










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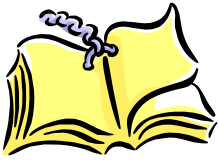
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Hicks Airfield Representative to AOPA Airport Support Network , Don Browning, goes right to the top as he sits at AOPA President Phil Boyer's desk in his absence.

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The HAPA Tables & Chairs are available to any current HAPA Member for personal use on the Airport Property for activities such as parties, family reunions, meetings, etc. *Please contact Melana Sinclair to enter your reservation for the Table and Chairs. 817-306-8750 hapa_asst_sec@yahoo.com*

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 layout 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 flappingseditor@yahoo.com.



Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

Dear Members and Friends,

Your Board of Directors met Thursday the 18th day of September at the Sinclair's hanger and for the first time saw the A.O.P.A. Airport Guide video, which was furnished by ASN volunteer, Don Browning. We also discussed some good news concerning the acquisition of real estate that would enable us to complete the South gate project and secure the entire airport, like Meacham Field for example. Homeland Security would like this, as would the FAA. Stay tuned for more details as this project continues to unfold.

The last phase of taxi-way sealing and lining is scheduled for October. I understand it will be on taxi way "alpha" closest to the runway.

Septic issues were discussed, as well as the CCR's, and past Board of Director's action concerning septic systems. A legal opinion has been provided by our attorney, and your Board of Directors will be studying it before we can comment on a solution.

Larry Partain reported that security is going well and that the company recently retained to provide courtesy patrol services is doing a great job. Let us know if you have any problems to report.

Else-wise, the airport has been quiet and uneventful, I like it that way and you probably do too! Please join us for the October Board meeting scheduled for Oct 16, at hangar 111.

Happy "Fall" for 2008,
Gene

Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM, October 16th, Hangar 111
See your Local BoD Member to have your
Concerns placed on the agenda.



Hapa wants you! For the Board of Directors

Well it's coming up on election time again, no, not the national elections, I'm talking about something far more tangible, where YOU can actually make a difference! I am of course referring to the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors!

I know what your thinking, "I don't have time", "I don't like being ostracized and instantly hated by a eighth of the Hicks Field population", "I need to finish medical school", "I forgot that I'm about to go on an extended tour of the world"... fact is, we all have similar concerns and priorities, but someone needs to put their life on hold and stand up to be counted amongst the few, the proud, the... well, you know, the folks that take a chance and see if *they* have the magic formula for pleasing everyone.

Next Month we will profile each candidate for your voting pleasure.

*Contact any Board member and sign up to be a candidate for the HAPA BoD—
TODAY!*

Good Luck! ED



A visit to AOPA headquarters

By Don Browning

On Friday 1 August, my manager calls me and asks, "Browning, we've got an opening for a class in the Atlanta Ed Center (that's IBM for school). Can you leave on Sunday and start your classes on Monday?" I reply, "Sure Boss, but what do you mean classes (plural)?" He says, "Well, you need a prerequisite class, which you can take in the morning and then attend the other class in the evening." I say, "Consider it done, intrepid leader and inspirational hero of us all." I don't really say that; it's more like, "Okay Boss, but this will cost you." He derides me mercilessly and hangs up.

My devious nautical mind is conniving this: Atlanta is closer to Frederick, Maryland than Fort Worth is, and IBM will pay me to travel to and from Atlanta. As some of you who obsessively read our most outstanding newsletter are aware, I was recently appointed the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Airport Support Network Volunteer for Hicks Airfield. AOPA headquarters is located at the Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK) in, of all places, Frederick, Maryland. This is an opportunity for me to visit the center of the general aviation universe and to dazzle the staff there with my aeronautical wisdom and personal opinions that could confound, if not bewilder and frustrate them.

So after completing the business educational requirements, I launch trusty old 71WT toward Virginia Tech/Montgomery County Airport (BCB) in Blacksburg, Virginia. This point is half way to FDK on a **straight line from Atlanta's Cobb County Airport (RYY) and, coincidentally the location of some of my United States Navy shipmates.** So after a brief period of mooching off of my friends, one bright morning I deploy to the destination in question.

Here is where being on an instrument flight plan has some advantages, because if you don't want to fly a circuitous route in order to avoid the Dulles Airport Class B and the Washington ADIZ (Air Defense Identification Zone) it makes it simple and fun. Even though Potomac Approach has you 5000 feet above the destination airport when you are two miles away from it, that is not a problem, because you made it. Now all you have to do is cancel your IFR clearance and spiral down just south-east of the downwind leg of runway 23 and join it and make an uneventful visual landing.

