



HCSA WOBBLER

January 2015

As depicted by the change in the Club logo, our Club has reached the 25 year mark a most significant milestone and notable achievement in the life of any Club , venture or organization and even more so when considering our Club is run on voluntary basis.

I believe our founder members will look back proudly over the last quarter century and be deservedly proud of their foresight that led to the birth of our Club. We have always strived to preserve and operate our Harvard's to the highest standard and today we can rightly boast of having Six Flying aircraft, A seventh being fully rebuilt with our other three awaiting their rebuild in turn. Each and every member has full right to be very proud of their individual contribution at the Club and to our Aviation heritage.

I thank you all, member and benefactor alike for your past, present and future part in keeping our magnificent aircraft in the sky where they belong. I hope that with the same foresight and dedication as that of our founder members, Club stalwarts past and present and benefactors we may look back in another 25 years time and be as proud then as we are now.

Keep it straight and safe

Paul Roberts

(Club Chairman)

Our Aircraft & Flight Info



7024

1 flight

Pilot: Jock Cameron



7028

2 flights

Pilots: Gerrit Worst



7306

3 flights

Pilots: Werner (x2),
Darryl (x1)



7059

*No Flights during
January.*



7166

2 flights

Pilots: Darryl, Dewald



7643

*No Flights during
January.*

2 Aircraft were flown in the Airforce Day Parade **7306 & 7024**,
Pilots: Werner & Dewald

Rebuild Aircraft



Harvard - 7592

Status: A new fuselage frame has been sourced and will be coming to the Club, the frame will be used to create a jig that will be used in the checking of the fuselage frames of 7152 and 7592. It is planned to eventually to fit the fuselage frame to the spare center section, not the American English center section, which will in effect form the basis of another aircraft.



Harvard - 7356

Status: N/A



Harvard - 7152

Status: Undercarriage legs have been sourced and purchased. The centre

section is at 1ASU Waterkloof being repaired/rebuilt.



Harvard - 7661

Status: At MATA and undergoing a complete rebuild

Benefactors to Engine Rebuild fund.

**B. Hersov
W. Mole
G. Murray
J. Cameron
Carl Knight
Mario Farrell
W. van der Meulen
SAAFA P. Alfred
P. Roberts
Rand Airport**

Just over R29,386.00 collected in so far.

AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS AND BENEFACTORS.

"I LOVE THAT SOUND", a comment that has been repeated time and again when a Harvard flies over. The Harvard Club is about to embark on a major fund raising drive.

Funds gathered will be specifically for the overhaul of four Pratt and Whitney 1340 Radial engines. The sound "you" love to hear. As Chairman of the Harvard club I urge you to consider making a donation so that we may put another 4 Harvard's back into the Air. To make this possible we have to reach out to people like you to make this a reality.

Our Bank Account detail:

ABSA

LYTTLETON BRANCH

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 929 126 2210

ACCOUNT NAME/REFERENCE- ENGINE REBUILD FUND.

Should you kindly choose to make a donation please advise as to how you would like your donation recorded on a donor board that is to be placed in our Clubhouse at Swartkop AFB.

For further information please contact
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News from the Committee

Thanks in no small part to Ruan Blignaut a lot of work has gone into the new look Wobbler which I am sure will be sent out on a more regular basis. Please let us know if you would like to contribute.

A SAAF Firefighting course is available to ground crew members, please put your names forward to Geoff Timms if you are able to attend,

25th and 75th logos will soon be applied to all of our aircraft.

7059 is also having her white paint work refurbished.

Undercarriage was sourced and purchased for 7152 with negotiations well underway for more spares for our rebuild projects.

Our spare centre section is at 1 ASU Waterkloof where it is being rebuilt/refurbished. Jock is following up on the transponders that have been allocated to us from the SAAF.

Mike and Helm have designed and built a tail-wheel trolley and tow bar which makes ground handling much easier for Geoff and his ground crew, 10/10 for a job well done.

Technical

I am very delighted to say that all our aircraft are in an excellent flying condition. Mike Lombard has completed the modification on all the tail wheels. This enables us to fit the Bosbok tail wheel on the aircraft. Mike and I in a combined effort designed and completed a new tow bar and tail wheel trolley. The idea was to make it a total one man operation.

Technicalities:

Low oil pressure on 7643 was reported. A test flight was done and the aircraft was declared fit. After a discussion with a tyre fitment centre we decided on his recommendation, confirmed by the museum, increase the main gear tyre pressure to 40 PSI. The reason for this was because all the aircraft main gear tyres wear on the side and not evenly across the width. Mike and I will keep a close eye on this. I am convinced that we can extend our tyres considerably

Upcoming Events

A possible tie up with the SAAF/Zwartkops Air show to celebrate the Clubs 25th Anniversary and the Harvard's 75th together.

The possibility of attending a Fly in but no confirmation as yet.

Birthdays, we will keep you posted as things come.

New Volunteers 2015.

Congratulations to **Casper Marais** and **Liberty Kunene** for receiving their half wings.



Products of the month.



Pratt & Whitney Stickers

Size: 90mm

Price: **R10.00**



HCSA License Disc Stickers

Size: 90mm

Price: **R10.00**



" I Love That Sound" T-shirt

Sizes: S - XL

Price: **R120.00**



Harvard Patches

Price: **R50.00**

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