

Our very own hero Feroz Wadia took part in the 14east challenge. This was a very special flight-event which started on 15th of July to complete on 26th of August 2006. The Red Bull Hangar-7 at Salzburg Airport was the starting point and will be the destination of a unique long distance flight.

13 aircraft from U.K., Switzerland, Netherlands, Germany and Austria started the flight to cover more than 15,000 Nautical Miles (nearly 30,000 km) to Capetown in South-Africa. After 6 weeks the 28 pilots all planned to arrive back at Hangar-7 in Salzburg.

In 2003 the Organiser of this Air Adventure, Hans Gutmann flew this route with his homebuilt Aircraft OE-CGH a Glasair IIS-RG. The impressions he gathered on this flight led into the decision to organise a long distance flight for small aircraft to open the door to other pilots to a very special air adventure. His experience in long distance flights (round-the-World, Africa, Australia, India ...) gives the basics to guide this mixed group to the southern point of the African continent and back.

The participating aircraft range from a comfortable Cessna 340 twin-engine with pressurized cabin to an Ultralight Aircraft, a Dynamik WT9 and includes Feroz in his long range Bonanza

Hans Gutmann needed 2 years of preparation for this trip.

Direct progress reports from Feroz are shown below.

The adventure started on July 15th and ends on August 26th at Hangar-7 Salzburg Airport, the home base of "The Flying Bulls".

## **Progress Reports from Feroz on the Africa 14 east flight.**

19th July

First full day in Africa - alternator failure on a BE36TC - Engine shut down on a brand new DA42 which had to divert to Aswan - burst tyre on a Sartatoga at Port Sudan. Beverly Fogle will join for the Sudan to Djibouti leg. Temp 110 deg on the ground - refuelling from drums which have been driven from Khartoum - Cylinder head temps running at 470 degrees in a very shallow climb. - Tomorrow we leave for Addis Abbeba which is at 7,654 feet elevation/

19th July

Just landed in Addis abbeba after a 40mile approach not above 800 feet agl. Fantastic scenery - cool and with greenery for the first time since leaving europe.

20th July

Landed Nairobi - Had to leave the DA42 in Aswan - the owners of the DA42 are handing the keys back to Diamond and and have said they refuse to ever sit in another

Diamond aircraft - - Addis is wonderfull at 7660 feet - cool for the first time since leaving Scotland .

26th July

We have got to Zanzibar..a lovely place compared to some !  
There is a report in German on the German section of [www.14east.org](http://www.14east.org) and some pictures but only till Addis. I will chase the organizer but he has had enough problems getting fuel. We now have some drums at Lilongwe.our next stop.

19th August

Feroz was taken with Peter (who was piloting Feroz's bananza) to the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, after their aircraft crash landed in Eldoret.

They had departed the Eldoret International Airport in a convoy of ten other Aircrafts heading for Djibouti.

The plane developed mechanical problems shortly before 8 am , forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing about ten kilometres from Eldoret town.

The accident occurred over a wheat plantation on the busy Eldoret / kapsabet road.. Whilst the accident investigation is not completed the possibility is being investigated that fuel contamination with kerosene may have resulted in loss of power in the normally aspirated engine.

The aircraft was surrounded on three sides by rising ground and so had to make a forced landing. Just before touchdown the plane lost lift and in the resulting "landing" the plane was damaged beyond recovery.

Doctors at the Refferal Hospital say the pilots have been treated of minor injuries and are in a stable condition. The pilots have now returned home.

Police from the Langas police station led by OCS Omukolongolo Bosita assisted in the evacuation of the crew involved in the accident.

Feroz in true aviation style has already ordered his replacement aircraft. This time one with a Turbo.