



MISASA

Microlight & Sport Aeroplane Association of South Africa
Events Report 2020/2021

Good day to you all.

Here below is a very sad and limited report on my portfolio. I can tell you, it is difficult to write on a subject that has enjoyed very limited activity... The fun flying community has been hard hit by the COVID pandemic over the past year or more. Well done to Brett Hickman for organising the Numbi Cup at Hazyview and making such a success of it.

For the past 24 months, (or at least for a greater part of it), flying was either not allowed, or very restricted. Putting together flight plans and confirming that they were “business flights” was the order of the day... forgetting the fun stuff? There was the opportunity to go round and round your airfield on engine maintenance flights, but that too was of scant interest. A braai when we landed was sadly, as good as it got!!

In 2020, I had 26 events listed, most of which never took place. In 2021 I had 4 listed, of which, I believe 1, and maybe 2 took place - A sad state of affairs!

As we look forward to 2022, I have 22 listed, all of which I believe can and should be supported. From my list, 8 take the form of an Airshow with the balance of 14 being fly-in events or the like. None, so far, are over the borders, although we wait in hope that the Botswana, Maputo and the Eswati events make their way back onto the calendar.

We, as the flying community are once again starved of aviation entertainment so let's hope and pray that the Covid Pandemic backs off, that we achieve the “herd immunity” we so desperately seek... And that the Government see it as such.

I will be pushing the MISASA Committee to have a few MISASA supported events, so watch for the circulars in all of the MISASA communication mediums...

All the best for 2022, fly safe.

Regards,
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