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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HICKS AIRFIELD PILOTS ASSOCIATION

FLAPPINGS



Presidents Corner

Fellow HAPA Members,

Hicks Airports 20th Anniversary has come and gone.

With great fanfare, the Open house, flour bombing and member celebration went off like clockwork thanks to the hard work of Debbie Campbell and the many wonderful volunteers. Many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the Open house and 20th celebration and to Barbie and Kevin for the much-enjoyed flour-bombing contest. Our friends and neighbors could not stop telling everyone just how much fun they had. Most of the members that attended stayed to the final encore of Steve Creed and his band. All had a great time.

More good news. The repairs on the runway lights have been completed and at this time we do not need to replace the system. A long abandoned taxiway light seems to have been the major culprit and was located and removed along with some repairs to some wiring, (fire ants). The lights are back up and have been in operation with no problems. Many thanks to Alan Sanderson, Billy Akin and Dan Campbell for seeing the repairs to a successful conclusion. For clarification, the BOD never approved spending \$100,000.00 to fix the lights.

Remember that nominations for the 3 openings on the HAPA BOD are due in PMG's office by Oct 17, 2005. They also can be delivered to the BOD at the Oct 11, 2005 board meeting at my hangar # 735. Starting at 7:00 pm. Any nominations not received at PMG's office, by Oct 17, 2005, will not be accepted. Ballots will go out Nov 1, 2005 and must be received by Dec 1, 2005 at PMG's address as listed on the ballot information you will receive. If you prefer not to mail your ballot, you may turn it in at the General Meeting in person on Dec 3, 2005. Any members having **NOT** voted, and being confirmed as **NOT** having voted by validation of the voting records sheet, may receive and vote ballot (s) at the general meeting. No ballots received by PMG after Dec 1, 2005 or after 7:00 pm Dec 3, 2005 at the General meeting will be counted. If you want to confirm that your ballot (s) were received by PMG you can verify only that they were received by checking the voting list that will be delivered to the voting committee at the General meeting.

Update on legal issues. When the current BOD, took office there were three legal actions pending. One involving a visitor to the field that drove into powdered cement on taxiway #2 has been settled favorably for

HAPA. HAPA currently has two legal actions being brought against the membership. One is member Gene DeBullet, who is seeking damages and legal fees for an incident involving his plane and a parked car on the first taxiway. HAPA's insurance company is handling this action and it is pending with the attorneys at this time. Second is member Bob Avery's 2004 lawsuit against the HAPA membership. Mr. Avery believes the license fee was not assessed correctly by FLAT FEE as voted for by the 2003 BOD. Mr. Avery is basing his suit on the Fifth Amendment. Mr. Avery is seeking to have the vote overruled and changed to SQUARE FOOTAGE. He is also seeking legal fees. When the current BOD assumed this legal action HAPA had been advised by its attorney that the Fifth Amendment was in contradiction to the 1, 2 and 3 Amendments and that there were several questions as to its validity. This has been reconfirmed by our current consul and supported by the law firm hired by our insurance company to protect HAPA. Based on this information I was authorized by the BOD to meet with Mr. Avery, which I did back in May. I told Mr. Avery of our findings and asked him, for the benefit of the membership and to reduce the potential cost of a full law suit, to drop his law suit and work with me to put together a panel to review the CCR's and By-Laws and correct the contradictions and come up with a mutually agreeable working document. Mr. Avery declined. With an Oct 25, 2005 court date having been set by the court, HAPA's attorney filed our answer to the law suit with a counter claim, explaining our position and asking for the courts to find for HAPA based on solid facts presented and to recoup HAPA's legal fees. The BOD still has on the table our offer to work together to resolve this issue before it goes to court and is awaiting an answer from Mr. Avery's consul. One final thought, many of us have been touched in some way by hurricane, Katrina and/or Rita. Many of you have or are helping in some way, shape or form. To all my fellow HAPA members.... Your help makes a difference.

Thank you,

See you around the field.....

