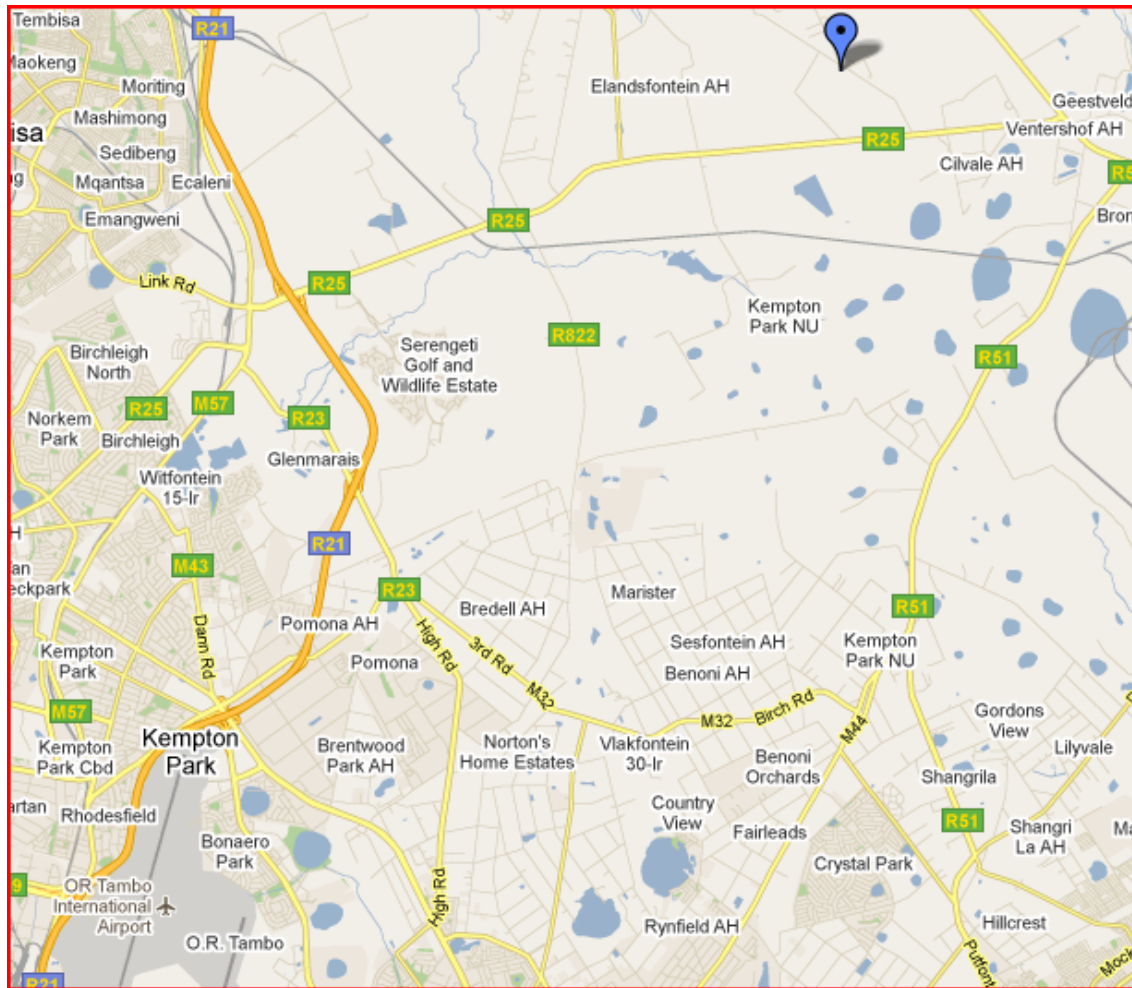


Information Bulletin

The 2011 South African F3J International is being organised by the **Model Glider Association of South Africa**, from 08h00 on Saturday, 30 July 2011 until 31 July 2011.

The contest will be held at the GEMS model gliding field, East of Johannesburg, approximately 28 km from the OR Tambo International Airport and 15 km from the official hotel and B&B's.



THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



Description	Specifications
Co-ordinates	S 25° 59' 44.17" E 28° 21' 59.38"
Altitude	Approx 1600 m / 4800 ft
Sunrise	6:45 am
Sunset	5:45 pm
Ave Min / Max Temp	6 °C / 19 °C for the month of August
Ave Rainfall	6 mm for the month of August

Competition Rules

The International will be run according to the FAI F3 Radio Control Model Soaring Aircraft, 1 January 2011 Edition Sporting Code and specifically, Section 5.6. CLASS F3J - THERMAL DURATION GLIDERS.

Official Language

The official language of the competition, publications & results will be English.

Organisation

Organising Chairperson	Michelle Goodrum
Contest Director	Serdar Sualp
Communications	Juanita Smith
Line judges	Lionel Brink
Travel agent	Hilke Desmarais, 360 Degree Travel

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



Jury

In the event of any written protest, or potential issue noted by any of the officials observing the specific slot, a jury will be constituted after the round has completed. A minimum of 3 independent jurors will be called and will include the overall event CD.

No fly zones/safety areas

None. However, competitors are reminded to restrict overflying the spectator/catering area. No landing is permitted within the spectator/catering area, the launch corridor, across tow lines, or as per the FAI Sporting Code – safety penalties will be applied **without warning** at the CD's discretion.

Any contact with any grounded object at the CD's discretion, within any of the FAI designated safety areas (launch corridor), will result in a 300 point safety penalty. Flying into anyone within a safety area will result in a 1,000 point safety penalty across all classes.

Be advised that safety penalties are not thrown away – i.e. all safety penalties are aggregated after throwaway rounds, even if these were awarded during a round that is not counted towards the final score.

Teams

Each team will be randomly assigned a launch lane by the organisers for matrixing purposes. Competitors are responsible for entering their teams & providing callers. Teams may be comprised of up to 3 pilots, and a manager, and as per the FAI Sporting Code a minimum of two Towmen.

The organisers will attempt to assist international pilots with tow-people however teams should indicate that they would like towers well in advance and be aware that these tow-men will not necessarily be experienced F3J tow-men.

Organisers will assist international pilots who do not have a complete team to meet and fly with a local F3J pilots.

Once the competitor enters the landing zone (usually the area immediately behind the launch corridor as per designated launch direction), only one caller is permitted to accompany the competitor beyond the launch corridor, as per the applicable FAI Sporting Code.

Contest schedule

Weather dependent, flying commences at 08h00 sharp, and completes by 17h00. The CD will ensure that the schedule is maintained – and will only delay this schedule for obvious safety reasons, considerable wind direction/weather changes, or organisational equipment malfunction.

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa

SOUTH AFRICAN
F3J International
30-31 July 2011



Saturday 30 July	8:00 – 17:00	Rounds 1-6
Sunday 31 July	9:00 – 11:00	Fly-off rounds 1-3
	12:00-13:00	Prize-Giving

Entry fees

Each competitor is liable for:

Competition **R300.00 (approximately Euro 30)**

The entry form is attached to this bulletin. Please note that breakfast and lunch are included in this entry fee.

Deadlines

Artifact	Due date	Late penalty
Preliminary entry	30 May 2011	None
Final entry form	30 June 2011	10%

Please be advised that entries closed at 23h59 of the advised date. Changes to existing entries after 30 June 2011 (including frequencies, teams, etc.), will not be accommodated.

Local entry fees received after 30 June 2011 will incur a 10% late payment penalty. Payments not subsequently received before the first day of competition are liable in cash only, with a 25% penalty. International pilots can pay their entry fee to the organisers at the Kopanong Hotel on Friday 29 July 2011.

Payments

All payments are to be made directly into the MGA account:

Model Gliding Association
Nedbank Kempton Park 198-742
Account number 1987 351 908

Please use the reference "2011INT" and your respective license number for reference. Payments received without reference, irrespective of subsequent proof of payment, will be accepted as generous donations to the MGA National Teams fund.

