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One of the Flyin trips
Organized annually by
the club



Introduction



Introduction

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is now witnessing great developments in various fields, a result of which is that it gives great care to the development and improvement of its citizens. The State encourages Saudi nationals to be positive and beneficial to their country and society and to contribute to the development of their nation under the leadership of His Majesty the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, may God protect and preserve him. His Majesty's support and reinforcement were behind the idea of establishing the Saudi Aviation Club (SAC), as he laid the foundation stone for the first general aviation school at the club in 2006.

Neither can I forget the contribution of HRH Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, may his soul rest in peace, since 1994. The late Prince nurtured and supported the SAC project since it was still an idea on paper; he always hoped that this project would have a great impact on our people and would bring with it benefit, good and knowledge to all Saudis.

My interest in offering the idea of establishing the club to the King arose out of a personal conviction. I wanted to provide young Saudis with an opportunity to join a specialized club where they can practice this hobby and any related training programs that would help them serve their country. Since the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a pioneer in several scientific and development fields in our region, I thought that the Kingdom should not be lagging behind in such a vital field in which a number of countries are competing, taking into account security issues and peace considerations.

SAC, as I perceive, serves aviation amateurs of all kinds; it is a non-profit entity that relies on the development of its own internal resources obtained from the services it provides to its members and to aviation amateurs and enthusiasts as well as the programs it offers. It is subject to the supervision and follow-up of the competent official agencies in the Kingdom.

We hope that the SAC will become in the future an important contributor to opening up investment fields for the private sector and increasing job opportunities for Saudi citizens. We also hope that the club will open branches throughout the regions of the Kingdom.

SAC is opening its doors to Saudi youth to practice their hobby and join training courses in aviation and its sciences. The club has a distinguished location as it is headquartered in Thumamah Park, a beautiful natural reserve located in the capital city of Riyadh. This park is full of natural forests, wild campsites, and golden sands.

Worthy of note is that the Saudi Aviation Club was established pursuant to the Council of Ministers Resolution no. (217), dated 8/9/1421H, as a non-profit legal entity, aiming to spread aviation culture and sciences, and to create an appropriate environment for learning general and sports aviation activities. SAC used to report to the Ministry of Defense, but has now become affiliated to the General Authority of Civil Aviation in accordance with the Council of Ministers Resolution no. (189), dated 12/6/1434H.

Founder and Chairman of the Board
Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud



A white and red glider is shown in flight against a reddish-brown sky. The glider is white with red accents on the nose and wingtips. It is a high-wing aircraft with a long, slender fuselage and a large, curved wing. The background is a solid, warm-toned sky.

SAC Profile

The Saudi Aviation Club (SAC) is the first official aviation club in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It works as an independent non-profit entity headquartered in Thumamah Airport in Thumamah area, Riyadh. SAC supports various sports activities related to aviation, namely general aviation, sports aviation, paramotoring, and model aircraft. It is also the official representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the membership of the International Federation of Aviation (FAI) and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). SAC also grants licenses to companies and organizations to practice training activities and sale of equipment in all sports aviation activities.





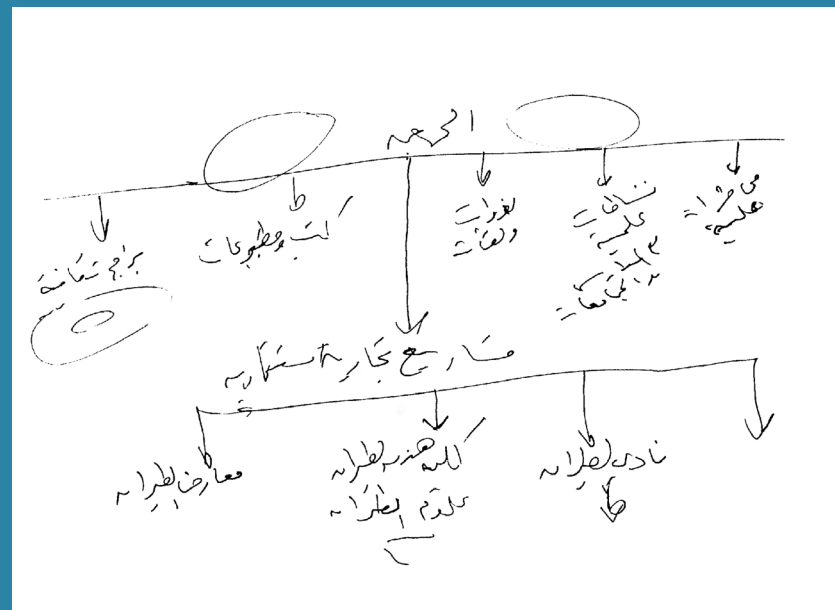
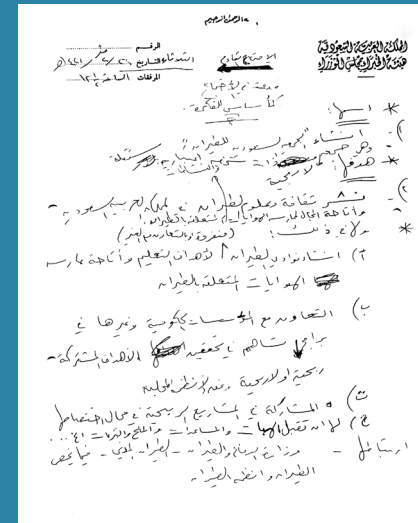
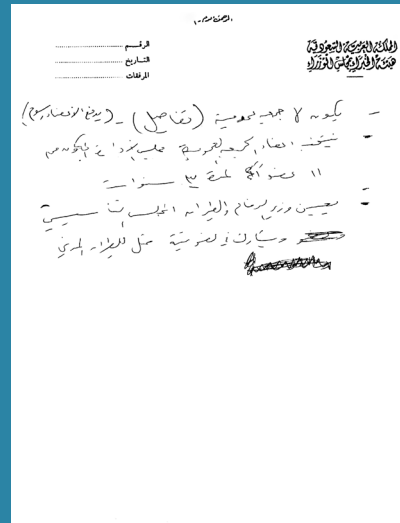
The Founding Idea

