

“The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium 5th to 9th August 2011”

Dear Fellow SkyDiver.

Please accept this as your personal invite, as well as a friendly request for support.

The Parachute Association of South Africa (PASA) sanctioned and Sports SkyDivers Association of South Africa (SSA) supported “Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium 2011” will be taking place at The Ranch Resort (25km South of Polokwane), Limpopo Province, South Africa from the 5th to the 9th of August 2011.

We hope to have support and representation from SANDF, SAAF, SAPS Skydiving and Parachuting units as well as support and representation from Limpopo Sports Arts and Culture, Limpopo Tourism and Parks, South African Sports Commission and South African Tourism.

We aim to inspire individuals, departments, organisations, institutions, companies, banks, clubs and groups in the area to come and get a taste as to what skydiving and parachuting in the 21st Century is all about. We will be offering Tandem Introductory Skydiving at the event, and will try to host some symposium style interesting and relevant displays and talks with an exhibition and display area. At the event we aim to train a select number of AFF Students, with graduation on Women’s Day (Tuesday 9th August) and a small awards ceremony.

You are welcome to put forward ideas, or even yourself for for the symposium element.

Our aim is to have a safe efficient fun skills building Skydiving Boogie and an Informative Symposium at a luxurious venue in a beautiful province with ideal weather conditions. We will open the event to the public and interested parties and hope to introduce as many people as possible to our recreational aviation activity and the various career opportunities surrounding it. We hope to have the support of skydivers and representation from the various skydiving and parachuting fraternities in South Africa, and that everyone takes something positive from the event.

More detail and information is provided below.

Many Thanks for your Interest and Support. Registration form will be available shortly.

Meet Directors: Mike Rumble and Peter Lawson.

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“There just aren’t enough good organized skydiving events”. Pete Lawson.

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Vision

- An efficient friendly, coordinated Skydiving Boogie with multiple aircraft.
- Organized loads, all skydiving disciplines.
- Accelerated FreeFall (AFF) Student Training for a limited number of select students.
- Tandem Introductory Skydiving.
- Coaching, Load Organising, Team Training, Fun Jumping as well as representation from the Sports Skydiving Association (SAA) with organized events for each Skydiving Discipline.
- Support and Representation from SANDF, SAAF, SAPS Skydiving and Parachuting units.
- Support and Representation from Limpopo Sports Arts and Culture, Limpopo Tourism and Parks, South African Sports Commission, South African Tourism.
- It is hoped to secure a title sponsor for the event.
- Media Exposure is being actively sought.
- The Event will have public areas.
- Symposium Style Interesting and Relevant Displays and Talks.
- Exhibition and Display Area.
- We are investigating the possibility of Hot Air Balloon Jumps.
- Organised Awards Function at The Ranch Resort on Women's Day, Tuesday 9th August from 15:00

Expectations

- 100+ PASA Registered Skydivers and their Families and Friends.
- Representation (and hopefully official support) from:
 - SANDF Skydiving and Parachuting
 - SAAF Skydiving and Parachuting
 - SAPS Task Force Skydiving and Parachuting
- Symposium Style Interesting and Relevant Displays and Talks at various venues at The Ranch Resort at appropriate times.
- Support from:
 - Limpopo Sports Arts and Culture
 - Limpopo Tourism and Parks
 - South African Tourism
 - South African Sports Commission
 - N1 Bakwena Highway

The requirements for skydiving at The Ranch Boogie will be PASA Membership www.Para.co.za and event registration. A License holders with CI recommendation, B-License and above, must be current and paid up. No log book no jump.

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Recent Events:

- The Margate Boogie (May 2011) - 92 registered skydivers, 2 Turbine Atlas Angels, two and a half days of great skydiving weather (one and a half days of not so great skydiving weather), 74 loads, 637 descents. 11 Tandem Introductory Skydives onto the beach.
- The Smoking Dragon Boogie, Amphitheatre Backpackers Drakensburg (April 2011) – 59 Jumpers from 7 different drop zones registered, 26 people made tandem introductory skydives with Duran flying Atlas Angel Gabriel to altitude a total of 50 times.
- The Swakopmund Desert Boogie, Namibia (Dec 2010 – Jan 2011) - SkyDivers from numerous Drop Zones and 8 Different Countries Registered for the Desert Boogie 2010 / 2011... A total of 81 Loads went up... all of them to at least 12 000ft. A number of loads went “a little” higher... and some early morning loads went as high as 16 000ft. 74 people were taken on Tandem Introductory SkyDives at this Desert Boogie....

The Ranch Boogie – The Venue

- The Ranch Resort www.TheRanch.co.za
- 25km South of Polokwane, Limpopo Province South Africa.
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ranch_Resort
- <http://maps.google.co.za/maps/place?cid=1532348087730074343>
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheRanchResort>
- Elevation 4 400ft

Status

- Temporary PASA Drop Zone with select Student Operations.