Now I'm taxiing around an unfamiliar airport trying to look professional; sometimes a problem for an amateur like me. However, I have called AOPA several days in advance and conversed with pilot **Heidi Williams (AOPA's Senior Director Airports) who has confirmed our appointment and given me insight on how to get to the AOPA building.** Upon arriving in the vicinity of the target, I perceive that there is a vacant airplane parking place precisely in front of the building. Instinctively knowing that **this spot is reserved for celebrities, I turn "Old Blue" into it and perform the shutdown checklist in a military manner.**

It's about 9:00 am and I'm walking to the reception area. I'm old . . . but I'm happy. I sign in and Heidi leaves her office, where she was doing actual work, greets and escorts me to the conference room she has reserved for my visit. Others arrive, like Jennifer Storm, the new Director of the Airport Support Network division, a CFII and MEI who was previously the Director of Safety Education Programs at AOPA Air Safety Foundation, and Greg Pecoraro (Vice President Regional Affairs), and John L. Collins (CFI and Senior Liaison Airports). So much for trying to dazzle the audience.

But wait. It's time for the tour. AOPA's Administrative Assistant Linda Wehe leads the way (Wehe and way sound the same) as we visit the various offices and cubicles that abound. She reviews my AOPA record, explaining everything, and takes photos and is lovely. Off to the conference room for conferring.

And we do. Heidi and John have done some homework, because they know a lot about our airport and me. We discuss the challenges and the opportunities, the history and some of the politics. For a change, I spend some time listening instead of talking . . . seriously. Their recommendations are very interesting, but will require some consideration. I hope we will discuss them in future articles and meetings at Hicks. They heap CDs and books and signs and a ball cap on me. They advise me that President Phil is away on business, so as a consolation I sit at his desk and answer all of his emails for him. Just kidding about the emails.

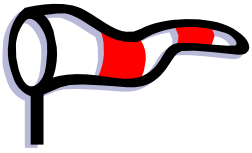
Lunch time. Heidi buys John and me lunch in the airport café which is within walking distance of the headquarters building. Very excellent clam chowder and a friendly waitress make the culinary experience memorable. We stop by the pilot shop on the way back so that I can purchase some backup charts in case I lose the ones I used on the trip. IAPs and Low Levels cost \$3.60 each. It seems like **I've paid more than that for them at home and on the road.**

More conferring and then it's time to go. I file for 8000 feet as a final (altitude). This puts me almost at the tops of the cumulus clouds that exist along the route . . . almost. So for the 200 nautical mile trip back to BCB I'm dinking through the tops; in and out most of the way. It's almost always bumpy, and sometimes it's dark and sometimes it's wet and sometimes it's all three. I'm old . . . but I'm happy . . . and I'm not afraid.

After landing at Wi-Fi equipped BCB, I send President Phil a thank you email from the FBO using my laptop. He graciously answered it that evening at 7:33 pm. May this level of conscientiousness continue throughout the coming years.



*Left to right, John L. Collins, Intrepid Aviator, Heidi Williams, Greg Pecoraro and of course Seven-One-Whiskey-**Tango in Phil Boyer's parking spot!***

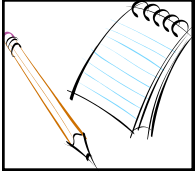


SPEAKING OF SAFETY...

By Glen Smith

This month we will look at some more FAR rules. So feel free to blow the dust off your FAR/AIM and see how well you do.

1. You are taxiing out for take-off at an airport with a control tower. You notice a flashing white light from the tower. This means you can continue to taxi for take-off.
True
False
2. You must have at least a private pilot certificate to land at certain airports in Class B airspace.
True
False
3. Where would you find a list of these airports?
4. Above what altitude while flying VFR do you start the odd-even + 500' cruising altitude?
2500 MSL
3000 AGL
5000 MSL
5. Where would you look to find a list of required equipment for an aircraft to be flown on a day VFR flight?
6. A friend is building a RV and wants to rent your RV for a check out. Can you legally rent your RV for instructional purposes?
Yes
No
7. What is the time period for notifying the FAA of a change in your permanent mailing address?
 1. 30 days
 2. 60 days
 3. 90 days
8. Can any information in a NASA Form be used by the FAA in any enforcement action?
Yes
No
9. Where would you find information on the limitations of performing aerobatic flight?
10. What records of aircraft maintenance must you provide to a buyer of an aircraft?



HAPA Board of Directors

August 7th 2008 Meeting MINUTES

By Melana Sinclair, Assistant Secretary

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held in accordance with the Association's declaration and bylaws. Board Members and Officers attending were Gene de Bullet, Stuart Davis, Coy Surles, John Unangst and Jim Usher. Also present were 9 HAPA members, Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary), and Carol Moran, representing PMG. Absent were Ted Kelso, Stephen Ramsey and Don Browning.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by President Gene de Bullet.

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes:

The June minutes were approved as written.