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The idea of establishing SAC was not an easy process for HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, the founder and chairman of the board of the club. It was met by several obstacles and challenges and required a number of meetings with the Bureau of Experts and the Council of Ministers

In 1421H, the Council of Ministers approved the establishment of SAC, upon perusal of the correspondence that included cable no. 1/1/4/8/1/1095, dated 27/5/1415H, by HRH Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, the then Second Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Defense and Aviation and the Inspector General, may his soul rest in peace, entailing the request to permit the practice of the hobby of paragliding and the proposal to establish the Saudi Aviation Club

The procedures and various meetings for establishing SAC took about six years of work and persistence to achieve this dream. By this project, HRH Prince Sultan hoped to spread the hobby loved and favored by all people, especially our youth, who are known for their ambition, strong determination and high energy







Laying the foundation stone
for the first aviation school
in the Kingdom under the
auspices of King Salman bin
Abdulaziz, then the Governor
of Riyadh (2006)

Founding Decision

,The Council of Ministers
Upon perusal of the correspondence of
the Office of the Council of Ministers no.
5/B/8322, dated 3/6/1415H, including cable
no. 1/1/4/8/1/1095, dated 27/5/1415H, by HRH
the Second Deputy Prime Minister and the
Minister of Defense and Aviation and the
Inspector General, regarding the request
to permit the practice of the hobby of
paragliding and the proposal to establish the
;Saudi Aviation Club

Upon perusal of Minutes no. (183), dated
6/6/1420H and Minutes no. (232), dated
;7/7/1421H, drafted by the Bureau of Experts

**And upon perusal of the Recommendation
of the General Committee of the Council
;of Ministers no. (328) dated 24/7/1421H
:Has resolved as follows**

:First

Approval of the establishment of the Saudi
Aviation Club as an independent non-profit
entity with legal personality to practice
;various aviation activities and hobbies

Other aviation clubs may be established
with the permission of the Ministry of
Defense and Aviation in accordance with
certain controls to be set by such clubs
after coordination with the relevant
agencies and pursuant to applicable legal

قرار رقم : (٢١٢)
وتاريخ : ٨ / ١ / ١٤٢١ هـ

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
الملك عبدالعزيز بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود
مجلس الوزراء
الأمين العام

ان مجلس الوزراء
بعد الاطلاع على المعاملة الواردة من ديوان رئاسة مجلس الوزراء برقم
٨٣٢٢/ب/٥ وتاريخ ١٤١٥/٦/٣ هـ المشتملة على برقية صاحب السمو الملكي
السائب الثاني لرئيس مجلس الوزراء وزير الدفاع والطيران والمفتش العام رقم
١٠٩٥/١/٨/٤/١/١ وتاريخ ١٤١٥/٥/٢٧ هـ بشأن طلب السماح بمزاولة هواية
الطيران الشراعي واقترح انشاء (نادي الطيران السعودي).
وبعد الاطلاع على الخضرين المعنيين في هيئة الخبراء رقم (١٨٣) وتاريخ ١٤٢٠/٦/١١ هـ،
ورقم (٢٣٢) وتاريخ ١٤٢١/٧/٢١ هـ.
وبعد الاطلاع على توصية اللجنة العامة لمجلس الوزراء رقم (٣٢٨) وتاريخ
١٤٢١/٨/٢٤ هـ.

يقرر مايلي :

اولاً : ١ - الموافقة على انشاء نادي الطيران السعودي كشخصية اعتبارية مستقلة
تعمل بطريقة غير ربحية لممارسة أنشطة وهوايات الطيران المختلفة.
٢ - يجوز انشاء نوادي طيران اخرى بتصريح من وزارة الدفاع والطيران
وفقاً لضوابط تضعها بعد التنسيق مع الجهات الاخرى ذات العلاقة
وطبقاً للإجراءات النظامية المتبعة.