Meet Directors

- Pete Lawson and Mike Rumble

Chief Instructor / Safety Director

- Graham Field

Aircraft

- 2 Turbine Atlas Angels, 3rd on Stand-By.
- Various Specialty Aircraft – under discussion.
- Possibility of Hot Air Balloon Jumps

Entertainment

- DJ ED
- High and Low Ropes Team Building (in discussion)
- Symposium Style Talks
- Live Band
- Various Activities onsite and in the area for the entire family.

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Runway

- The Airstrip at The Ranch Resort is a well maintained grass / dirt strip 1200 meters in length running alongside the golf course, parallel to the R101 main road. Daytime use only and tie downs available. Use of the runway is at pilot's discretion and by prior arrangement only.

GPS

24°2'38.47"S

29°16'25.20"E

Elevation 4 400 ft

Runway length 1 200 m

- <http://www.theranch.co.za/the-ranch-resort-protea-hotel-fly-in-destination-airstrip-helipad-limpopo-polokwane-south-africa.html>

Packing Areas

- Air Conditioned Safari Tent
- Grass, Shade.

Landing Area

- 500 meter diameter former irrigation grass circle within The Ranch Conservancy between the runway and tented camp.
- Transport from the Landing Area to the Tented Camp and Air Conditioned Packing Area

Symposium and Display Area

- A display area is being provided.
- Educational, Inspirational, Interesting and relevant talks will be held at various venues at The Ranch Resort at appropriate times for boogie registrants that wish to attend.
- The event will be open to the public, public areas as well as talks will be provided.

Equipment

A limited amount of skydiving equipment will be available, please make individual arrangements for equipment you require with your respective clubs. Email SkyDive.Rustenburg@gmail.com if you require more assistance.

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Registration

- The event is open to all PASA Members and Visiting International Skydivers.
- Temporary International PASA Membership Cards will be available for members of foreign Parachute Associations affiliated to the FAI. PASA International Cards and valid at all PASA Drop Zones for 3 months.
- For the 2011/12 membership year, PASA members serving in the armed forces will pay 50% of the Aero Club fees (R135). The PASA fee for these military members who do not hold a PASA rating is R100 (inclusive of sport membership). Those who do hold PASA ratings, pay the full PASA fee (R410)
- Registration for PASA Members for The Ranch Boogie and SkyDiving Symposium will be:

R 350 per person

Boogie Registration entitles Skydivers discounts around The Ranch Resort, including breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as Lion Walks and Golf).

- Camping (with own equipment) is approved by special arrangement for The Ranch Boogie, allowed only in the designated area alongside the permanent Tented Camp and is included in the Boogie Registration Fee. Other accommodation options are available, special rates have been negotiated (more info below).

Day Registration is R 200.00 per person

Group registration for SANDF, SAAF and SAPS PASA Registered Skydivers will be considered on application.

Included with registration will be the following:

- Registration Pack, Welcome Letter and Info Document.
- T-Shirt (not confirmed)
- Ranch Boogie Discount Card (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Lion Tours and Walks, Game Drives, Golf)
- Symposium Information
- Goodies
- Entry to Prize Draw.
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Prizes

- Actively being sought

Medical

- A suitable on-site Medic is being sought.
- Advanced Medical Facilities are available in Polokwane.
- All registrants are expected to have their own medical insurance.

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Jump Tickets

- The slot rate to 12 000ft AGL will be R 250.00
- 15 000ft will be available upon request – slot rate to be confirmed.
- Lower Altitude Slot Rates upon request.
- Jump Tickets will be available as individual tickets or as books of 10. Books of 20 Jump Tickets will be available with 21st Ticket free.
- It is anticipated that an amount of Coaches Slots for pre-arranged coaching will be covered, as will more than likely camera for pre-arranged Team Training (subject to the right support).
- Subject to change.

Payment

- In advance by internet transfer
- Cash
- On site by internet transfer
- It is hoped to be able to utilise The Ranch Resort's Credit and Debit Card Facilities to pay for Jump Tickets – to be confirmed.

Account

- ABSA
- RUSTENBURG SKYDIVING CLUB
- SAVINGS ACC 9240815078
- WATERFALL MALL 632005
- REFERENCE: Ranch + YOUR NAME

Manifest

- Will be on a Pre Paid Jump Ticket System
- The ever lively Noogs in control and on PA announcements.
- White Boards and Digital Screens will be in place
- DJ ED Background Music enhanced Manifest Announcements
- Organised and Disorganised Skydivers will be catered for
- There will be load organizing and representation from the various skydiving disciplines – SSA Supported.

