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Please contact Melana to enter your reservation for the Table and Chairs.

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Submittal Policy

The deadline for submission of articles, advertisements, minutes, and reports will be the 15th of the month.

This should provide sufficient time to edit the lay out of the newsletter so that it can be mailed & posted to www.t67.org by the first of the following month. Please provide input in MS Word format, if possible. Flappings will be available online on or about the first of every month. All ads should be submitted in writing to Ron Sinclair, 155 Aviator Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76179 or by email to Ron Sinclair at rons@concote.com



Presidents Corner

By Coy Surles

By the time you read this issue of Flappings, taxiway and south entrance improvement will already be completed or underway with runway striping and sealing not far behind. Looking ahead we will be addressing much needed security and safety issues with the addition of a south gate, investigating private security companies to enforce our speed limits, and putting real teeth in keeping our taxiways and hangar access free of unattended vehicle parking. Members and guests, if your vehicle is parked and left **unattended in a taxiway easement or you are blocking a neighbor's hangar access, you will be towed.** We will publish further details as we work out the logistics with our towing company of choice.

While our board continues to make much needed progress, real gratification and appreciation needs to go out to those who step up to serve, volunteer, and financially contribute. The following members **certainly deserve honorable mention and I'm sure would appreciate a phone call or an in person 'thanks'.**

While attending our last board meeting, Jerry Connolly witnessed an exchange about the risk of repairing the south entrance. Jerry quickly pointed out the poor image and potential damage to our vehicles the south entrance posed. Realizing the potential of debate postponing these much needed repairs, he volunteered to pick up the tab estimated to be in the range of four thousand dollars. For those of you **that don't know Jerry, he is a long time member of HAPA and an extremely dedicated and passionate** advocate of protecting and growing our investment at Hicks. On behalf of our entire membership, Jerry, we all sincerely appreciate your continued dedication to our airfield.

Upon the resignation of our Infrastructure Chairman, we published a job description and request for volunteers. Much to our surprise we were given the opportunity to appoint two co-chairs- both of which would be excellent candidates individually. Now, Steve Ramsey and Bob Avery will begin pooling their time and expertise to address the broad spectrum of responsibilities this job entails. Gentlemen, the fact you both spend a great deal of your time on our airfield, along with your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your creative and cost efficient input and service.

Have you ever wonder who is maintaining our south entrance landscaping? Cary Spivey is her name, and she has asked for volunteers to help. Please E-mail her at your earliest convenience and work out the details of watering, fertilizing, and the like. Cary, you are a real asset to our community and we appreciate your initiative and the work you continue to do for the beautification of Hicks Field. You can contact Cary directly at cmspivey1@hasletwireless.net

With the talent and resources that exist at Hicks, *positive things will continue to happen.* **Let's continue to work together, bury some of the old hatchets, and start working to shape our future.** 

May HAPA Board of Directors Meeting:
May 8 , 2007 @ Hangar 155
"Let's Talk" at 7:00PM (not to exceed one hour)
BoD Meeting to Follow

Cover Photo: Carol Morris (Right) and her friend Louie looking good in those Go-Go Boots!



Runway Closing!

Runway Maintenance Schedule

- Begins on Monday May 14th
- Runway will be NOTAM closed.
- Runway will be sealed; stripes and numbers will be applied.
- Weather and unforeseen factors may effect the desired completion date of Sunday May 27th.

Taxiway Repair Schedule

- Currently Underway with the South entrance roadway.
- The South entrance will be closed, but the middle North gate will remain open until completion.
- Identified sections of taxiway will then be repaired, possibly Requiring detours by airfield traffic.
- Weather and unforeseen factors may effect the desired Completion date of Sunday May 13th

Temporary Hangar Space Available

John Shackelford at Northwest Regional Airport (52F) has a few open T hangars and a few enclosed hangar spots available.

Open T Hangars will rent for \$35.00 week
Fully enclosed will rent for \$75.00 week

Call John at 817-291-5317 or 817-430-0666



Spring wind & rain

By Ron Sinclair

Okay, so we're not quite ready to build an Ark, but we've really been making up for lost rain these past few weeks. Beginning March 30th, with an extremely **heavy 'hangar flooding' rain, followed by a few nice days**, then more rain. Winds have been high as well with our airport narrowly being by-passed by a large tornado producing cloud on Friday the 13th. Light hail and heavy rain were present in force.

