



AVIATION BUSINESS

LETABA FLYING CLUB INTRODUCES 'RACE OF CHAMPIONS'



Letaba Flying Club based at Tzaneen is already famous for their legendary and awarding winning airshow. At a recent press release, the Letaba Flying Club Committee announced the 'Race of Champions' air race to be held from the 16-18 August 2007, in Tzaneen.

"The Presidents Trophy Air Race has got a proud history in South Africa aviation. The race has been run in South Africa over many years and has always been a very popular event on the South African aviation calendar. The big point of contention over the years has always been the handicapping system as well as the funding of the air race. We believe that part of the fun of the air race is also the actual navigating, which requires skill. To allow

GPS' will take a lot of the competitiveness and skill out of the air race and it means that you will virtually be able to fly your race without a navigator. The date for this race is the weekend of the 16th of August 2007. Letaba Flying Club has agreed to host this event for the first two years, where after options will be open for other clubs who might be interested, to host the race. The intention at this race is to have the same handicapping system which was used at Polokwane as well as which were intended to be used in Klerksdorp. The basis of the handicapping system is that historical speed results over many years are used to determine an average handicap for a type of aircraft. Like in all competitions the ideas with the Air Race is that the team with the best change to win the race. It is also the intention to have large sponsorships for the air race to make the event as affordable as possible for the entrants.

Tzaneen is well known for its hospitality and in 2005, won the award for the 'Best Airshow', host in South Africa. Tzaneen now intends to host the best air race in South Africa that will be as much fun as the airshows.

"The intention is to provide an event of world class quality to South African aviators without trying to create conflict within the Aviation community", as stated by the Flying Committee.

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