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الجمهورية العربية السورية
تحتلن المملكة
الاحتلال العتق

ثانياً : يجوز للنادي فتح فروع له لممارسة كل انشطته او بعضها بموافقة وزارة الدفاع والطيران بعد التنسيق مع الجهات المختصة الأخرى ، كما يجوز له المشاركة في مشاريع في مجال اختصاصه بغرض تنمية موارده.

ثالثاً : تتمثل أهداف النادي فيما يلي :

- ١ - ممارسة الهواة أنشطة الطيران المختلفة ومن ضمنها الطيران الشراعي.
- ٢ - نشر ثقافة الطيران وعلومه.
- ٣ - التدريب في مجال الطيران وتدريب علومه.
- ٤ - التعاون مع المؤسسات العلمية والفنية المتخصصة في الطيران وعلومه ومع نوادي الطيران الأخرى.
- ٥ - تنمية المواهب في مجال الطيران وصناعاته وهندسته.
- ٦ - عقد الندوات الخاصة بالطيران والمشاركة في الاستعراضات الجوية والمعارض المحلية والدولية ، بعد التنسيق مع الجهات المختصة.
- ٧ - حفظ وصيانة وتشغيل الطائرات المملوكة للغير بالتعاون مع صاحب الشأن.
- ٨ - تنظيم رحلات ترفيهية بالتنسيق مع الجهات المختصة.
- ٩ - المساهمة في الأعمال الإنسانية بالترتيب مع الجهات المختصة.

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Second: The Club may open branches to practice all or some of its activities with the approval of the Ministry of Defense and Aviation after coordination with other competent agencies. It may also participate in projects within its scope of competence for the development of its resources

Third: The objectives of the Club shall include the following

- Enable aviation amateurs to practice various aviation activities, including ;paragliding
- ;Spread aviation culture and sciences
- Provide training in the field of ;aviation and teach aviation sciences
- Cooperate with scientific and technical institutions specialized in aviation and its sciences, and with other aviation ;clubs
- Develop talents in aviation and in ;aviation industry and engineering
- Hold seminars on aviation and participate in air shows and local and international exhibitions, after coordination ;with the competent agencies
- Keep, maintain, and operate aircraft owned by third parties pursuant to ;contracts with the concerned party
- Organize recreational flights in ;coordination with the competent agencies
- Contribute to humanitarian work in ;conjunction with the competent agencies

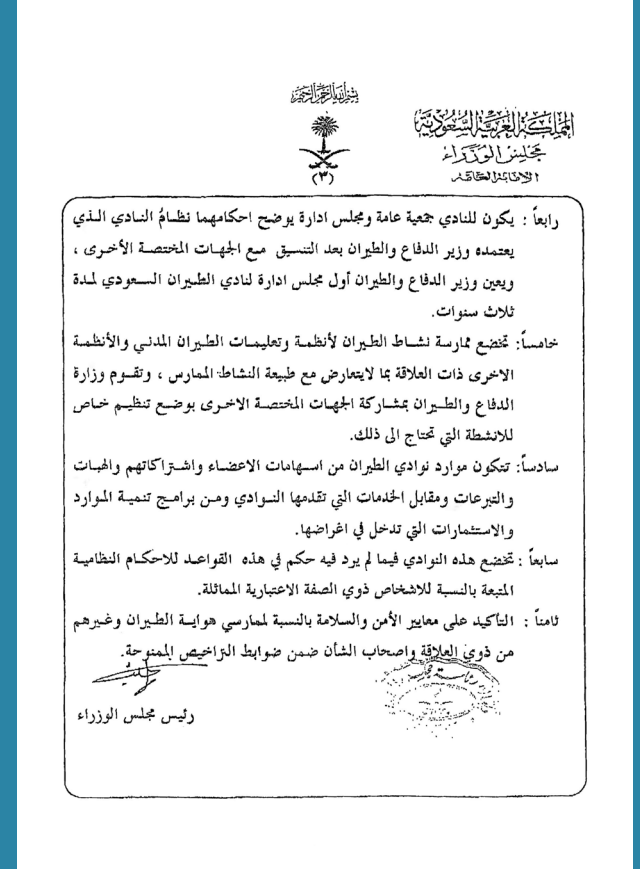
Fourth: The club shall have a general assembly and a board of directors whose governing regulations shall be set forth in the Statute of the Club to be approved by the Minister of Defense and Aviation after coordination with other competent agencies. The Minister of Defense and Aviation shall appoint the first board of directors of the Club for a period of three years

Fifth: The practice of aviation activities shall be subject to civil aviation laws and instructions and to other related laws without prejudice to the nature of the relevant activity. The Ministry of Defense and Aviation, with the participation of other competent agencies, shall set a special statute for activities so requiring