Before sitting down to write this article on April 17th, I shot the photo to the right of a mini twister as it formed near Styrochem and moved East across the tracks towards Rio Concho. It dissipated as it crossed the runway and did nothing more than give the Lone Star flag a good working over. I must say that I have never seen the flag being blown upwards!



The good news is, that as pilots, we're armed with a better than average understanding of the weather and an endless selection of excellent weather forecasting sites to prepare ourselves for the worst that nature can dish out. I watched my Saturday the 14th plans to attend a 150 fly-in go down the tube early in the week on the Aviation Digital Data Service web site. Just type ADDS on your net **and you'll quickly find that site. ADDS doesn't have a lot of pretty graphics, and will make you dig out** some of your old Richard Collins videos on weather to fully understand it. ADDS is as accurate as any other, and a good source for METAR's and TAF's.

I'm sure we could fill a newsletter with all our personal favorites, as there are quite a few. An excellent site for locating no less than 40 different weather sites is PPCPILOT.COM Even with all this technology, this time of year still produces surprises that can, and eventually will, catch just about all of us **off guard. This newsletter goes out to pilots far more experienced than myself, and I'm sure most of** them still pick up that phone and call 1-800-WXBRIEF before taking off on a Spring cross country.

One more thing that I would like to bring up to our less experienced pilots out there is to watch the **winds on landing and takeoff yourself, and don't go with the flow of pilots who may be taking off or** landing downwind. It seems like a no brainer to check the windsock, but often as you monitor the radio nearing the airport you hear most pilots landing in a common direction at ours, and other airports in the **area...this doesn't make it right, winds can change 180 degrees in minutes this time of year. I recently** heard of a pilot asking on a UNICOM frequency about active runway info from a line guy monitoring the radio. Well, the line guy had it wrong and the plane landed long, and proceeded to run through a fence at the end of the runway. Would you believe the pilot was pissed at the line guy? *YOU* are PIC, not everyone else in the pattern, or somebody fueling planes.

Lets try to keep it safe as the fly-in season cranks up, and remember that missing an occasional trip here and there is no big deal, there will be several more to choose from the next weekend. I had planned to go to my April 14th fly-in months in advance, and had a friend rent a car and drive in from Dallas to go with me. The president of the 150 club even flew in from California...I hated to say no, and **you will too, but it's our responsibility, especially when you have non-rated passengers on board who** put their trust in you. 



Tribute to A friend of Hapa

Celebrating 40 Years of Flight

- By Melana Sinclair

Last month, Hicks Airfield resident *Carol Craig Morris* celebrated 40 years of flying. Carol had a drive and obsession for flying that led her to complete her flight training while she was the mother of four active children. She started her flying lessons on January of 1967, and secured her license on her thirtieth birthday, later that year. No small feat- especially when you keep in mind that this was back in **the 1960's. Most women just 'didn't do that'!** Interestingly enough, Carol didn't have any other family members that were pilots, but she did have a father who worked for Lockheed in Marietta Georgia, which she herself worked for a couple of years. That was all the exposure she needed to spark her flying bug. Eventually, marriage and life journeys brought Carol to Texas- where she finally embarked on her dream of flight. She started lessons when her youngest was three years old! She just had the self driven *need* to fly.

Those children quickly figured out that when mom was flying—they were free to break a few rules. As long as they were quiet and not too rowdy, they could get away with things that never would have flown on land—**such as spoon feeding the dog peanut butter at 5000 feet! It wasn't like Mom was gonna pull over & take the spoon or jar away!**

As our cover photo shows, Carol had a lot of fun 'back in the day'! Just look at those hot pants and go-go boots! That picture was taken of Carol (right) and her friend Louie during the Dallas Doll Derby in 1970. Carol joined The Ninety Nines in 1968 and has served as Chapter Chairman of the Dallas Chapter twice as well as being active in countless meetings, conferences and planning of air races, flying poker parties (sounds fun!) and educational seminars in Dallas and Ft. Worth both. She has made many **close friends in the 99's and continues to work towards preserving that heritage by being actively involved** with the 99s Museum of Women Pilots at Will Rodgers Airport in Oklahoma.

Carol's first personally owned aircraft was a snazzy Cessna 206. She flew many miles with her children and pet Dachshund visiting family and friends, and has many fond memories of those flights. As her business interest grew, she found herself with less and less time for flying. Hanging on to her passion by becoming a partner in a Cherokee 180, she eventually had to devote herself full-time to her budding advertising business. Never too far away from her love of flight she maintained friendships that included a couple of pilots developing a little known airfield in North Ft. Worth called Hicks. It would be many years down the road before our airport re-**kindled Carol's flying bug. It began while visiting one of her friends who had built a hangar home here.** Carol was intrigued by the concept and so, after retiring, set out to build her own, and anyone who has visited her home will tell you she did a world class job.

