

# AOPA Newsletter



## Invitation to the 2012 IAOPA world Assembly

This is the official invitation that were recently sent to the 470 000 members in the 69 member states of IAOPA. Excitement is building for the great event which takes place in South Africa next year. We urge all our members to support us in hosting the world like we did last year with the FIFA world cup.

The [International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations](#) and [AOPA South Africa](#) formally invite you to participate in the 26<sup>th</sup> IAOPA World Assembly, which will be held at the [Spier Hotel](#) in the [Stellenbosch](#) Wine lands near [Cape Town](#) South Africa from 10 to 15 April 2012.

Joining us at the assembly will also enable you to explore the Country of South Africa, with its diverse landscape and big five safari experiences. [Stellenbosch](#) and its environs will provide a magnificent and colourful backdrop for the 26th IAOPA World Assembly.

AOPA-SA urges you to communicate this unique opportunity to all your affiliated AOPA members, and to also explore and experience the African continent at unarguably the lowest rates negotiated by Seasons and AOPA-SA. These rates are only available to AOPA members for a short period, pre- and post WA dates.

We look forward to a great assembly and to welcoming you and your colleagues to [Cape Town](#).

Please click on the following link for comprehensive and detailed information regarding this prestigious event where you will find the registration form and many informative imbedded links.

<http://www.iaopa2012.co.za/>

Please register timeously to prevent disappointment. Also do not hesitate to contact Paul with any questions and requests.

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## Flight restrictions July 2011

Once again CAA has promulgated a new set of flight restrictions for a very large area of the Eastern Cape. We consider these restrictions illegal and contrary to the court order we obtained against CAA last year. We visited CAA and asked them to lift these restrictions and we also officially wrote to them demanding that they comply with the court order. We are watching events unfolding and will keep you posted. If any of our members are prosecuted in terms of these illegal restrictions we will defend them.

## Illegal searches of aircraft

A SAPS officer needs a search warrant before he can enter your aircraft or hangar or he must have prima facie evidence that you have committed a crime. A person needs to be designated by the commissioner by means of a signed document if he or she wants to inspect your aircraft documents. If they don't have a signed document then they have no right to inspect the documents or the aircraft. If they continue to do so you have the right to arrest them or have them arrested for breach of your constitutionally protected right to privacy. Remember to always be extremely polite under all circumstances because the SAPS are well known for their brutality.

## AOPA Bush Jackets for sale

We have a limited number of AOPA bush jackets for sale at R600 each. Also available are baseball caps at R85 and metal badges at R35 each.



## Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of AOPA SA will take place at Aero Park Zyn Kraal, a new airfield east of Pretoria on the Cullinan-Bapsfontein road on Saturday 27 August 2011 at 10h00. All our members and non-members are invited to attend but only fully paid up members will be allowed to vote. A very important announcement of a new initiative will also be made.

### Provisional Agenda

1. Opening
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report

5. Financial report
6. World Assembly 2012
7. Constitutional amendment
8. Official announcement of new initiative
9. Election of new board
10. Closure

This is your opportunity to actively take part in AOPA business. If you want to place an issue on the agenda send an e-mail with your request to [admin@aopa.co.za](mailto:admin@aopa.co.za) This is also your opportunity to elect the AOPA board members that you want to represent you for the next year. Come and have your say!

We urge members to arrive by aircraft (a mini fly in) and refreshments will be available. The frequency is 125,4 and the co-ordinates are S 25 degrees 54 minutes 11seconds E 028 degrees 32 minutes 48 seconds. Elevation is 4900' and the runways are 09/27. The field is 900 meter by 8 meter and fuel will be available. For up to the minute Aero Park Zyn Kraal weather SMS the code AZA to 35010. A number of mystery prizes will be awarded to visiting pilots and their aircraft.