Sixth: The resources of aviation clubs shall consist of member contributions and subscriptions, gifts, donations, fees paid for services provided by the clubs, and resource development programs and investments ;subject to the purposes of these clubs

Seventh: In cases not provided for in these rules, the said clubs shall be subject to the statutory provisions in force against persons with a similar legal personality

Eighth: Safety and security standards will be observed towards persons practicing aviation as a hobby and other relevant stakeholders and interested parties as part of the licensing controls granted



After the transfer of SAC affiliation from the Ministry of Defense to the General Authority of Civil Aviation, in accordance with the Council of Ministers Resolution no. (189), dated 12/06/1434H

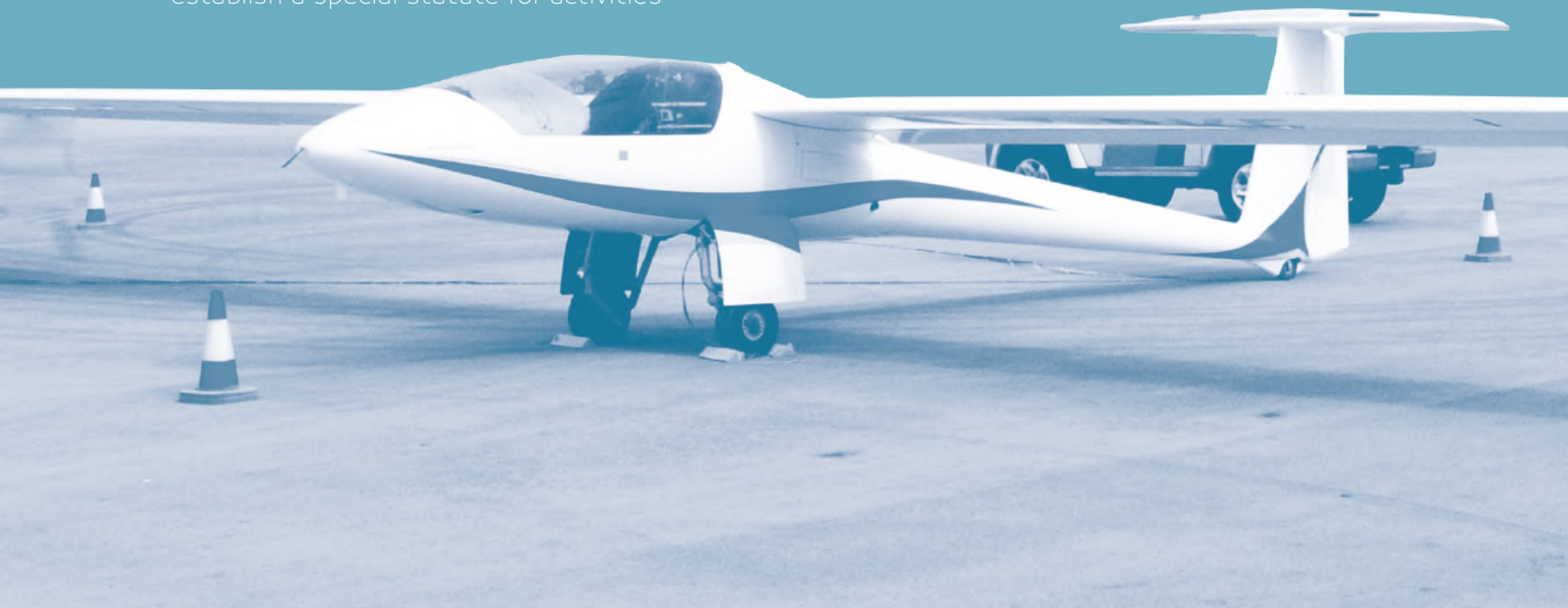
The general assembly and board of directors of the club were set up, and the club, which was approved upon its foundation by HRH Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, has now developed provisions to manage its affairs. The General Authority of Civil Aviation is currently entitled to appoint the board of directors of the club

Practice of general and sports aviation activities is subject to the laws and instructions promulgated by the General Authority of Civil Aviation as well as other related laws, without prejudice to the nature of the relevant activity. The General Authority of Civil Aviation, with the participation of other competent agencies, will be entitled to establish a special statute for activities

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It is of crucial importance to emphasize the observation of security and safety standards for persons practicing general and sports aviation activities, and other relevant stakeholders and interested parties as part of the licensing controls granted

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After announcing the establishment of the Saudi Aviation Club

pursuant to the Council of Ministers Resolution no. (217), dated 8/9/1421H, as a non-profit legal entity, the club found great support and generous care from King Salman bin Abdulaziz, may God protect him; this made it easier for the club to achieve its desired goals. One of the most prominent transformations in SAC history was the signing of the contract whereby the club .site was located in Thumamah

