of food (Event Info – Info & Maps – Food, shops & restaurants).

A hot lunch will be available at the field daily from Friday 3 until Friday 10 August and must be ordered in advance on the official entry form at a cost of €5 per person per day.

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Official Language

The official language for the competition, publications and results will be English.

Competition Rules

The SOS Children's Villages (SA) pre-contest and the World Championship will be run according to the most recent FAI Sporting Code.

Entry fees, costs and deadlines

Entry fees	Amount	Deadline
Senior Team Manager	€250	30 April 2012
Senior Pilot	€250	
Junior Team Manager	€150	
Junior Pilot	€150	
Helpers (including tow-men)	€50	
Media	€10	
Spectators and official supporters	€10	
SOS Children's Village Pre-contest	€50	31 May 2012
Bus transport per person from 30 July – 12 August	€75	31 May 2012
Lunch per person from Fri 3 – Fri 10 August	€40	31 May 2012
Official T-shirt (estimated price)	€12	31 May 2012
Official golf shirt (estimated price)	€20	31 May 2012
Official polar fleece jacket	€46	31 May 2012

Banquet dinner and tour

The official program will include an informal Africa-in-a-Day experience at a cost of €50 per person and the deadline for the payment of the banquet is 31 May 2012 (closing date for payment of entry for the pre-contest). The day will start with a relaxed morning at your hotel after which we will all meet at the Kopanong Hotel parking area at 10:30am. There we will board buses and travel approximately 80 km to drop off anyone who would like to spend the day at the Misty Hills Spa (option 1), the others will continue another 20 km to visit the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve (option 2) and both groups will meet up for dinner at Carnivores Restaurant.

Option 1: Misty Hills Spa

For those who would prefer a relaxing day at a heated indoor pool and use of spa facilities including the sauna. The buses will drop you at the Misty Hills Spa on the way to the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve. Individual spa treatments will be for your own cost and must be arranged with the Misty Hills Spa directly (about 4 weeks in advance, to ensure availability). For more information on the treatments and their cost, visit their web page www.spainthecountry.co.za or email spaenquiries@rali.co.za or spa@rali.co.za. You can buy lunch or drinks at the coffee shop or pub and relax until the rest of the group returns. The spa is on the same premises as the Carnivores restaurant.

Option 2: Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve

A drive through the Nature Reserve will allow you to see many wild animals followed by a stop at the Day Visitor venue where you can buy lunch and visit the Snake enclosure, Pygme hippo enclosure and Animal Crèche where

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you can touch the baby animals (the animals in the crèche vary but usually include baby lions, tigers). Please note, there is an additional cost of R30 per person, per enclosure they would like to enter (with a game ranger) where you will be able you to touch the lion and tiger cubs and take photos (so bring your own camera).

Dinner at Carnivores Restaurant

The buses will proceed to the Carnivores Restaurant near Muldersdrift, where you will have a chance to freshen up (please note, only two showers will be available). There will be a bit of time to browse the curio shop and the group will gather together for some entertainment before moving on to the dinner at the terrace of the Carnivores restaurant.

We suggest jeans and T-shirts for the trip to the Lion and Rhino Nature reserve and that you bring a change of clothes for the dinner and toiletries to allow you to freshen up before the dinner. The dress for the dinner will be smart casual and ladies are requested to wear long pants as this will make it more comfortable to take part in the entertainment before the dinner (nothing undignified so don't worry). The entertainment and restaurant are suitable for all ages. There will be a cash bar so please bring cash for your drinks. **A vegetarian menu will be available, please request the number of vegetarian meals required on your entry form.**

Buses will return to the Kopanong Hotel from the Carnivores Restaurant at 10pm, 11pm and 12pm. Please make sure that you don't miss the bus.

Payments

Official entry: 30 April 2012

Late entry: 10% penalty fee after 30 April 2012, 20% penalty fee after 31 May 2012

All monies to be deposited into the following bank account or paid by PAYPAL (please indicate this on your entry form):

Account Name: Model Gliding Association
Bank: Nedbank
Shop 29 & 30 Festival Mall, Corner CR Swart & Kelvin Street, Kempton Park
Branch: Kempton Park (Branch Code 198742)
Account number: 1987 351 908
SWIFT address: NEDSZAJJ (IBAN numbers are not relevant in South Africa)

Tow-men

Locals from the farm and surrounding community will be available for hire as tow-men. Teams who would like to arrange a local tow-man should indicate that on their official entry form (due to limited numbers) and it remains the responsibility of the individual teams to ensure that they spend some time practicing with their tow-men before the event. The cost of hiring tow-men will be R250 per day (i.e. approximately €25 per day) and payment can be made to the organisers at the event in local currency. We will contact you directly to confirm tow-men as soon as we have allocated them to your team.

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Insurance

Third party insurance for flying related incidents is in place under the insurance of the South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) insurance for the duration of the World Championship and pre-contest at no additional cost.

In order to ensure that you have the best possible medical care in case of serious illness or accidents, the organisers request that all competitors and people travelling with the team purchase additional travel and/or medical insurance.

