



**Aims and Purpose of the Aardvark Roost
South African Chapter of the
Association of Old Crows (AOC)**



The Aardvark Roost provide:

- An organization for individuals who have a common interest in Electronic Warfare and who wish to foster and preserve the art of Electronic Warfare;
- To promote the exchange of ideas and information in the field of Electronic Warfare;
- To recognize the advances and contributions to Electronic Warfare;
- To document the history of Electronic Warfare;
- To commemorate the memory of fellow Crows fittingly.



The Chapter shall further encourage:

- Original research;
- Foster the dissemination of new knowledge;
- Further the professional development of those engaged in related scientific engineering, management and operational activities;
- Improve public understanding of the profession and its contributions;
- Encourage education in appropriate engineering and scientific specialties;
- Stimulate outstanding professional accomplishments.



Composition and Nature:

- The Chapter shall be civilian in nature and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment, nor for promotion of any commercial enterprise and will be a non-profitable organization.

Membership:

- All members of the Association of Old Crows who reside in the Republic of South Africa (RSA) shall be eligible for membership.



Overview of Aardvark Roost for 2009 & 2010

Membership and Growth:

- The membership more or less doubled since the initiative was taken to revive the Aardvark Roost in 2008. The current membership stands at 47.
- The board is however of the opinion that the membership numbers are still well below what is potentially achievable. ***We therefore urge all members to “recruit” more members from within their organisations.***



Constitution

- The constitution of the Viking Roost (Sweden) was adapted and customized for our local situation by the board of directors.
- The constitution was then distributed to all the members for comments. As no comments were received, the constitution for the Aardvark Roost is therefore considered to be accepted by the members.
- The constitution was then forwarded to the AOC Head Office at the end of September for their final approval. We are still waiting for their response.



Conferences:

- Since deciding at the two day conference in November 2009 to have more regular but shorter mini conferences and only host a big two day event with International participation every second year, we have had:
 - Two “Little Crow” events in 2009 at Saab ESD (April) and at the Wonderboom Army Base (Nov) and two more this year at IMT (April) and the SAAF Museum (July). The third one is being hosted by DPSS this afternoon.
 - One International two day conference in August 2009 at the CSIR.

Attendance have been consistently more than 50 for the Little Crow events and more than 100 for the Big Crow conference.



Sub Committees:

We currently have an Awards and Historical sub committee:

- Awards Committee (Chairman Brig Genl A.J. Coetzee). The Aardvark Roost Awards and Accolade procedure is in the final revision stage.
- Type of awards:
 - AOC Member Awards. Awarded to individuals and/or units/industry/institutions for outstanding performance in furthering the AOC's aims in South Africa or allied countries. (To be introduced in future)
 - Top Academic Performers Awards. Awarded to the top student of identified DOD EW courses within each Service. It will also include a complementary one year AOC membership. (To be introduced in 2011)
 - Friend of the Aardvark Roost Certificate. To acknowledge and thank companies, institutions or individuals for goodwill shown towards or deeds done that aided the the Aardvark Roost to accomplish its goals

Friend of the Aardvark Roost



Certificate

In recognition and appreciation of the support to
the South African Chapter of the AOC, the
Aardvark Roost, it is hereby gratefully
acknowledged that

is a faithful friend of the Aardvark Roost.
Given under my hand at Pretoria this
10th day of November 2010

(J.G. Radloff)
President Aardvark Roost:

Certificate No 002/2010



Awards received from AOC Head Office:

- ***Chapter Growth and Incentive Certificate***
 - The AOC Head Office awarded us this Certificate in 2009. It is awarded to Chapters that had the largest membership increase per year in a specific region. We fall under the International Region 1 (Europe & Africa).

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Chapter Growth and Incentive Certificate

This is to Certify

The Aardvark's Nest Chapter

Is hereby recognized as the International I Region winner for the largest increase. In so doing, the Association recognizes your consistent and dedicated support to the field of Electronic Warfare/Information Operations and the Association of Old Crows.

Presented this day October 20th, 2009

President





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- ***Chapter of the Year in the Small Chapter Category***

- Awarded to Chapters that performed well in terms of hosting conferences, regular board of directors meetings, social functions, chapter website, news letters, community awareness events, informational membership meetings, submitting financial report, local awards given to chapter members, etc.
- Points are awarded to chapters in relation to how they performed regarding the mentioned activities. Certificates are awarded to chapters that achieve a score above a predetermined minimum.

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Chapter of the Year Certificate

This is to Certify

Aardvark's Roost Chapter

Is hereby recognized as an Excellent Chapter in the Small Category Chapter of the Year program of the Association of Old Crows. In so doing, the Association recognizes your consistent and dedicated support to the field of Electronic Warfare/Information Operations and the Association of Old Crows.

Presented this day October 5th, 2010

*Col Christopher L. Glaze (Ret)
President*





For the annual AOC Convention in the USA this year, chapters were invited to write appropriate articles, reflecting their perspective. One selected “perspective” would then appear in the Show Daily for each day of the convention.

We decided to participate with “The Unpredictable Future - An African Perspective.” It made the selection and appeared in the Show Daily of Tuesday the 5th of October.



Sponsorships:

Without sponsorships, we would still be where we were two years ago - basically a non functional AOC Chapter and an embracement to ourselves.

On behalf of all Aardvark Roost members, the Board of Directors therefore wants to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the following companies, institutes and organisations for their generous sponsorships of the Aardvark Roost.

- ***Armcor***
- ***CSIR***
- ***Grintek Ewation***
- ***IMT***
- ***Saab ESD***
- ***Sysdel***



Plans for 2011

- Theme of the year.
 - Should we have one?
 - Suggested theme: ***“A balanced approach to meet the EW demands of potential future conventional and irregular warfare threats.”***



- **Conferences:**

- One Little Crow conference in April
 - Should we have a second one as we will also be having a Big Crow conference?
 - Are you still happy that these events are “open” but limited to the local EW community only?
 - Is there a requirement to have “classified” events and if so, about what topics? (We definitely do not want to do anything that would jeopardize the EW dialogue that is currently happening).
- One two day conference with International participation in August or September.
 - ***Please help with suggestions for local and foreign speakers to be invited!***
 - How do you feel about a speaker from China about how they see the future?



Trophies for top students of selected SANDF EW courses

We will award the top student of these courses with the already mentioned certificate and a year's AOC membership.

A letter from the AOC Board will also be sent to the student's unit commander to inform him about the AOC award the student received.

We would however also like to introduce floating trophies for the selected courses for each Service as a further incentive to students.

There would be opportunities for companies and individuals to sponsor or donate trophies. The idea is that such trophies will then reflect the sponsors name.



Selection of two new Board of Directors

Only two nominations were received to replace the two outgoing board directors.

They are therefore automatically elected.

Congratulations Harry Schultz and Christo Cloete and welcome back to the Board of Directors – before you actually had the chance to leave!