The contract was signed between HRH Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, the then Governor of the Riyadh Region, Chairman of the Supreme Commission for the Development of Riyadh, and Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of Thumamah Park Utilization, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Aviation Club, to locate the club site in Thumamah Park, including the construction of a runway, aircraft hangars, administrative buildings, and the allocation of a place to remote control aircraft, for a period of 50 years, including the design and implementation

period. The runway is 41 thousand feet long, and can accommodate large-sized aircraft. Work has already started on setting up the master plan for the development and investment of Thumamah Airport, establishment of an aviation school, and .construction of aircraft hangars on the site

The Royal Commission for Riyadh City has considered SAC as a complementary feature of Thumamah Park that is in harmony with the other features of the park. SAC achieves several goals, namely the optimal utilization of the current Thumamah Airport, which .contains a runway with all its facilities

In addition to providing an opportunity for learning aviation, SAC is considered a tourist attraction within Thumamah Park as its activities attract many public audiences. SAC will endeavor to spread its branches throughout the Kingdom, and will provide its .services to those interested in aviation

SAC seeks to establish the following facilities

- Schools providing all activities of ;sports and recreational aviation
- Independent clubs for different air ;sports
- Several different activities, including the following: pilots and aircraft owners, skydiving, paramotoring and paragliding, remote control aircraft, balloon flying and gliding



The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, may Allah protect him, during signing the contract for the development of Thumamah Airport, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Supreme Commission for the Development of Riyadh at that time

Vision

SAC aims to facilitate and encourage the practice of general and sports aviation activities related to the highest levels of quality and safety standards and to effectively contribute to the development of the general and sports aviation sector in the Kingdom, by building strategic partnerships with local and international aviation institutions



Mission

SAC seeks to develop general and sports aviation activities and establish quality through the highest standards of operation and safety, while providing the public with an opportunity to participate in its various activities. For this purpose, the mission of the club is based on the following

1. Providing an opportunity for learning general and sports aviation activities and the technological and technical specializations of aviation
2. Disseminating aviation culture and sciences among all society members
3. Organizing the participation of club members in the activities of public and sports aviation events at both the local and international levels
4. Enabling the use of Thumamah Airport and its facilities for practicing general and sports aviation activities
5. Holding general and sports aviation forums and participating in aviation exhibitions
6. Developing talents in the field of general and sports aviation
7. Keeping, maintaining and operating aircraft
8. Contributing to humanitarian work in coordination with the competent agencies



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Saudi Aviation Club has been chaired by HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz since its inception and until the present time. Several different boards assumed responsibility for managing the club over the past years, and they all had an important role in planning and developing strategies.



SAC Objectives

SAC pursues several objectives, one of which is to provide an opportunity for the public to participate in various aviation activities. For this purpose, the club will seek to

- Enable trained aviation amateurs and enthusiasts to practice ;various aviation activities
- ;Provide training in the field of aviation and its sciences
- Cooperate with scientific and technical institutions specialized in ;aviation and its sciences, and with other aviation clubs
- ;Develop talents in the aviation field
- Hold seminars on aviation and participate in air shows and local ;and international exhibitions after coordination with competent agencies
- ;Keep, maintain and operate light aircraft
- Contribute to humanitarian work in conjunction and coordination .with the competent agencies