Now that the hangar home was built, she felt she was missing one ingredient to airport life, it was **then that Carol was offered a ride in a friend's RV-6.** That was all it took and in February of 2004 thousands of pieces and parts began arriving of her RV-7 kit... **fast forward through countless hours and sleepless nights to August 2005, and her plane rolled out into the Texas Summer for it's first flight... and fly it she does, all over the country.** To learn more of this beautiful plane, reference the June 2006 issue of *fl* appings and **check out Mike Reddick's cover story.**

Carol has been a valued member of HAPA and is our Welcoming Committee Chair. Her infectious **exuberance is hard to miss, and you can't talk to her without walking away happy.** Her love of aviation and great attitude is guaranteed to make you smile. 



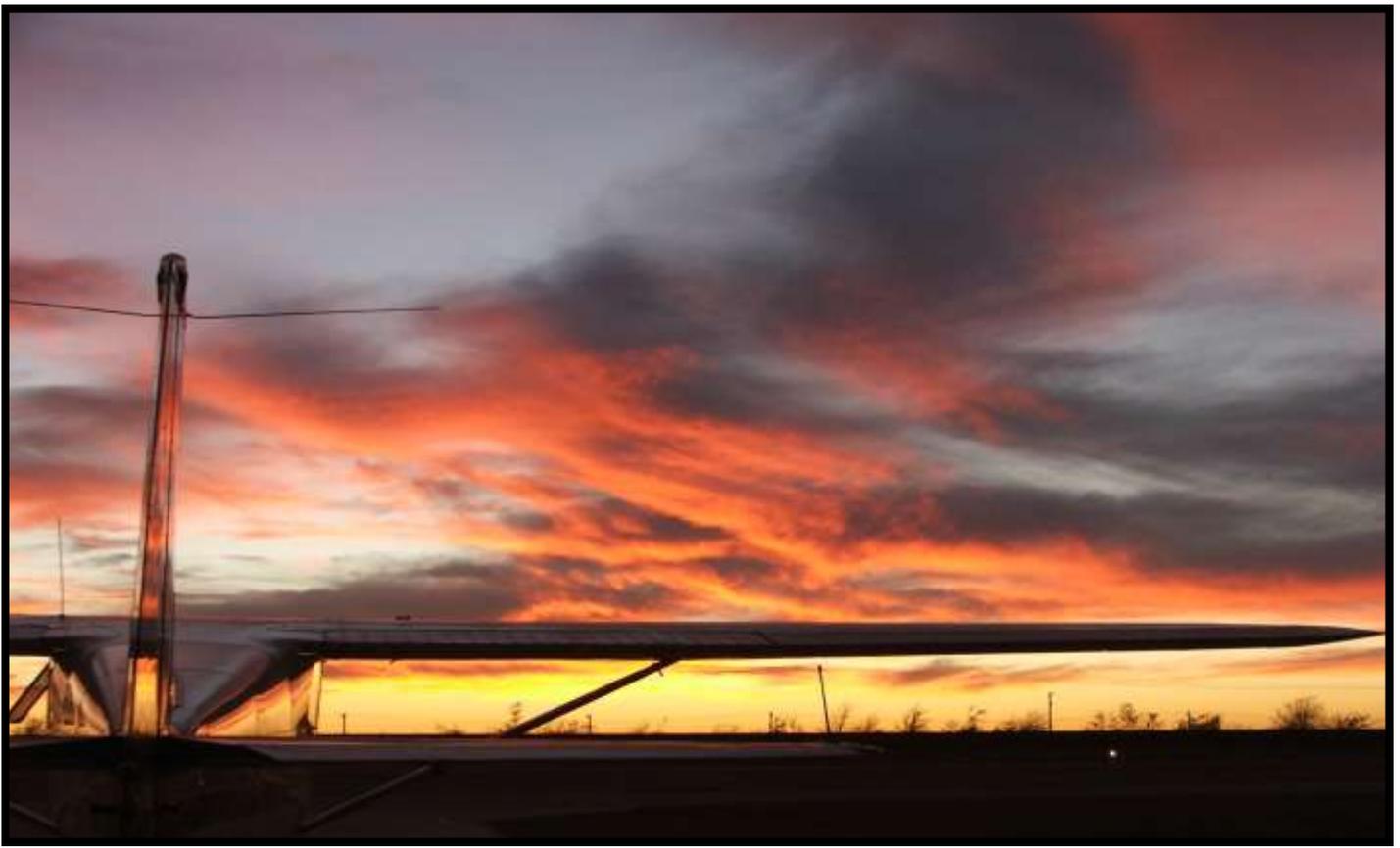
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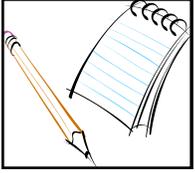
Barbie & Kevin Brunson are pleased to introduce Cynthia Tress as their new Managing Partner for the Rio Concho restaurant operations. Cynthia brings a wealth of knowledge in the culinary arts from **around the world**. **The first thing you may notice about Cynthia is that she wasn't born in Texas.** She came to us several years ago with her beautiful daughters and her husband, Joey. See if you can correctly guess where Cynthia picked up that cool accent!

