

Africa Aerospace Defence Show 20 – 22nd September 2008

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Just outside of Cape Town's CBD is the air force base, Ysterplaat. This year's show was fantastic and the weather cleared just in time that everything seemed to go down well with the crowds. SAAF put everything into the show and this was evident in it's ultimate success.



The north west team arrived and were welcomed by the Golden Eagles who, along with the task force and 44 Parachute Regiment, had the chance to put across some great sixteen man displays with every one landing on the spot - not bad from an exit from 2,500ft all on one pass.

A total of seven jumps were performed from the Friday through to Monday. There was a great spirit between all the jumpers and it was really good to see everyone working together. Boss Doug managing to lurk all the loads dressed in black.

The crowds had a field day with all the displays and the stands were a sight to see. This is an international event that will stand tall in the eyes of the world. We were proud to be a part of it.

Well done to all the organisers, participants, sponsors and the South African Air Force for making this event one to remember.