The organisers require a copy of the medical/travel insurance policy documents (which state the value of cover that you have for various emergencies and hospitalization, not just the card) for each person travelling with the team to be email to michelle@murdoog.co.za by 31 May 2012. A copy of the documents will be kept at the field in case of an accident or injury to ensure that there is no delay in medical treatment or hospital admission due to mislaid documents. We usually use Travel Insurance Consultants (TIC) for all travel insurance to the World Championships we have attended (<http://www.tic.co.za>). Please contact Fernando Hendricks at helpdesk@tic.co.za for direct quotes for all the members of your team. You are also able to purchase travel insurance on their web page where the group or family options seem a good option. Information required includes your date of birth, passport number, date of departure from your country of residence and date of return.

Information and items required by the organisers

The organisers ask that you email the following items to michelle@murdoog.co.za by **30 April 2012**:

- Completed entry forms
- Proof of payment for entry fees (please make sure you mark the bank transfer costs for your account and not ours as we have received short payment on some of the entry fees). Teams who have not paid the full entry fee will be informed prior to the event.

Please email the following information by **31 May 2012**:

- Copy of medical / travel insurance for each team member including the amount of medical cover for various medical conditions, repatriation and hospitalization.
- E-mail National Anthem in WAV or MP3 format
- E-mail pronunciation of the names of each member of the team (WAV or MP3)
- E-mail a picture of your National Flag (approximately 5 cm high)
- E-mail a 100 word profile of each member of the team (including helpers and tow-men) with a high resolution colour photo of their face and upper body (picture size - about 5cm high)
- E-mail a high resolution photo of the full team, approximately 10cm high
- E-mail an article on F3J in your country including highlights for your country at past F3J events
- E-mail a copy of your airline flights and travel schedule so we know when you arrive
- Final accommodation reservation information
- Orders and payments for official clothing

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Checklist of items to bring with to the World Championship:

- Copy of medical and travel insurance documents including the amount of medical cover for various medical conditions, repatriation and hospitalization.
- "Therapeutic Use Exemption" from the FAI for the use of medication if applicable
- National flag (180 x 120 cm) and a CD or memory stick containing a WAV or MP3 version of your national anthem

Transport

If you would like to hire a vehicle, we suggest www.traveljigsaw.co.za, who are agents for all the car hire companies and usually offer better rates than booking directly. The new name for Traveljigsaw is Rentalcars.com and the new web page is www.rentalcars.com. If you have booked through Traveljigsaw, don't worry, they are the same company. Please print the voucher for your vehicle hire and present it to the car rental company specified on the voucher to you collect your car.

A 60 seater bus with a luggage trailer will be available to transport pilots to and from the field and the Kopanong Hotel each morning and evening from 30 July until 12 August at a total cost of R750 (€75) per person. This includes the additional service of transport for spectators and team members who might need to travel to the hotel and back to the field during the day using a minivan. Please indicate if you require the bus transport on your entry form. Payment for bus transport must be made by 31 May 2012.

Media and spectators

Local television, radio and newspaper media will be alerted of the event and as much publicity gained as possible. Spectators, media and official supporters will need a name card to allow them to enter the pilot area and are required to also provide the organisers with a copy of their medical or travel insurance. Each person will receive a competitor or supporters gift bag which they must collect from the team manager of the country they are affiliated with, after model registration. The general public will only be allowed in designated areas.

Practice Fields

Pilots will be able to practice at the official contest field from Saturday 28 July 2012.

Official Clothing

The official clothing will include a black T-shirt, golf shirt and polar fleece jacket, all with orange trim and the official logo embroidered or printed on the shirt. Pictures, prices and sizes of the official clothing will be included on the official web page shortly and sent to the team managers with an order form so you can order the correct quantity and size of the clothing. Orders for the official clothing must be placed and paid for by 31 May to ensure that they are manufactured and delivered in time for the event. Preliminary prices are as follows:

Caps R60 T-shirts R120 Golf shirts R 200 Polar Fleece Jackets R360

Malaria and vaccinations

No vaccinations are required to visit South Africa however an updated tetanus vaccination is recommended. Anti-malaria medication is not required for visits to Johannesburg, Cape Town, Sun City or Pilansberg areas but must be taken if you plan to visit the North Eastern parts of Southern Africa including the Kruger Park or Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mozambique. Please arrange this with your medical doctor.

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Tourism and the Kruger National Park or the Pilansberg National Park

Kruger Park: If you have 3 days before or after the World Championships, I would suggest you take a drive to the Kruger National Park for a self-drive safari. Please note you will need anti-malaria medication (see your doctor, some must be taken a week before to you enter the area. I would suggest that you travel on day 1 and stay over somewhere in or close to the Kruger Park (possibly at Ngwenya Lodge) so you can enter the park early on day 2 (possibly 6:30 am at Crocodile Bridge) followed by lunch at one of the rest camps (Skakuza is a good option) followed by a drive in the afternoon. You must make sure you have enough time to exit the official gates or stop at the camp you will stay in overnight by the official closing times. Fines for late exits are high as they must go looking for you if you have not left by closing time in case you were silly and climbed out of your car and have been eaten by a lion or squashed by an elephant. You must travel slowly as the speed limit is very low and the fines for speeding are high. This is to ensure that you don't kill the wild animals. It is possible to drive back on the evening of Day 2 after leaving the park at about 5pm but you will be exhausted after a day in the hot car. We recommend that you stay over somewhere near the Kruger Park or Nelspruit and drive back on Day 3. For more information on the Kruger National Park please visit the web site: www.krugerpark.co.za.