As you may have already heard, Cynthia plans to provide special, unique & worldly dishes as part of the Rio Concho daily lunch specials. The emphasis will be on heart healthy selections and an international flair for variety. Perhaps you have seen the notices on the bulletin board at the mailboxes already!

Cynthia noted, "Of course, we know that everyone still likes their burgers and fries, but we will offer so much more to make the food at Rio Concho as interesting and unique as the people who live here at **Hicks**". **In the next few weeks we will begin offering dinner-time selections for our customers on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as a Sunday Brunch.**

Recently Seen at Hicks...





BoD Meeting MINUTES

By Don Browning, Secretary

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 10 April 2007 in Hangar 155. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm after one hour and three minutes of open discussion. At the invitation of the Board, Mr. Jess Cole, the President of DFW Paving was present to explain and answer questions regarding the impending taxiway and runway repairs.

Board members present were Mr. Coy Surles (President), Mr. Ron Sinclair (Vice President), Mr. Jim Usher (Treasurer), Mr. Bill Akin, Mr. Bob Kraft, Mr. John Unangst and Mr. Don Browning (Secretary). Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran was present at the invitation of the Board. Seventeen members of the Association were also present as observers.

Mr. Usher (Treasurer) reported that in the interest of accuracy he would be using the final (instead of preliminary) financial statement from PMG to create his Balance Sheet and Income & Expense reports. **Therefore, there will be no reports in the May newsletter and June's newsletter will have the March reports.**

Mr. Akin (Architectural Control) reported that he had talked with member Mark Wagner who intends to build a 24 foot tall hangar at 123 Aviator Drive. Mr. Akin said that he would confirm that this proposed height would not violate any restrictions before approving Mr. Wagner's request.

Mr. Unangst made a motion that three North gate openers be given to the Tarrant County Sheriff's department in order to facilitate expeditious entry and departure from the airfield by the deputies. The motion passed.

Mr. Usher made a motion that Mr. Surles and he be charged with visiting the vehicle towing company in order to develop a viable vehicle towing plan. The motion passed.

Mr. Surles made a motion that the taxiway and runway repairs proceed in accordance with the contractor's recommendations. **The motion passed.**

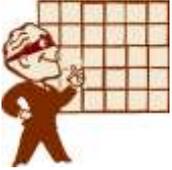
Mr. Browning made a motion that Mr. Stephen Ramsey and Mr. Robert Avery, the only people who volunteered for the vacated position, be appointed as co-chairs of the Infrastructure Committee. The motion passed.

Mr. Browning made a motion that he be charged with communicating with Mr. David Jefferson, Manager of the Tarrant County Environmental Health Division, on the subject of connecting our septic system to the City of Fort Worth's sewer system as Mr. Jefferson previously had recommended in order to dispense with our existing lateral fields and their associated problems. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Don Browning
HAPA Secretary*



No Financial reports

Submitted By Jim Usher

No Financial Reports will be published in this issue of Flappings. For the past three months, PMG, the airport management company, has issued their C3 report to us so that we could provide our members with the most up to date status of the airport finances. Typically, we were able to publish our financial results with only a one month delay using the C3 reports. The problem is that the final Financial Statements which are issued several weeks later, in some cases, contained data significantly different than the preliminary C3 reports. For that reason, I have elected for accuracy over timeliness. The downside is that the financial data, provided by PMG, will be two months old when you see it. The ending March financials will appear in the next issue of Flappings. The Financial Report will contain a Balance Sheet as well as an Income & Expense Report.