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



Meals

Breakfast on the field **Eggs, bacon and a muffin or similar**

Lunch on the field: **Hamburgers or boerewors rolls and salad with a cold drink**

Drinks and snacks will be also available on the field for all days of the competition at own cost.

Protest fee

All protests must be presented in writing to the Overall Contest Director and must be accompanied by a cash deposit of **R250.00**. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. Protests will only be reviewed after completion of the current round by the independent Jury.

The MGA & SAMAA are required to uphold all decisions by the CD in terms of the FAI Sporting Code.

Frequencies

Only SAMAA accepted/ICASA approved frequencies are permitted and used for the flight matrix.

The organisers will make every attempt to ensure that each competitor remains on the same frequency for each round of the respective class, but cannot guarantee that the primary frequency specified will be used, nor that the same frequency will be employed across all classes the competitor participates in. No flying is permitted during the event unless scheduled as per the competition matrix. A frequency board will be provided – the standard peg-on approach will be required for all pilots flying outside of scheduled times.

Competitors not providing 2 different frequencies will not be matrixed! During the event, each competitor must ensure that their backup aircraft are on the same frequency as was matrixed (i.e. NO changes of frequency will be permitted during the round).

Competitors may enter 2.4 GHz for both frequencies, or any alternate legal frequency.

Note that it is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that their Transmitter(s) meet all ICASA requirements.

Awards

Awards will be made to the top three competitors as per the scores made available after the final round has been flown. To encourage participation, juniors will also be awarded the top three positions, but will not be matrixed separately.

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



Practice sites

For the week prior to the F3J International (25 -29 July 2011), pilots will be able to practice at the GEMS field from 8:00 – 17:00 but are requested to inform the organisers of their intention to practice. The rules of the model field and courtesy regulation with regard to the surrounding farmers will be made available on receipt of entry.

Insurance

Competitors are required to obtain suitable travel and medical insurance and to provide the details to the organisers so that they can assist with arrangements in the event of an accident prior to or during the event.

Spectators

The competition will be advertised in the SAMAA newsletter, local newspapers and other media support. A dedicated journalist & photographer will cover the event during the scheduled event & awards ceremony.

During the scheduled events, no spectators are permitted on the flight line, inside any safety or separation corridor, the winch line area or within 30 metres of any landing spot.

Web site

Information regarding the 2011 F3J International event will be sent directly to participants, and published on the MGA web site: <http://mgasa.blogspot.com/>

Flying site facilities

The following services will be available at the flying site during the competition:

- After hours security
- Parking
- Toilet facilities
- Catering (refer meals above)
- Standby medical service/first aid kits
- Gazebo's and shade for international pilots while local pilots are requested to bring their own shade and chairs

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



Contacts

Communications:

Juanita Smith

Email: juanitasmith@vodamail.co.za

Travel agents:

Hilke Desmaras from 360 Travel

Email: hilke@360travel.co.za

The Devonshire Lodge (associated with various game lodges, tour organisers etc)

Email: info@thedevonshirelodge.co.za

Accommodation

Please use the Model Gliding Association ID:22639 as your reference when booking and please let us know which hotels you plan to stay at, so that we can negotiate travel arrangements and plan for the dinner at the Kopanong Hotel.

Kopanong Hotel

The official hotel for the F3J International will be the 5 star Kopanong Hotel (<http://www.kopanong.co.za>).

The hotel consists of separate villas, each with three separate but inter-leading rooms each with their own bathroom, TV, and other amenities, that can be opened up to form one 'house'.

The cost for accommodation of 50 people for the evening of 30 July is R550 per person sharing (approximately Euro 55), dinner, bed and breakfast. Please note these rates may change depending on the number of people who attend the contest and choose to stay at the Kopanong.

Airport transfers are charged at R100 per person, return.

Devonshire Lodge

Adjacent to the Kopanong Hotel offers good quality accommodation and free shuttle service to and from OR Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg International). (<http://www.thedevonshirelodge.co.za>)

Various options are available at the Devonshire Lodge depending on the amount of luxury you require. The cost of accommodation is R600 per room (2-4 people per room depending in requirements, approximately Euro 60 per room) for bed and breakfast with dinner charged at R80

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



(approximately Euro 8) per person. Transport can be arranged to the model gliding field, costs will be included in the next bulletin.