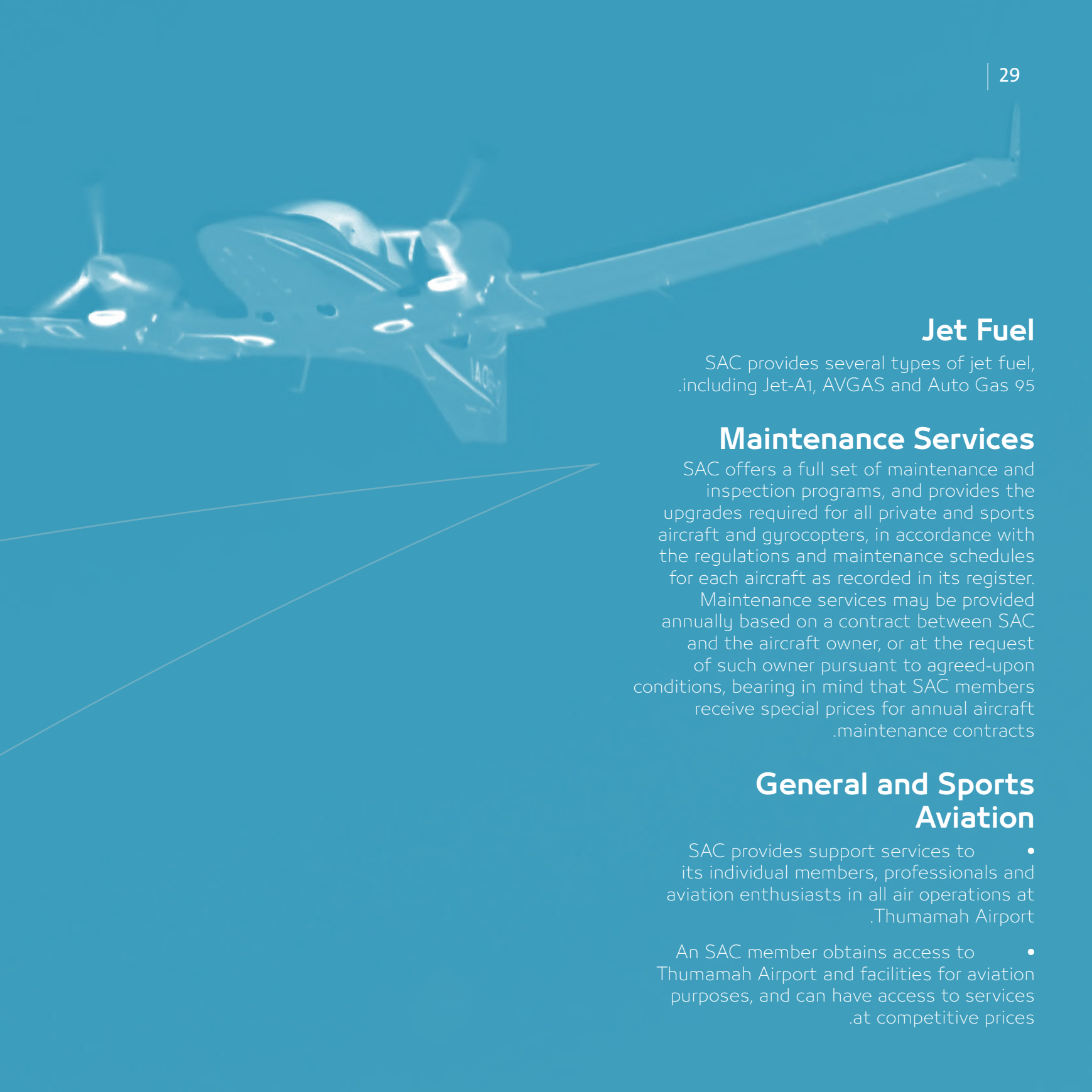






Aircraft Hangars

SAC provides aircraft hangars to hold all types of aircraft: gyrocopters, light sports aircraft, and other various types of aircraft. It also guarantees the security and safety of aircraft and their ancillary equipment and towing the aircraft to and from the hangar, as well as the possibility of parking the aircraft on the outer apron at very competitive prices.



Jet Fuel

SAC provides several types of jet fuel, including Jet-A1, AVGAS and Auto Gas 95

Maintenance Services

SAC offers a full set of maintenance and inspection programs, and provides the upgrades required for all private and sports aircraft and gyrocopters, in accordance with the regulations and maintenance schedules for each aircraft as recorded in its register.

Maintenance services may be provided annually based on a contract between SAC and the aircraft owner, or at the request of such owner pursuant to agreed-upon conditions, bearing in mind that SAC members receive special prices for annual aircraft maintenance contracts

General and Sports Aviation

- SAC provides support services to its individual members, professionals and aviation enthusiasts in all air operations at Thumamah Airport

- An SAC member obtains access to Thumamah Airport and facilities for aviation purposes, and can have access to services at competitive prices

Paramotoring (Powered Parachutes)

It is an individual sport in which a person flies a powered parachute; it requires courage, intelligence, willpower and high physical fitness. The parachute achieves balance by relying on air masses within which it hovers to keep it in the air for a long time. Therefore, the parachute is provided with some meters to help the pilot determine height, direction and air velocity, in addition to a meter indicating how well the wings are balanced and their horizontal position. Some parachutes can fly at an altitude of 4,000 feet or more and may travel distances of up to 150 miles and reach a speed of 100 kilometers per hour. Paramotoring has other uses in scientific and military fields, but it has become a sport attracting many fans to practice it, and many world championships are held for this sport.



Ultra-light Sports Aviation: (Ultralight Vehicles)

Taken from paramotoring, ultra-light sports aviation is an individual and tandem sport in which a person flies a vehicle with lightweight lower wheels connected to an upper parachute. These vehicles are marked by high performance, balance and ability to fly during high temperatures, if compared



to paramotors. This sport is usually used for recreational purposes.

Model Aircraft

SAC provides the opportunity to use airport facilities for model aircraft. A model aircraft is a small-sized drone that is a replica of an existing or imaginary aircraft.

Model aircraft are remotely controlled within the line of sight range and are operated under the General Authority of Civil Aviation Regulations (GACAR 101 Subpart E). Flying models range from simple toy gliders made of card stock or polystyrene foam to powered mini models made of materials such as balsa wood bamboo, plastic, styrofoam, carbon fibers, or fiberglass, and are bound with tissue paper or mylar cover. Some of them can be very large, especially when used to study the flight properties of a proposed real design.