Jerry Stern

HAPA President

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Submittal Policy

The deadline for submission of articles, minutes, and reports will be the **15th of the month**. This should provide sufficient time to lay out, print, and mail the newsletter so that it can be received by the first of the following month. Please provide input in **MS WORD** format, if possible. If you are a member and not receiving Flappings in the mail and wish to, then email **Kathy Stern** at Stern42@mindspring.com so that she can correct, or add, your address to the database.

MEETING NOTICE

HAPA Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tuesday October 11,2005
Jerry Stern's Hangar/ #735

Income Statement			
HAPA			
INCOME	August, 2005	YTD 2005	2005 Operations
Scheduled Income			
Regular Assessments	\$ 6,107	\$ 48,449	\$ 48,449
Runway Fees (471 Lots)	10,772	85,492	-
Initial Fee Income	-	500	500
Total Scheduled Income	16,879	134,441	48,949
Other Income			
Late Fees	(45)	1,193	1,193
Fines	-	(1,350)	(1,350)
Gate/Miscellaneous Income	-	5,437	5,437
Interest Income	326	1,914	1,914
Total Other Income	281	7,193	7,193
Total Income	\$ 17,160	\$ 141,635	\$ 56,142
EXPENSE			
Administrative Expenses			
Bank/Check Charges	-	145	145
Collection Services	1,138	1,866	1,866
Copies & Postage	459	3,419	3,419
Data Processing	20	424	424
Rental/Storage	-	170	170
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	-	-	-
Printing	-	2,107	2,107
Member Relations	-	1,063	1,063
Professional Services			
Accounting/Audit	-	500	500
Legal & Professional	3,712	7,397	7,397
Management Fees	899	7,192	7,192
Taxes and Insurance			
Directors and Officers Liability	-	-	-
General Liability Insurance	-	-	-
Property Taxes	-	1,857	1,857
Utilities			
Electricity	703	5,673	5,673
Contracts			
Lawn Maintenance Contract	-	2,543	2,543
Light Maintenance Contract	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance			
Common Area Maintenance	-	380	380
Electrical	-	101	101
Fences/Gates/Walls	-	-	-
Landscaping	-	-	-
Lights/Bulbs	-	160	160
Equipment Repairs	-	-	-
Sign Repair	-	-	-
Taxiway Pavement Repairs	-	9,108	9,108
Plumbing	-	-	-
Septic Field Repairs	-	1,045	1,045
Gas/Oil	-	-	-
Other Expenses			
Misc. Expenses	35	131	131
Capital Improvements			
Capital Improvement - Signs	-	3,021	3,021
Reserve Contributions			
Deferred Maintenance Reserve	43	6,791	6,791
Total Expense	\$ 7,008	\$ 55,091	\$ 55,091
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 10,152	\$ 86,544	\$ 1,052

BALANCE SHEET				
HAPA				
As of August 31, 2005				
ASSETS			LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY	
Current Assets			Current Liabilities	
Operating Cash - PMG	Community Association Bank (First National Bank of Arizona)	\$ 60,174	Prepaid Assessments	\$ 30,413
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG	Community Association Bank (First National Bank of Arizona)	212,725	Total Current Liabilities	30,413
Operating Cash - BOD	Justin State Bank	2,152	Other Liabilities	
Short-term Investments - PMG	Beal Bank	21,451	Collection Cost Escrow	1,862
Total Cash		296,502	Total Other Liabilities	1,862
Accounts Receivable		28,512 *	Total Liabilities	\$ 32,275
Total Current Assets		325,014	OWNERS' EQUITY	
Total Assets		\$ 325,014	Reserves	
			Deferred Maintenance Reserve	21,451
			Total Reserves	21,451
			Equity	
* A/R: \$20,998 over-90 days			Retained Earnings	184,744
			Total Equity	\$ 184,744
			Net Income/(Loss)	86,544
			Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	\$ 325,014



The Walking Club has done a very nice job of maintaining the front entrance this summer. Since we have had a particularly dry summer the Club has been forced to water at least three times a week. A large commitment of time and very much appreciated. We will be planting fall mums in the next few weeks. Anyone is welcome to lend a hand (or donate funds) We will also be working toward placing poinsettias in the front bed for the holidays. If you have suggestions or would like to add your green thumb to the mix please let us know. You may contact me at 817.439.0614 or email to stern42@mindspring.com

Minutes of HAPA Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2005

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Hick Airfield Pilots Association was held on September 13, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at Hangar 735.

