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Jim Walcott flies his massive Russian AN-3 biplane in from Grandview Airport for a \$1000 hamburger at Rio Concho

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The Future of Hicks airfield

(Discussion results) *By Ron Sinclair*

Last month I asked a series of questions that I thought might spark some discussion concerning our future as an airport in years to come. Now please understand that I have long maintained that Flappings **really isn't read by anyone and that I am merely editing this fine publication to supply bird cage lining.** Well, once again, even with the revival of one the most feared subjects in Hicks Airfield conversation, I have confirmed that assumption once again. Out of close to three hundred members, and various and **sundry people in my target demographic, I received...drum roll please... 2 emails!** Actually, if I may be permitted to include an address change, I received three.

What did these precious two emails have to say? Well, both were written by pilots. One offered the **opinion that we're in no real danger of being taken over by a non-aviation contingent and that it's the mixed use of our properties that makes Hicks an attractive place that will ensure it's prosperity in the future, even if pilot numbers drop.** The writer went on to say that we should focus on community relations and attempt to keep those both on and off the field educated on how to get along with one another.

The second e-mail was aligned much the same way as the first, in that the mixed use of Hicks Field was fine, but that the real issue was one of **non-enforcement of current CCR's. This writer seemed frustrated** by current enforcement policies that, in his opinion, seemed to allow major infractions slide while writing fines for grass height appeared to be the top priority.

So, with a unanimous opinion consisting of 100% of those who answered my request for discussion, the consensus is that things are fine the way they are, but perhaps in need of closer attention to the CCRs as written and further PR to promote our cause.

I did however hear rumors of panicked phone calls to various people on the field worried that I had brought doom upon the airport by the mere question of future use, and that perhaps if I discretely left the airport for another country for a year or so, that things would quiet down again. While unconfirmed, I even heard of an ex-fighter pilot calling for more government control of Flappings through censorship **of its' seemingly rogue editor! Hmmm... perhaps that pilot fought for the Russians! Where were these** people that apparently think they hold the Holy Grail of airport harmony when I made my request for discussion?

In the final analysis, I accomplished nothing by asking the tough question of our future, except to **confirm that it's yet another lesson in the futility of us ever agreeing enough on any subject to affect change on a large scale. The twisted irony to that opinion is that it just might work both ways... or** rather *not* work both ways, even for those who may dream of ending our airport status in the hypothetical future.

While I'm on my proverbial soapbox, let me re-iterate that I am the editor of Flappings and that my opinions (however mis-informed) are mine and in no way represent the opinions of our Board of Directors. Furthermore, any similarity to those opinions living or dead is purely coincidental, and no animals were injured in the writing of this column.

On another note: I have had a few people inquire as to the omission of Presidents Corner in the last **(and apparently in this) issue of Flappings. The answer is simple, the column simply isn't being submitted** any longer. The reason behind this is unknown to me.

The Editor



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher HAPA Treasurer

Income & Expense Statement HAPA

INCOME	June 2009	YTD 2009
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	20,043	120,078
Runway Fees	0	0
Initial Fee Income	0	0
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	209	1,097
Fines	0	0
Gate Income	26	286
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Interest Income	106	613
Total Income	20,384	122,074
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	0	0
Bank/Check Charges	0	5
Collection Services	41	983
Copies & Postage	420	4,939
Data Processing	20	437
Sales Tax	28	125
Rental/Storage	265	1,824
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	274	1,358
Member Relations	0	0
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	630	1,380
Legal & Professional	623	7,748
Management Fees	854	5,124
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	2
Utilities		
Electricity	973	7,237
Telephone	4	32
Contracts		
Courtesy Patrol Contract	1,469	10,374
Septic Field Contract	49	49

HICKS AIRFIELD PILOTS ASSOCIATION Minutes for Board Meeting June 18, 2009

A regular board meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on June 18, 2009. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. and announced ready by President Gene deBullet.

Board members present were President Gene deBullet, Jim Usher, Coy Surles, Bob Avery and Don Browning. Other members of the Association were also present as observers.

Motion to table the minutes was made and **seconded to amend minutes for April's Board of Director's meeting due to typographical error.** Minutes tabled for correction of the last paragraph.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Jim Usher and accepted by the board.

Guests from Onco were present. Mr. Buddy Mills, District Service Advisor was present and introduced Ms. Andrea Sanders, Area Manager, who spoke on billing issues. **There was also a general "Questions and Answers" for those present.** It was announced that for all those who have complaints the front person to contact is Mr. Buddy Mills. Mr. Mills also discussed Phase I and Phase II. Committee Reports, if available, were given.

Unfinished business was reviewed.

New Business: President Gene deBullet addressed **"Safety Issues" as addressed in e-mail from Bob Avery.** Jim Usher addressed the **"new sign."**

James Eads directed his request to the Board of Directors to remove delinquent fee (s), etc. from his credit report. A previous board had approved a Carte Blanche to run credit reports on members.

The Board of Directors is suggesting that contracts be reviewed once a year.

There was a general discussion regarding the south gate project.

At 7:15 p.m. motion to adjourn was made by Jim Usher and seconded by Bob Avery.