SSA Coaches

So far a number of coaches have confirmed their attendance and availability for coaching.

A request has been sent to SSA to put forward coaches and organized events for each skydiving discipline.

Please put yourselves forward as well.

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Working Team

- The following will be required at The Ranch Boogie:
 - PASA Coaches – all disciplines
 - PASA AFF Instructors
 - PASA Tandem Masters
 - PASA Pro Rated Jumpers
 - Camera Flyers
 - Packers
 - Riggers
- Anyone wishing to put themselves forward to form part of the working team for The Ranch Boogie should please confirm their attendance and send an email with relevant details as well as availability to SkyDive.Rustenburg@gmail.com

Accommodation

Accommodation at The Ranch Boogie consists of Tented Camp Accommodation for 70 guests, twenty 5-Star 6-Sleeper Self Catering Chalets, 7 Suites, and 103 Deluxe 4-Star Hotel Rooms.

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When making an accommodation booking please do so direct with Protea Hotel The Ranch Resort, referencing The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie for the specials attached to the boogie.

- **Kolbe Tented Camp** - tucked away within the 1000 hectare conservancy. A combination of large dormitory type tents and smaller sleeper tents. Max 70 Persons. Self catering facilities are provided.
- R 100 per person per night with own bedding, R150 per person per night with bedding provided.
- **5-Star 6 Sleeper Self Catering Golf Chalets** overlooking the Executive 12 hole Golf Course and Academy
- R 1 800.00 per night, max 6 persons.
- Protea Hotel The Ranch Resort – 7 Suites and 103 Deluxe 4-Star Hotel Rooms.
- R 800 per room, per night, single or sharing (needs confirming).

Facilities

Facilities include: a 12 hole par 3 Executive Golf Course; 4 swimming pools (2 heated); gymnasium and wellness centre with steam rooms. For the kids there is a play room with computer games, pinball machines, pool table, table tennis, bowls, a tennis court, a playground, a trampoline and a jungle gym... activities include horseback safaris, lion walks, lion tours, game drives and more....

Internet

Wireless internet is available to Boogie Registrants in the main areas of the hotel.

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Transport

Transport to The Ranch can be by the following options:

- Self Drive N1 or R101
- Self Fly – Ranch Resort Airstrip

To arrange transport as an individual or group from Or Tambo or Lanseria please contact:

- Doug Miller - 082 801 1732 - doug@sa-sunshinetours.com
- Sunshine Tours www.sa-sunshinetours.com
- Mention The Ranch Boogie
- Try to arrive at either O R Tambo or Lanseria on 5th August on morning flights that transport can be arranged efficiently and in groups.
- Vehicles available are:
 - 22 Seater Mercedes Sprinter
 - 12 Seater Toyota Quantum
 - 7 Seater Mercedes Vito

International Airports:

- Polokwane International Airport
- Lanseria International Airport
- OR Tambo International Airport

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Symposium Exhibition, Displays and Talks

- Exhibition and Display Areas will be provided for Sponsors and Supporters of The Event.
- We invite proposals for Interesting and Relevant Talk as part of the Symposium Element of The Event.
- The opportunity exists for Sponsors and Supporters to include Information / Leaflet / Contribution for the Event Registration Packs

Sponsors and supporters will receive appropriate and positioned branding at and surrounding the Event and Awards Ceremony and associated event material.

Participation in The Ranch Boogie and Skydiving Symposium

Individuals / Sponsors / Supporters that would like to request a Display Area or Talk should provide the following information:

- Type of display
- Subject of talk and duration
- Display area required
- Department / Company
- Contact Person
- Cell Nr.
- Email Address
- Accommodation Requirements
- Equipment requirements

There may be a charge / payment for participation depending on requirements and level of support / sponsorship.

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Parachute Displays

We aim to perform a number of Parachute Displays in the area in the run up to and during The Ranch Boogie to promote The Ranch Boogie and to “Take the sport to the people”.

Sponsors are required for the proposed Parachute Displays.

Awards Ceremony

An Awards Ceremony with Media attendance will be held at The Ranch Resort to coincide with Women’s Day on Tuesday 9th August from 15:00.

Video Production

A full HD Edited Video Production will be produced and made available to all sponsors and supporters, as well as media and Television.

High Resolution Still Images will be made available throughout the event.

It is hoped that broadcast will be made throughout the event though the inhouse TV at The Ranch Resort.

Sponsors and Supporters Branding will be incorporated into the video production.

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Funds

Any financial support received as a result of synergistic exposure agreements or through sponsorships will go towards covering the costs of the event as well as will be utilised to enhance the event and to enhance Sports Skydiving per the organizing committees' decisions.

Media Enquiries

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Note

As always, everything is subject to change and nothing can be guaranteed... We will do our very best.

Conclusion

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