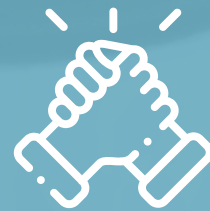
Skydiving

Skydiving activities depend on free fall from an aircraft, helicopter, or air balloon, then flying by parachute. This sport began as a military tactic and then with the passage of time it turned into a civil sport; the first championship for this sport was held in 1997.

Skydiving requires multiple abilities and skills, and its most prominent types include tandem skydiving for those who do not have a license to jump, and formation skydiving. Other types include wing suiting, canopy









Programs

These programs are offered in light of SAC vision and aspirations aimed at spreading the culture of aviation and contributing to enabling the ambitious generation of young people to define their expectations of the aviation sector, which is part of the social responsibility of the club

Training Courses

SAC periodically offers a number of theoretical courses in the fields of aviation and air safety in order to raise the level of knowledge and awareness of operational safety for club members and non-members. These courses are presented by SAC-licensed trainers and are offered all over the year.

Fly-In Flights

In addition to the training programs offered by SAC, the club launches an annual schedule for Fly-In flights; these are group flights in which a group of SAC members and owners of light and sports aircraft participate with their aircraft. These participants travel to various regions of the Kingdom in order to introduce the general aviation activity to the public, represent this sector, and spread its culture to society.

The duration of the visit to each city lasts from one to two days during the weekend, so that the nationals and residents of the region can go and enjoy watching and getting acquainted with aircraft and have the opportunity to get an introductory flight.

Hangar-Talk

These are regular lectures on various topics in the field of aviation that host speakers specialized in the field. Such lectures aim to educate the public about these fields directly from their source.





Social Responsibility

As part of its social responsibility, SAC hosted a number of charities throughout the year, such as the “Insan Society”, and arranged visits for orphan children on a rich day of events and fruitful activities. The club also hosted the “Jesser Volunteer Group” concerned with cases of Down Syndrome children, who enjoyed flights with club members on their private aircraft.

These activities are directed to families and children who are members of these societies. SAC invites them to spend a recreational day at its headquarters in Thumamah where they can learn about the shapes of aircraft and can board



National Aviation Academy

The National Aviation Academy is a non-profit entity with a legal personality and organizational and administrative responsibilities; it enjoys full power and authority to achieve its goals. The Academy, the first of its kind in the Kingdom, aims to provide advanced and intensive training programs to prepare a group of qualified national talents to fill in aviation-related jobs, raise the level of skills of male and female Saudi pilots, and provide them with the competencies and expertise required in the job market, in addition to creating sustainable job opportunities for them.

The Board of Trustees of the National Aviation Academy includes Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, as Chairman and Abdulhakim Al-Gouhi, from Saudi Aramco, as Deputy Chairman. The Board member include: Captain Aged Al Qasimi, from the Saudi Aviation Club; Captain Mohammed Bin Thamer Al-Subai'e; Dr. Rima Bint Saleh Al-Suhaimi, from the Ministry of Education; Dr. Fahad Al Tuwaijri, from the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation; Captain Tay Bin Abdulrahman Al Shammari, from Saudi Arabian Airlines; Fahad bin Abdul Mohsen Al Rasheed, from King Abdullah Economic City; Mazen Bin Zaki Al Saleh, from the Economic Cities Authority; and retired General Mohammed Bin Ayyash, from the Saudi Company For Technical Development and Investment.





Events and Activities



Events and Activities

SAC undertook the goal of developing aviation, including all its sciences and types. Based on the societal relationship between the club and aviation amateurs, and to achieve the vision of HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman, the founder and chairman of SAC Board of Directors, the idea of organizing aviation forums was born. These forums serve to bring together royal figures, dignitaries, presidents of companies and aviation amateurs. They also provide the attendees from the different regions of the Kingdom and the Gulf states with an opportunity to exchange experiences. Thus, the General Aviation Forum has become one of the important annual events for aviation enthusiasts, aircraft owners, and economic sectors working in this field.



First General Aviation Forum (2010)

In April 2010, SAC inaugurated its first gathering for general aviation under the name "The First General Aviation Forum", which witnessed a mass presence of families and individuals and included air shows, most notably the 3D show and paragliding shows

Second General Aviation Forum (2016)

On January 8, 2016, SAC inaugurated its 2nd General Aviation Forum, and succeeded in turning it into an important event in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, based on the success achieved by the first forum held in 2010, which witnessed a massive presence of general and sports aviation enthusiasts from all over the Kingdom

The second forum aimed to introduce general aviation to the public and to provide an opportunity for companies, related sectors and the different aviation schools to present the services they can offer to those interested in aviation

Third General Aviation Forum (2017)

The 3rd General Aviation Forum was launched on 15 January 2017. The Forum aimed this time to demonstrate full support for the young and promising Saudi capacities in the field of aviation. This perspective represented one of the aspects of achieving the Kingdom's Vision 2030, since general aviation is an important and vital sector in the economic field



