



SUN 'N FUN 2026

Official event programme | 24 – 27 September 2026
Jack Taylor Airfield, Krugersdorp | Hosted by EAA Chapter 973

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Four days of aviation, education, competition, innovation and family participation

Featuring the official launch of the EAA 973 Aviation Youth Development Program, SAPFA navigation training and ANR Rally, technical workshops, aircraft displays, flying demonstrations, STOL event and the Sun 'n Fun Awards Dinner.

Event snapshot for sponsors, media and professional organisations

Aviation community showcase

Aircraft displays, flying demonstrations, workshops, competitions and hospitality in one aviation programme.

Youth aviation development

Launch of a structured pathway for carefully selected young aviation enthusiasts.

Professional engagement

Technical workshops, industry presentations, factory tour and opportunities to connect with aviators and manufacturers.

Sponsor visibility

Sponsor and partner acknowledgements across programme, workshops, awards dinner and event moments.

Programme at a glance

THU 24

Arrival & camp setup
Movie under the stars

FRI 25

SAPFA nav training
ANR Rally
Youth launch
STOL event
Aviation quiz

SAT 26

Static displays
Flying displays
Workshops
Awards dinner

SUN 27

Farewell breakfast
Departures

Key sponsor and partner moments

- Comet Aviation Supplies - Rotax & Comet Workshop; Awards Dinner co-sponsor
- Rotax - Technical workshop presence and engine support focus
- LSA Covers - Movie Under the Stars
- Century Avionics - Aviation workshops and avionics

- Sling Aircraft - Awards Dinner co-sponsor
- SAPFA - Navigation training and ANR Rally
- Infinite Aviation - Aviation Quiz Night

Thursday & Friday programme

THURSDAY | 24 SEPTEMBER

Arrival & Camp Setup

Welcome, campsite registration, exhibitor setup and an informal start to the weekend celebrating aviation.



Evening Feature - Movie Under the Stars

Outdoor aviation movie night with refreshments available. Sponsored by LSA Covers

FRIDAY | 25 SEPTEMBER

SAPFA Navigation Training

Practical training for new and experienced rally pilots ahead of the ANR Rally.

SAPFA ANR Rally

A navigation competition that tests route discipline, precision and situational awareness.

Rotax & Comet Workshop

Technical presentations covering maintenance, servicing, engine operation and owner support. Sponsored by Comet Aviation Supplies

Orion Cub Factory Tour

Behind-the-scenes tour of the Orion Cub production facility.

Guest Speaker - Kevin Hopper

A session on the Orion Cub and South African aircraft manufacturing.

Official Launch - EAA 973 AYD Program

The youth aviation development pathway launch, kept as a clear programme item.

Late afternoon - STOL Event

Short take-off and landing demonstrations and competition for pilots and spectators.

Evening Feature - Aviation Quiz Night

Aviation trivia, prizes and social networking. Sponsored by Infinite Aviation

OFFICIAL LAUNCH



EAA 973 Aviation Youth Development Program - Level 1

The future of South African aviation starts here: a structured pathway for young aviation enthusiasts to build, learn and explore aviation careers.

Model construction | Aircraft systems | Principles of flight | Engineering fundamentals | Mentorship

Saturday & Sunday programme

SATURDAY | 26 SEPTEMBER

Aircraft Static Displays

Classic, homebuilt, vintage, military and modern aircraft on display with opportunities to meet pilots and owners.

Flying Displays

Aerial demonstrations showcasing skill, precision and performance.

Aviation Workshops - Century Avionics

Latest developments in avionics and aircraft electronics.

Aviation Workshops - Absolute Aviation

Industry presentations and aviation technology sessions.

Aircraft Judging

Judging of aircraft across multiple categories.



Evening Feature - Sun 'n Fun Awards Dinner

A celebration of aviation excellence, outstanding aircraft, volunteers, exhibitors and competitors who made the event possible.

Proudly sponsored by Sling Aircraft & Comet Aviation Supplies



SUNDAY | 27 SEPTEMBER

Farewell Breakfast

Final networking opportunity before departures.

Departure at Leisure

Safe travels and thank you for being part of Sun'n Fun 2026.

EAA 973 Aviation Youth Development Program



The future of South African aviation starts here

Twenty carefully selected young aviation enthusiasts begin the first stage of a structured development pathway designed to prepare them for tertiary aviation education and careers throughout the aviation industry.

Core learning themes: aircraft model construction, aircraft systems, principles of flight, career exploration, engineering fundamentals and mentorship by aviation professionals.

In partnership with Youth Aviation Network



Build. Learn. Fly. Share the spirit of aviation.

Topline sponsors

Proudly recognising the organisations giving Sun 'n Fun 2026 its headline industry support.



Sling Aircraft

Programme role: Awards Dinner co-sponsor
South African aircraft manufacturing and aviation innovation.



Comet Aviation Supplies

Programme role: Rotax & Comet Workshop; Awards Dinner co-sponsor
Aviation supplies and technical support for the owner, builder and flying community.



Rotax

Programme role: Technical workshop presence
Engine operation, maintenance relevance and owner support focus.

Sponsor visibility across programme moments

Workshops

technical thought
leadership

Awards Dinner

executive hospitality and
recognition

Youth launch

development impact and
media value

Nav Rally/STOL

competition and spectator
interest

Valued sponsors and professional partners



Krugersdorp Flying Club

Jack Taylor Airfield operator and local aviation partner



LSA Covers

Movie Under the Stars



SAPFA

Navigation Training & ANR Rally



EAA 973

Host chapter and aviation community



Infinite Aviation

Aviation Quiz Night



Century Avionics

Aviation workshops and avionics



Absolute Aviation

Industry presentations



Orion Aircraft

Factory tour and guest speaker



EAA 973 AYD Program

Training, mentorship and hands-on learning



co-sponsors of the Aviation Youth Development Program



Youth Aviation Network

Youth outreach & community partner
Supporting the next generation of South African aviators

All sponsors and partners are acknowledged with appreciation for supporting the aviation community and the development of future aviators.

Media, sponsor and professional organisation notes

Suggested storylines

- Youth aviation development pathway launch
- South African aviation manufacturing and builder culture
- Practical owner support through technical workshops
- Competition flying: SAPFA ANR Rally and STOL event
- Community building through family-friendly aviation events

Photo and interview opportunities

- Aircraft static displays and flying displays
- Youth programme launch activities
- Workshop demonstrations and aviation technology
- Awards Dinner recognition moments
- Pilot, builder, sponsor and organiser interviews

Sponsor hospitality and stakeholder use

This programme is designed for sponsor packs, media handouts, professional organisations, pilot briefings and stakeholder introductions. It highlights the event narrative, sponsor role, youth development purpose and the aviation calendar in a single polished document.

Contact and operational details

For final issue, insert organiser contact details, website or QR code, media accreditation process, exhibitor registration instructions and any approved safety or airfield access notices.

