



# The Flying Tyger

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Club News Letter

## Chairmans Chat

Pieter Kapp



**Club Meeting**  
**5th December at**  
**10h00 at new**  
**field**

The TMFC Com-  
mittee wishes all  
its members and  
families a Festive  
Season

Its that time of the year again, and I am sure that most of us are looking forward to take a well deserved break from the normal routine. Unfortunately there are some who just cannot take time off and need to keep essential services functioning. 2010 promises an exciting year for sport, not only the major events like soccer etc , but during our recent committee meeting , some good ideas were discussed to make 2010 an eventful “flying year” at TMFC. This will include competition flying as well as a shift towards social events. Some of these ideas were mentioned to you during my 2008/9 Chairman's Report and will be implemented during 2010. Detail of these events will be made available

on the WP year planner within the next couple of weeks as well as during the January 2010 meeting.

The flying field is settling in nicely and will be fully developed within the next 2 years, making TMFC one of the top clubs in the Western Cape

Confucius once said - If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. May all TMFC Members and their families experience a peaceful and enjoyable festive season

As a reminder the club fees are as follows:

Full Member	R600-00
Junior Member	R300-00
Pensioners	R300-00
Joining Fee	R800-00

Safety at the field is of the utmost importance. The Safety Rules and bye-Laws are well documented. No Pilot shall fly without the minimum Grading requirements (SAMAA SOLO) unless accompanied by a SAMAA / Club Instructor.

#### TMFC Instructors

SAMAA Instructor Judges— Johnny Calefato  
Charlie Blakemore

SAMAA Instructors- Arno Bergman  
Pieter Kapp  
Deon van Zyl Peter Aldridge

Club Instructors- Martin Knoetzen  
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**NEVER TOO LATE—** A very happy Malcolm Green , one of Senior Members , recently obtained his Solo Grading. A strong cross-wind tested his landing skills to the limit—Well done Malcolm !!!

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Below are a few points for your guidance on operation and integration within your normal flying activities, however always remember the final decision on any matter relating to the safety of a flight rests with the pilot.

- 2.4 GHz is a world-wide band that has many applications and users.
- The sets currently available are of the “spread spectrum” variety and hence need no frequency control.
- It can be used to control any type of model either ground based, water or airborne (within the constraints of the law of course).
- Current sets have the facility to reduce power in order to perform a range check, use this facility in line with the manufacturers instructions.
- It is suggested that clubs utilising the “peg on” method of frequency control have a separate 2.4 GHz section for members to place a named peg.
- Club rules governing the number of models airborne at any one time should still reflect the needs and circumstances of the particular flying site.
- 2.4 GHz transmitter aerials should display a black ribbon.
- There is no evidence to suggest that 2.4 GHz transmitters will interfere with users of 35 MHz.
- The use of this band combined with spread spectrum technology will eventually help to alleviate the risk of lone flyers interfering with nearby club operations.
- This technology has been in regular use in other countries for over a year with few reported problems.
- Follow manufacturers instructions and guidance on installation into your airframe.
- At events operating transmitter control 2.4 GHz transmitters should be booked in and accounted for as normal, however there is no requirement to check frequency and the decision on when the pilot flies rests with the CD or Flight Line Director.
- Follow guidance provided by the manufacturer of your specific set on it’s operation.
- The effectiveness and safety of any equipment still relies on care and vigilance of the user.