The Pilansberg National Park is an excellent option for a slightly shorter trip into a malaria free area, please see: <http://www.pilanesberg-game-reserve.co.za>.

Phil Steffny:

phillsafaris@gmail.com

Phillip is an experienced game ranger who can assist you with advice and assistance to book or even guide a safari to any spot in Africa. If you can think of a place in Africa, he has probably been there.

Philippa du Toit:

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Shipping of Equipment

1) Excess luggage:

For those who wish to carry their models and equipment with them on the airline, please note you must check in advance with your airline regarding your box size and weight. No airline will allow you to transport your model boxes without prior approval and you must obtain a letter stating that they will allow the boxes to be carried onto the aircraft. Make multiple copies so that you can use the same letter when departing from South Africa. There are no guarantees that the incoming arrangement would be valid when travelling out of South Africa and it would be useful to try to get a similar letter from the South African branch of your airline prior to your arrival.

The FAI will issue and stamp a letter (a template which you must complete, is available on the web page under: Competitors – Documents - Carriage of Model Aircraft – FAI Letter WC2012) on request from your NAC. This may assist you with permission to take your models onto the aircraft however there are no guarantees. Please let me know if you need any assistance with this.

I have heard of pilots packing their models into thin, long boxes and declaring them as skiing equipment as airlines are more likely to accept the models when packed like this.

2) Freight by courier such as FEDEX or UPS or similar:

We have an arrangement that you will be able to ship your model boxes and equipment (including line shipped directly from suppliers) to the warehouse of one of our sponsors (AMT). We will attempt to arrange delivery of your boxes to your hotel however if we are not able to do this, it will be easy for you to collect them yourselves as the AMT warehouse is about 4km from the airport.

The field manager for the World Championship (Evan Shaw) works for this company and will receive the boxes from your courier, please let him know what you are sending and when so he knows to expect the shipments as well as when you will collect them. I am not sure of the import/export costs and implications including customs clearance, you would have to discuss that with your courier.

Address to send via FEDEX / UPS or similar:

Physical Address

Advanced Materials Technology - AMT (PTY.) Ltd.

c/o Evan Shaw

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3) Standard Airfreight using an agent in your country directly to a customs clearing agent here in South Africa:

Clearing of your goods through customs prior to your arrival is important to ensure that you have all your equipment at the start of the contest. Please contact Michael at **Logisticor** to assist you with the contact details of agents that they work with, in your country, he will quote you on the costs involved and the documents required. I received the information below from Michael about the shipping and customs clearing options that are available to you. <http://www.logisticor.com/Customs-Clearing.html>

OPTION 1:

CARNET - this is a temporary export import document that is created in the country of export which allows people to move temporary cargo around the world from country to country without paying any customs VAT/DUTY on the items being imported and exported. This process once arrived in JNB would take a few days to get cleared as the cargo must be examined and pictures must be taken to identify the cargo. It will again be examined on export to prove that this is the same cargo that was imported. This carnet allows a person a year before the cargo needs to be returned.

OPTION 2:

The customs clearance will be processed as a temporary import where Logisticor would have to Lodge a provisional payment to customs as a deposit to cover the VAT/duty applicable as if the shipment was actually cleared DP. This amount is refundable based on a customs examination on import and another examination on export proving that the same cargo has left that came in. The deposit can take up two months after export to be refunded from SARS (customs).

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Official Entry Form (email to michelle@murdoog.co.za by 30 April 2012)

Country		3 letter abbreviation	
Team manager name	First	Last	
Email address		Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes No
Team (Junior or Senior)			

Pilot 1 name	First	Last					
Frequencies	1	2	3	Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No	FAI No:
Pilot 2 name	First	Last					
Frequencies	1	2	3	Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No	FAI No:
Pilot 3 name	First	Last					
Frequencies	1	2	3	Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No	FAI No:
Tow-men/helpers	First	Last			Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
	First	Last			Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
	First	Last			Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
	First	Last			Have travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
Spectators/Press	First	Last			Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
	First	Last			Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
	First	Last			Have sent travel / medical insurance?	Yes	No
Would you like to pay using PAYPAL?	YES	NO	E-mail				
Would you like to hire tow-men?	YES	NO	How many?				
Transport	Bus Transport (no. of people)			Car Hire	YES		NO
Preferred Accommodation?	Hotel Name				Number of people		
Special Food requirements				Number of people ordering hot lunch at €5 per meal			
Any serious allergies or medical conditions (please include the names of the people and description of medical condition)							
Number of people who would like to attend the tour and banquet		Option 1 (Day Spa)			Option 2 (Rhino & Lion Park)		
Number of vegetarian meals for the banquet?		Number of people for bus transport to the banquet					

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