



## SSSA TMG GROUP UPDATE

Thanks to all who have registered BUT.... I am sure there are many more out there that can join in the fun and more importantly, give input and direction to the TMG community.

If you recall our recently publish calendar of TMG events for 2017 you may remember we scheduled a rally at Adamsfontein, Gariep for December 2017. Well we thought we better check it out and a motley crew of ERGC members was assembled to explore the “opportunities” TMG’s provide. A 3h.30m direct flight from Springs to Adamsfontein provided access to unbelievable conditions in the Karoo. Even the trusty Falke managed to get there with one fuel and comfort break at Welkom.

After sorting out priorities at a vantage point on the way to the field and Gariep, we achieved during our visit 3 Silver C’s ( 2 of them in the



Falke)and a Gold height on an unbelievable day with cloud base near 20,000ft and thermals off the clock. Our host, Peter How, made his DG505 available and gave many their first experience of true soaring with some of us flying 300km triangles as well as a Diamond distance and height. As Chairman of ERGC who has been actively encouraging ( for “encourage” read “nag”!) our members to

explore the capabilities of TMG’s, the badge claims were only surpassed by the total amasement on the faces of the guys on completion of their flights. Now I know you hot shots out there regularly fly such flights but for us guys from the East Rand under a TMA limiting us to 7500ft this was the real thing. The penny has finally dropped that there is life after you switch the fan off!!!



**SEE YOU ALL THERE IN 2017!!!!**