Board members present: Jerry Stern, Jim Rockwood, Bob Samson, Larry Henson, West Sanders, John Unangst, and Jim Yule.

Association officers present; President- Jerry Stern, Vice President- Jim Rockwood, and Secretary- Carol Burns.

The monthly Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:05.

The minutes had been previously approved, and the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Reports: of Officers:

President Jerry Stern reported; that the entire Board met earlier in the day, in special session with HAPA's attorney Mr. Dean Riddle. The meeting was to discuss the Bob Avery lawsuit against HAPA. At the end of the meeting Mr. Riddle asked for a vote for the Board to move forward. The board voted unanimously to move forward (note: Jim Yule did not stay for the entire meeting and was not present for the vote).

Treasurer David Fiel was away on business and Bob Samson presented the treasurers report; report is attached.

Committee Reports:

Master Plan Committee, Max Bandy; the plan is on schedule to be completed in October.

Safety Committee, Mike Spivey: planning meeting for the anniversary party this Thursday at 7:00.

Airport Watch Committee, Larry Henson; everything has been quiet.

Maintenance Committee, Alan Sanderson is working on getting the runway lights back on.

Runway & Taxiway Committee, Jerry Stern reported that they would be forming a committee to start the process, specifications, and timeline for the runway repairs.

Septic Committee, Jim Yule resigned as head of this committee. Bob Samson pointed out that in reviewing the electrical bills there were at least five systems that need to be looked at. Jerry Stern, Carol Burns, and Carol Morris will be working together to insure that the systems are in good repair.

Violation Committee, Mary Reddick; is continuing to work with PMG.

Architectural Committee-Phase 1, Jim Yule: No report.

Architectural Committee-Phase 2&3, Jerry Stern: reported a set of forms in section three were found to be set too close to the taxiway and have been relocated to correct the problem.

Welcoming Committee, Carol Morris; No activity this month.

Fly-Out Committee, Mike Reddick; reported that the River fly out was a great success, with 28 participants. We are looking at Graham for the October fly out.

Social Committee, Debbie Campbell: asked for volunteers for the 20th anniversary party. Jerry Stern made a motion that HAPA Purchase T-shirts for all volunteers (\$300 limit); motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

2005 Nominations: All nominations need to be in by October the 15th along with a short biography of each candidate. Ballots will go out the 1st of November. Larry Partain volunteered to serve on the election committee.

Fences (north-end): A letter will be sent out to all owners on the north end that have not instated the correct fences to prevent access to airport property.

New Business:

Budget Committee; Bob Samson made a motion to form a committee consisting for West Sanders, David Feil, and himself. The purpose of the committee would be to look at all of HAPA's expenses, the actual cost and the type of expense and bring recommendations back the board for future assessments and license fees. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Burns

Secretary

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association

MONTHLY SAFETY

It is not widely known that small gasoline-powered engines and tools present a serious health hazard. Many people using gasoline-powered tools such as high-pressure washers, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, floor buffers, welders, pumps, compressors, and generators in buildings or in semi-enclosed spaces have been poisoned by carbon monoxide (CO). CO can rapidly accumulate (even in areas that appear to be well ventilated) and build up to dangerous or fatal concentrations within minutes. Operating fans and opening windows and doors does NOT guarantee safety. CO is a very dangerous poison. Operating gasoline-powered engines and tools indoors is very RISKY BUSINESS!

