



Chairman report -19th November 2010

Hi Friends,

For the past 2 months our "pilot rights" committee which is comprised of myself and 2 other Aopa Israel's board members, has continued its effort to retain our right to fly in this country! We met with the Tel Aviv airport AFB commander that although very willful, was lacking the entire information upon making his decisions that affects us all. We obviously conveyed our position and the legal status that applies to us as civilians but we will not stand for a situation where we are not allowed to fly out of Tel Aviv airport on the grounds of "statistical loads" under his executive order.

The AFB commander sent us to the civil aviation authority, where we met with the chief of Operations. The chief of operations agreed to help our plight stating that there is no room to halt GA traffic when there is no actual traffic congestion at the airport.

The association is also diligently working with all the various aviation bodies on the new aviation act that is currently being drafted in parliament. It is a treacherous road and the end is still a long distance away.

And on to Sports...

The navigation contest we scheduled was canceled twice after the weather tricked us, but as we never give it up we rescheduled it for Friday the 26th of November where I hope to see you all. The planned route will take us from LLBS Teyman Airfield on to the beautiful LLMZ Masada. Even if you have no interest in competing, come, what have you to lose? Take a map and navigate at your leisure through the lovely Negev and not to mention the food & BBQ that awaits you upon landing.

Next year we will start with the new A.N.R competitions, I hope to start with a pilot run shortly. The competition is very short approx. 20 minutes, where the competitors receive a ready made map saving you the drawing and task sheet solving, just fly precisely and joyfully. We are invited to the first international A.N.R competition in May 2011 and hopefully by then we will know how things work.

On the General side, we are currently closing our activity schedule for the next year, with expectantly a fly in to Bulgaria, everyone is welcome to send there suggestions and requests and the board will gladly add what is appropriate.

I met with the Ultra-light/LSA association's chairman and we decided to join forces in mutual events, ventures etc.

Finally, next week we will hold our annual safety conference. I invite each and every one of you to attend, the conference will open with dinner followed by fascinating lectures on decision making during critical points of flight.

So let the theater, cinema and other activities take the back seat because an event like this only occurs once a year!

Yours Sincerely,

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