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2007 HAPA DIRECTORY

A new, updated HAPA directory is being compiled using the previous directory listings and the public information available on the Tarrant Appraisal District website in order to reflect the current owners of hangars and lots at Hicks. You will find several spaces below for corrections, updates, and additions to your personal info (phone numbers, email addresses, N number of your aircraft, etc.) if you wish to have this information made available to other HAPA members.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mail Address: _____

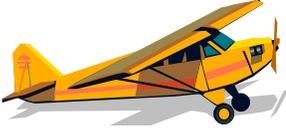
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(Any changes to information must be accompanied by your signature.)

Please mail your new info to: HAPA, 100 Aviator Drive, Ft Worth, TX 76179 or email it to admin@t67.org to assist us in getting the directory online and available to the membership. The information will be located in a password protected section of the Official HAPA website, www.t67.org *No information you furnish to HAPA will be released for any other purpose.*



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Friday, May 4th — Fort Worth, C.R.Smith American Airlines Museum 7:00 PM
Dave Lavery with NASA will present a free program open to the public on the exploration of Mars by the two Rover vehicles. See images sent 49 million miles by these two rolling shutterbugs and much, much more! A BBQ dinner will be available for \$8.00 at 5:45
-  Fri-Sunday, May 4th-6th— Temple, Texas Central Texas Airshow
Draughon Miller Central Texas Regional (TPL) 5th annual Central Texas Airshow. We start **an explosive weekend on Friday evening... fun, flying, fireworks, and pyrotechnics. A fun family event.** Many aircraft old & new, civilian & military. 254-298-5350
-  Saturday, May 5th — Waco, Texas EAA Pancake Breakfast
Mc Gregor Executive Airport - (PWG) Every 1st Saturday 8:30 -11:00
EAA Chapter 59 host
-  Saturday, May 12th— Abilene, Texas Big Country Airpower Day
Dyess Air Base 326-696-8782
-  Saturday, May 19th— Rhome, Texas Antique Airplane Association Meeting Fair-view (7TS0) 817-468-1571
-  Saturday, May 19th— Tyler Pounds Field Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast 8:00-11:00
Every third Saturday hosted by CAP
-  Saturday, May 19th— **McKinney, Texas "Fly Day"**
McKinney Airport (TKI) Fly children with disabilities and serious illnesses on local flights. We need volunteer pilots from the area to fly these special needs children. 214-636-2467
-  Saturday, May 26th— Ranger, Texas Annual Memorial Day Weekend Fly-in
Ranger Airport (F23) The long awaited airport historical marker will be dedicated at 11:00. Following the dedication National Champion David Martin will fly the Breitling CAP 232. Fish Fry lunch with slaw, hushpuppies will be free to all who fly in starting at noon, served by the Ranger EAA Chapter.
-  Friday, Saturday, June 1st—2nd Hondo, Texas EAA Southwest Regional Fly-in
Hondo Airport (HDO) "The Texas Fly-In" Enjoy aircraft & Lectures on our favorite subject.
830-889-8802
-  Saturday, June 2nd— Midlothian/Waxahachie, Texas Mid-Way Regional Airport
Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-in (JWY) 8-11AM Breakfast tickets \$5.00— Children under 8 free with paying adult. Classic Planes, Cars, A Swing Band, and other attractions.
-  Friday-Sunday, June 8th—10th Gainesville, Texas Antique Airplane Association
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TCM Service Bulletin SB03-3 states: "TCM requires a cylinder borescope inspection be accomplished in conjunction with the differential pressure test." (This is NOT an FAA mandate.) With the development of recent borescopes, this inspection becomes an excellent tool that will affect your decision on a suspect cylinder, regardless of engine manufacturer.

We have a solution: a borescope based here at T67.
For an appointment please call
Jim Usher @ 817-236-7506 or Robert Read @ 817-439-0757.



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Notices:

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- We are continually updating the online version of the HAPA membership directory- if your info needs updated please email Mike Reddick at michael-reddick@yahoo.com
 - **If you haven't yet provided an email address, please do!** We would like to be able to contact as many **HAPA** members as possible via email
- May BoD Meeting, May 8, Hangar 155, 7:00 PM
 - Call Coy Surles or Don Browning to get a topic on the Agenda
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- Runway maintenance will begin May 14, with a target completion date of May 27.

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