

Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate Airshow 2015

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Where there is a will, there is a way the organisers of the Zandspruit airshow proved on Saturday 13 June. In 2013 they held their first show ever and were judged the second best airshow of the year. Then the new safety regulations were introduced and it seemed that they would not be able to comply and no show was held in 2014. They were determined though and with the same drive and vision that has made Zandspruit a world renowned development they faced the problems head on and with some creative thinking came up with a solution.

It is a fact that we, in global terms, only have a small number of display teams and pilots with display ratings which means that the same displays basically move from one event to another. However with a bit of creative thinking variety is possible. Nelspruit did it a few weeks ago and Zandspruit took it a step further with combinations of dissimilar aircraft displaying in formation as well as a variety of displays seldom seem at other shows.



Boeing Steerman with Jason Beamish ZS-LPL and Pierre Gouws in the Aero Vodochody L-39 ZS-IBN



Nigel Hopkins in his MX Aircraft MX-2



The Silver Falcons in their Pilatus PC-7 MK 2 with
1 Werner Vermaak, 2 Mark Bennett, 3 Sean Constable, 4 Jaques Poolman, 5 Mark Gentles