



Sky Africa

Newsletter

March 2009

Greetings flying friends!

I had the great pleasure of leaving the cold of Europe behind me for all of three weeks last month to rediscover the beauty of my home country of South Africa. There was of course a grand reason behind my trip down south, and my visit did not just consist of enjoying the warmth and sunshine and doing my pilot license and medical renewal. After almost a decade together, my sister Barbara and newly acquired brother-in-law Paul, managed the great trek down the isle and got married – a spectacle I did not want to miss (was about time too!)

There were uncommonly few airplanes featured at the wedding, but the amount of pilots present sure did make up for that. Of the invited 50 guests, approximately half of them were pilots. Not surprising, seeing as the bride and groom earn a living as airline pilots and are thus in contact with these friendly flying creatures quite a lot of the time.

We celebrated this festive event at a beautiful Bush Lodge in the Magaliesberg, about 1.5 hours north of Johannesburg.



The story goes a lil something like this: a South African girl of German-Austrian heritage meets a Scottish lad who was raised in South Africa. Both graduate from the same ATPL-course in Adelaide/Australia, fly for the same airline, fall in love, elope and a couple of years later decide on a Scottish-Austro-Germanic wedding in Africa. Where else, right? This story was simply told to explain why the bridal party shown in the pictures above are dressed in traditional Austrian Dirndl dresses and Scottish kilts – just to avoid too much confusion.

In typical SkyAfrica fashion, the honeymoon consisted of a flying safari in the Cessna 182 to Namibia, where our newlyweds enjoyed being treated like royalty in some of the most awe-inspiring scenery the world has to offer. My sister has promised to provide us with a report on their safari for our next

newsletter, so we can all look forward to that.

From all of us at SkyAfrica, we wish Paul and Barbara all the best for their long-haul-flight of life and congratulate them on pulling off the finest wedding ever! Thanks guys, we had a blast!





AERO 2009

Ja wohl!

It's that time of year again

The great AERO International Trade Exhibition for General Aviation in Friedrichshafen German will be taking place from 02. - 05. April and SkyAfrica will once again be part of it.

Our Coordinates:

Hall A4 - Stand NO. 110

SEE YOU THERE!





SkyAfrica Eagles Get-Together

As most of you already know, we will be hosting our first ever SkyAfrica Eagles Get-Together on the Saturday evening (04. April 2009) of the AERO in Friedrichshafen/ Germany. The event will be taking place at the charming Ringhotel Krone in Schnetzenhausen, only a few kilometers away from the AERO exhibition halls. Quite a few pilots have already confirmed their attendance and it looks like we are going to have a great crowd coming together!

Sky Africa is sponsoring a barrel of the finest brew for the occasion! In addition, Karl Finatzer (Professional Engineer, Slayer of Dragons, Tamer of Wives and avid Bush Pilot of note) will be holding an entertaining talk on how to do Bush Field Inspections, and you will also bear witness to the unveiling of the first cut of the upcoming television documentary "Bush flying with SkyAfrica". Quite a few of the pilots that flew the airplanes during the film shoots, a.k.a "the movie stars", will be present at the event, and I'm sure they will be more than willing to sign a couple of autographs after the show ;)

For all of you who wish to join us, please send me an email, including the number of persons you plan on bringing along to the event, to erika@skyafrica.com

Here an overview of the most important details:

Date: 04.04.2009

Time: From 18:00 until they decide to kick us out

Venue: Ringhotel Krone Schnetzenhausen

Untere Mühlbachstraße 1

D - 88045 Friedrichshafen

Tel.: ++49 (0)7541 4080

www.ringhotel-krone.de

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Congratulations

SkyAfrica is proud to welcome four more members into the Eagles club!

Bush Pilot Course No. 28 was successfully completed by:

Thomas - Freda Phobia Eagle

Wolfgang - Checklist Blues Eagle

Bernhard - Brauhaus Eagle

Phillip - Kuluma Eagle

Happy Flying!



Wolfgang and Thomas proudly hoist the Ergster Flag

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