

MISASA Microlight & Sport Aeroplane Association of South Africa Technical Feedback

Annual Technical Report 2018

2018 has been a very busy year for my portfolio and I would like to thank the members for giving me the opportunity to be their technical representative. Many meetings were attended during the last year. So much happened last year it is difficult to isolate particular achievements throughout the year. Some of the highlights of the previous year are: <u>ARO status:</u>

Our ARO status is valid until end July 2018. The MOP has been amended due to the fact that the 2012 version no longer suited our association. This was submitted to RAASA early 2017 and it took them until November 2017 to give us feedback on the MOP. After RAASA had gone through the process of approving MOGAS, a new ARO in 2017, RAASA realised that all the AROS were not compliant with the current Part 149 regulation. This meant that we had to draft a Quality Assurance Manual. This has in fact been drafted. We recently had the first audit in 10 years, but unfortunately they audited us on the 2012 approved MOP. We have received the report and need to amend certain things to reply to the audit.

Our constitution also needs to be amended in due course.

Project 24:

Project 24 is on hold at the moment and the content thereof will possibly be looked at by SACAA in the future.

Part 115 Adventure flying first draft has been done but is being sent out to ATOs for comment. Should you want to have a look and comment let me know and I can send you a copy.

Technical Approved Persons and maintenance:

The AecSA approved person committee is busy drafting a new MOP to fit the current status quo for the training of approved persons.

ICASA

Pilots are still struggling to get their aircraft radio station licences. This is an ongoing headache.

Medicals

The protocols for all aviation medicals have been relaxed further. It is in the final stages now. The validity period for class 2 medicals are being extended.

A lot of hard work is ahead of us for the forthcoming year.