Glen Gory Manor

Situated across the road from the Kopanong Hotel, the Glen Gory Manor offers good quality accommodation at a cost of R350 (Euro 35) per person sharing, bed and breakfast. (<http://www.glengorymanor.co.za>).

Transport and Car Hire

Negotiations are being finalised with Emirates Airlines for assistance to reduce the cost of flights to South Africa for competitors. For the 2011 F3J International event Emirates are able to offer free transport of the model boxes and we hope for further assistance for 2012. Emirates Airlines flies via Dubai, a truly international airline and airport that offers the best in-flight seating and service we have come across.

All three accommodation venues offer a shuttle service to and from the OR Tambo International Airport and we are negotiating availability of transport for guests from the various hotels to the GEMS flying field in the morning and collect them in the evening. The costs (if any) will be included in the next bulletin.

For general car hire we recommend Travel Jigsaw who the South African F3J and F3B teams have used as their broker for all car hire for World Championship events over the last 5 years. Please contact them directly for prices. (<http://www.traveljigsawgroup.com>)

Dinner

All competitors are invited to join us for a social dinner at the boma of the Kopanong Hotel. The cost of the dinner is estimated at R300 and any further information with regard to the dinner will be included in the next bulletin.

Tourism

We would like to invite you to take the opportunity to visit our beautiful country. I have listed some areas events through the country you might consider visiting or doing during your trip in 2011. Please note that these are just a few of the possibilities and the list of suggestions will grow in follow-up bulletins.





Day trips:

- Rhino & Lion Park www.rhinolion.co.za
- Lion Park www.lion-park.com
- Magaliesberg meander
- Welwitschia Country Market (free entrance) excellent for buying African gifts to take home www.countrymarket.co.za
- Canopy Tours at Magaliesberg (and other venues in South Africa) www.magaliescanopytour.co.za and www.canopytour.co.za
- Paddle Power www.paddlepower.co.za
- The Ann van Dyk Cheetah Centre at De Wildt www.dewildt.co.za
- Ama Zwing Zwing Zip Line Tour www.amazwingzwing.co.za
- Carnivores Restaurant (awesome experience) www.carnivore.co.za
- Misty Hills Spa (accommodation and spa on the same premises as Carnivores) www.mistyhills.co.za
- Maropeng – official visitor centre for the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage site www.maropeng.co.za
- Bill Harrop's Balloon Safaris (awesome) www.balloon.co.za
- Elephant Sanctuary at Hartbeespoort Dam (also at Hazyview near Kruger National Park and Plettenberg Bay) www.elephantsanctuary.co.za

Other Tourist Activities:

- Pilanesberg Game Reserve www.pilanesberggamereserve.com
- Pilanesberg Elephant-back Safaris www.pilansbergelephantback.co.za
- Sun City www.suninternational.com
- Kruger National Park www.krugerpark.com
- Bushman's Hide in the Waterberg Biosphere Nature Reserve www.bushmanshide.com
- Scuba Diving trips gavin@ment-a-scuba.co.za
- Cape Town (too many to mention)
- Drakensberg (too many to mention)

- For small individual Tours, especially in and around Cape Town, and special guided (and unguided) Safaris anywhere south of the Equator

ESSENTIAL AFRICA

www.essentialafrica.co.za

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa



Preliminary Entry Form

Due 30 May 2011

First name	
Last name	
FAI number	
Contact number	
Country	
Email address	
Frequency	1) 2)
Possible travel dates	
Preferred accommodation	Kopanong Hotel The Devonshire Hotel Glen Gory Lodge
Team members	Pilot 1:
	Pilot 2:
	Pilot 3:
	Tow Men:
	Please specify if you would like to be slotted into a team or require tow people for the contest

THE MGA IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGES SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RC SOARING



SOS Children's Villages
South Africa