Gene deBullet

Repairs and Maintenance		
Mowing	1,095	4,291
Electrical/Lights	0	852
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	0
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	(361)	(361)
Pavement Repairs	125	125
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	2,025	2,180
Airport Drainage	346	346
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	150
Gate Transmitters Purchased	233	233
Projects		
Gate-South Entrance	8,700	8,700
Total Expense	<u>17,813</u>	<u>58,133</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>2,571</u>	<u>63,941</u>

BALANCE SHEET - HAPA
As June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	57,370
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Cash-Money Market Beal Bank	162,013
Clearing Account - PMG	0
Total Cash	<u>221,646</u>
Past Due Accounts Receivable:	
Assessments 30 days	3,986
Assessments 31 - 90 days	4,871
Assessments over 90 days	28,419
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>37,276</u>

Total Current Assets 258,922

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses 0

Total Assets 258,922

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	56,184
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>56,184</u>

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost Escrow	1,882
Other Escrowed Fees	240
Total Other Liabilities	<u>2,122</u>

Total Liabilities 58,306

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves
Deferred Maintenance Reserve 0

Equity
Retained Earnings 136,673












Total Owners' Equity 136,673

Net Income/(Loss) 63,942

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 258,922



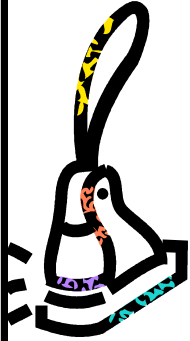
Fly Ins & Outs

-  Every 1st Saturday, —Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
-  Every weekend before the second Monday — Bowie, TX. Free Brunch for pilots & crew every weekend before the second Monday each month. Also free transportation to the Trade Show/Flea Market. (OF2) 9:00AM-11:00AM 44.2 NM NW
-  Every 2nd Saturday— Lufkin, TX. EAA Chapter 1219 & Angelina County Airport Fajita Fly-In (LFK) 10:00-2-00 Discount fuel for fly-ins 169.3 NM SE
-  Every 3rd Wednesday— Hicks Field EAA Chapter 670 Monthly Meeting Come join us at the Rio Concho Restaurant at 6:00 pm for dinner and hangar talk. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM 0.0 NM
-  Every 4th Saturday—Tyler TX. Tyler Pounds Field Pancake Breakfast (TYR) Breakfast hosted by members of the Tyler Civil Air Patrol squadron from 8-11 AM . Contact Rich Dyer for info 903-849-2785 107.3 NM ESE
-  Every last Saturday—Denton, TX. Tex-Mex Fly-In (KDTO) US Aviation Group sponsors this fun event every last Saturday of the month 11am-2pm Free Food, Lots of airplanes, donations welcome. Come see some of the newest LSA aircraft. Contact Event Director at 940-383-2484 19.4 NM NE
-  Every 4th Saturday— Granbury, TX. Granbury Municipal Airport Fly-In Breakfast (GDY) Every 4th Saturday. breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM till 10:30 AM rain or shine! Have breakfast at the airport with your friends. Come and share the fun at Granbury Municipal Airport. Look for special events. Contact 817-579-8533 for info 35.7 NM SW
-  Saturday, September 5th— Lancaster TX. Warbirds On Parade Lancaster Airport (KLNC) Sponsored by DFW Wing Commemorative Air Force. This is a static open house event. If you come early and stay late you can see many of the planes fly. We expect around 40 warbirds including a B-24A Liberator, P-40, Hind 24 Attack Helicopter, Cobra Gunship, and many many more. Over 100 classic cars expected. Fun for all! Contact Charlie Wood for more info (972) 287-6228 40.8 NM SE
-  Saturday, September 26th— Taylor TX. Larry Haggerman Memorial Fly-In Taylor Municipal Airport (T74) Come join us for flying events, food and fun for the kids. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks for sale, and there will be a spot landing contest. Please e-mail or cal Dayton Dobbs with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there. (512) 750-0332 141.5 NM S
-  Saturday, September 26th— Hilltop Lakes TX. Annual Hilltop Lakes Fly-In Hilltop Lakes Airstrip (OTE4) **Come sit under our oak tree and talk airplanes. About noon we'll have BBQ for anyone hungry. We might even have some door prizes and category awards.** Use right pattern for RWY 16, and use 122.75 for CTAf. Contact Dave Wagner for more info. (936)855-2948 126.6 NM SSE
-  Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27th— Centerville, TX. Critters Lodge Fall Fly-In Dillard Ranch Airport (TE01) We would love to have you as our guest. This year we will begin on Saturday at noontime for an old fashioned picnic. If flying in we suggest early morning arrivals. For those who like to camp, we have camping facilities that offer indoor restrooms, solar outdoor showers, firewood, along with LOTS OF GOOD FOOD. Call for details on reserved parking spots. Land and visit at your own risk, trees on both sides and ends of runway. The runway is suitable for piston driven 12,500 lbs or less. Please contact us by e-mail CrittersLodge@starband.net or call (903)536-7000 for all the details. 127.5 NM SE

The August 8th Rio Concho Hotter-N-Hell Summer Festival and Open House was cancelled at the last moment for....HEAT???? That's all for now folks stay tuned for more timely announcements.



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All the best,
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- We are continually updating the online version of the HAPA membership directory. If your info needs updating please email Mike Reddick at michaelreddick@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
- This is YOUR newsletter– Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to Ron Sinclair at flappingseditor@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month.
- The 2009 BoD is looking for volunteers– Please Contact any Board member to volunteer to help with the continuing improvement of Hicks Airfield.
- If you have an issue and would like to address the HAPA BoD during a Board meeting, Please contact Gene de Bullet, Stuart Davis, or Don Browning.
- For issues concerning ONCOR pole work, call Buddy Mills (Oncor District Service Advisor): Cell (469) 261-6338

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