Fourth General Aviation (Forum (2018

With the start of 2018, the 4th General Aviation Forum was launched. This version of the Forum witnessed developments in events and organization and an expansion of participation and shows. The most prominent objectives of the 4th Forum included the following: Contributing to the spread of general aviation culture and science among pilots and various groups of society in the Kingdom; exchanging experiences; and providing the public with an opportunity to have an access to the services offered by SAC in the field of aviation in general and general aviation in particular; and the practice of general aviation, as well as making use of the services offered by aviation schools licensed by the club and the General Authority of Civil

.Aviation

(Fly-In (2017/2018

The idea of Fly-In activities started in 2017. These activities aim to enhance the vision of HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman, president and founder of the club, which always aims to spread the culture of aviation and apply its activities in the local community, as well as to answer the questions of the public with regard to the field of aviation in general. From this perspective, SAC launched its first Fly-In flight in Al-Ula Governorate, followed .by Al-Wajh Region



(Fly-In (2018/2019

In the period between 2018 and early 2019, SAC launched several Fly-In flights to a number of regions in the Kingdom, starting from Al-Ahsa and ending with Al-Ghat Governorate;; in between, visits were arranged to the cities of Hail and Medina. SAC presented air shows in these regions, endeavored to spread the culture of aviation to the public, and participated in local events .held by the Al-Wajh Region

(Fly-In (2019/2020

In light of the tangible success and social benefit arising from Fly-In flights in the past two experiences, SAC's agenda for the year 2019-2020 included a busy flight schedule, including for the first time the State of

Kuwait. SAC launched the first flight this year to the city of Hail, passing through Al-Qassim Region, Medina, Al-Ula, Dammam .and ending with at Al-Ghat Governorate

(Hangar-Talk (2019-2020

SAC has introduced a new activity other than the ones it offers, namely Hangar-Talk; this term refers to a series of periodic lectures on various aviation topics in which specialized speakers are hosted to introduce aviation fields to the public. These lectures are available to the public without any conditions, and their times are announced .through SAC accounts on social media



Saudi International Airshow

In March 2019, HRH Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Riyadh Region, and HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Chairman of the Saudi Space Commission and founder and president of the Saudi Aviation Club, launched the biggest aviation exhibition in the Middle East, namely the Saudi International Airshow, which was held on an area of more than 100,000 square meters at SAC headquarters at Thumamah Airport.

The launch of Saudi Airshow, as it is called, represented a new leap in the world of aviation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as it adopted a different idea from the aviation forums organized by SAC on a regular basis.

Saudi Airshow is a commercial idea that aims to increase the prosperity of the Saudi

business market, attract international and local businesses under one roof to exchange business transactions, and have access to the latest developments in the world of aviation and space in general. Further, the goals of the exhibition comply with the objectives of the Kingdom's Vision 2030.

In its first edition, Saudi Airshow involved the participation of more than 80 aircraft of various types: commercial, private, fighters, training, sports and rotorcraft.

It also exhibited a number of different systems in several fields, such as aviation communication systems, radar systems, and airport security systems.

The first Saudi Airshow also comprised airshows presented by 75 aircraft. Besides, the Royal Saudi Air Force participated in the exhibition with 25 aircraft in air and ground shows, in addition to aircraft from the Royal Saudi Land Forces, the Royal Saudi Navy and the Ministry of National Guard.

The Saudi Falcons team performed air shows during the exhibition, which was accompanied by a military air show that included F15 fighter jets and a number of other aircraft including Tornado, Typhoon, refueling planes, King Air and the C-130.

Emirates Airlines showed in Saudi Airshow its Airbus A380, the largest aircraft in the world, in its first world appearance.

Etihad Airways also displayed its Boeing 787 commercial aircraft, and Saudi Airlines exhibited its Airbus 320, which is equipped with advanced satellite communications technology, and its Boeing 700-300.

Hosting the World Air Sports Federation

SAC hosted representatives of the member states of the Microlight and Paramotor Commission (CIMA) of the World Air Sports Federation (FAI) in Riyadh during the period 22-24 November 2018 to discuss ways to develop the practice of paragliding activities, in accordance with the newly introduced laws and regulations, and to enhance the security and safety of those practicing such activities.

This meeting was held as per the directives of HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman, the founder and chairman of the Board of Directors of SAC, to enhance cooperation with FAI and host its meetings in the Kingdom as a step towards strengthening the relationship between the two sides, as well as contribute to the development of the practice of general and sports aviation activities.

SAC organized a tour for FAI representatives in the city of Riyadh, which included visiting the Masmak Palace, Saqr Aljazeera Aviation Museum, and Thumamah Airport. The guests also had access to the services provided by the club to its members.





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The “Arabian Winds”

is a short documentary movie about a tour undertaken by HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman, Chairman of the Saudi Space Commission and founder and President of the Saudi Aviation Club, and HRH Prince Bandar bin Khalid Al Faisal, the managing director SAC.