CO is an odorless, colorless, and nonirritating poison, and can, therefore, overcome exposed persons without warning. CO can cause nausea, permanent neurological damage, and death. Very often, exposed persons have little time before they experience symptoms that would prevent their ability to seek safety. It is, therefore, essential that CO poisoning be completely prevented. There are several ways to accomplish this goal.

- * DO NOT allow the use or operation of gasoline-powered engines or tools inside a building or in partially enclosed areas.
- * Learn to recognize the symptoms of CO overexposure: headache, nausea, weakness, dizziness, visual disturbances, or changes in personality and evacuate or assist in the evacuation of the premises immediately.
- * Always place the pump and power unit of high -pressure washers outdoors so that engine exhaust is not drawn back indoors. Run only the wash line inside.
- * Consider the use of tools powered by electricity or compressed air if available. Consider the risk for electrocution if electricity is used.
- * If compressed air is used, put the gasoline-powered unit outdoors, and use only the hose indoors.
- * Be extremely cautious when using gasoline-powered leaf blowers for debris removal indoors.
- * Maintenance on gasoline-powered lawn equipment should always be done outdoors.

If CO overexposure is suspected, call 911 immediately, then move the victim outdoors and away from the source of the exposure. If you are operating alone and experience any of the above symptoms, get outdoors immediately. DO NOT attempt to drive a motor vehicle until all symptoms are gone or until someone else can drive you to the nearest emergency facility. Remember to practice safety, don't learn it by accident!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved with the 20th Anniversary Party. It was a great success and no major safety issues were brought to my attention. The only way this could have happened is due to the dedication and commitment of the volunteers. Job well done!!

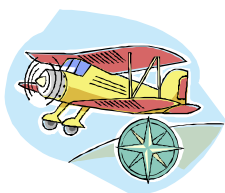
Submitted by Mike Spivey
Safety Committee Chairman



Flying Buddy Seminar

Submitted by Cinnamon Bandy

Sunday September 11 we had our Flying Buddy Seminar. A big thank you goes out to Carol Morris for being so gracious as to hold the Seminar in her hangar. We had an awesome turnout of attendees from Hicks as well as some guests from Northwest Regional Airport. We had a great opportunity to have the 99's present our Seminar with a pinch hitter video which taught us general understanding of our panels and instruments. Much to our surprise, Tammy with the 99's chapter lined up Wally Funk as our guest speaker and entertainer. This was my first time to meet the ever popular Wally Funk and let me just say she is a hoot. She is a very experienced lady of aviation. It was a great pleasure to have her teach us non-pilots a few important tips of basic knowledge of general aviation and in keeping ourselves safe. Despite the weather, a static display was available for those who wanted a little up close look at the instruments. Instructors were there to answer any questions that might have come up during the seminar. We then partook in a wonderful pot luck luncheon and social time with our friends. At the close of our day we were enlightened on some useful safety tips by the ever known Steve Creed. In closing I just want to thank all that participated in this Flying Buddy Seminar. It was a great success and with that we are planning many more great learning opportunities and even a field trip to Fort Worth Center and/or Alliance Tower.



SUNDAY OCTOBER 16th*Date Changed From October 8th*******

FALL RELEASE PARTY

Releases of new wines

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HAPA Members—Please Join Us For An Afternoon Of Wine Tasting At A Small Local Winery (LightCatcher Winery). We Will Be Meeting At The Stern Hangar, #735 At 12:30 pm.



20th

ANNIVERSARY

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

All advertising must be submitted each month by the 15th for inclusion in the newsletter. Previous advertising must be resubmitted each month. All HAPA members may advertise personal goods at no charge. Non HAPA members or HAPA members requesting business or commercial ads will be charged a nominal fee. You may contact Jim Usher at 817-236-7506 or jcusher@charter.net for fee information or to place an ad.



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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
October 16,2005	Wine Tasting-Jazz Sunday-LightCatcher	Kathy Stern 817-439-0614
December 3,2005	Annual Meeting Christmas Party	Debbie Campbell 817-439-1936



Does PMG Have Your Mailing Address?

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