Reports of Officers:

Gene de Bullet reported on the results of the court ordered vote on the proposed CCR amendment concerning the Runway License Fee. 265 votes were received; 155 votes supported License Fee assessments calculated on square footage, while 110 votes supported License Fee assessments calculated on a per lot basis. The requirements of the court order were met, in that the vote was taken. However, as 60% of the 474 lots (285) did not agree either way, no changes will be made to the CCRs at this time, and, per the court, the Fifth Amendment is enforceable except that a Runway License Fee may not be assessed until the members vote to approve an amendment to the CCRs as to the method for calculating the assessment.

Treasurer Jim Usher presented the May 2008 Financial Report. It was approved.

Reports of Committees:

Coy Surles discussed the status of the South Gate project. As of the time of the meeting, BNSF had not responded to HAPA queries, and there was no decision to proceed with the gate construction.

Larry Partain informed the Board that the company that had been under contract to provide courtesy services has been released. The replacement company was to start patrolling the following week.

The taxiway repair project was reported as completed and Mike Olson and his team of volunteers were commended for a job well done. There has been one report received of a drainage issue on the third taxiway. No details have been provided.

Old Business:

None was discussed other than the Reports of Committees presented above.

New Business:

None was discussed other than the Reports of Committees presented above.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melana Sinclair
HAPA Assistant Secretary



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	July 2008	YTD 2008
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	20,069	139,985
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	143	1,236
Fines	0	25
Miscellaneous Income	26	377
Interest Income	0	1,156
Gate Income	97	696
Total Other Income	<u>20,335</u>	<u>143,475</u>
Total Income		
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses	0	40
Answering Service	0	12,609
Bad Debt Expense	120	135
Bank/Check Charges	(639)	(697)
Collection Services	1,132	6,626
Copies & Postage	0	373
Data Processing	260	2,203
Rental/Storage	0	0
Licenses/Permits/Inspect Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	269	1,895
Printing	0	25
Member Relations		
Professional Services	0	395
Accounting/Audit	1,325	15,196
Legal & Professional	854	5,978
Management Fees		
Taxes and Insurance	0	0
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	51
Property Taxes		
Utilities	864	9,466
Electricity	6	61
Telephone		
Contracts	1,933	1,933
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Septic Field Contract		
Repairs and Maintenance	744	4,144
Mowing	0	1,488
Electrical/Lights	293	1,924
Fences/Gates/Walls	381	1,631

Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	0	0
Pavement Repairs	84,338	84,463
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	0	2,016
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	0
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	0
New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	0	0
Total Expense	<u>91,499</u>	<u>150,324</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(71,164)</u>	<u>(6,849)</u>

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of July 31, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	107,550
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB, Countrywide & FAB	490
Operating Cash - BOD Wachovia Bank Cash-MM-Beal Bank Beal Bank Clearing Account - PMG	2,511 19,365 0
Total Cash	<u>129,915</u>
Accounts Receivable*	29,178
Total Current Assets	<u>159,093</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
Total Assets	<u>159,093</u>

*Note:

Assessments less than 30 days	5,739
Assessments 30 - 90 days	2,272
Assessments over 90 days	21,167

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	50,015
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>50,015</u>

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow	4,021
Total Other Liabilities	<u>4,021</u>

Total Liabilities

54,035

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve	0
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Equity

Retained Earnings	111,906
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Total Owners' Equity

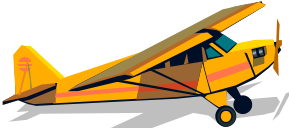
111,906

Net Income/(Loss)

-6,848

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity

159,093



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, October 4th— Sherman/Denison, TX. Grace Flight 200 Air Race North Texas Regional (GYI) Open course timed speed racing open to all pilots and all piston and turbine powered aircraft. A Sport Air Racing League Series Championship Point event. Fun. Safe, fair. Awards, prizes and good food. Contact Patricia Purcell (903)564-9410 59.8 NM NE
-  Friday-Sunday, October 3-5th— Jefferson, TX. Buckskins & Brisket Rendezvous Cypress River Airport (24F) Pre-1840s Living History Camp & Demonstrations. Black powder shooting, tomahawk & knife throwing, period dress, vendors, crafters & artisans. \$3 per person Fri 9:00-6:00, Sat 9:00-9:00, Sun 9:00-3:00 Contact Diamond Don (866)398-2038 157.0 NM E
-  Saturday, October 4th—Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage every 1st Saturday from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
-  Saturday, October 11th — 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
-  Saturday, October 11th— Pine Bluff AR. Deep South RV Fly-In Grider Field (KPBF) Inaugural event to gather Van's RV owners/enthusiast in the Deep South. Burgers ready at noon. Proficiency competitions, aircraft judging, idea sharing, fellowship with fellow RVers. For more info contact Shane Free at (870)692-5428 283.8 NM ENE
-  Saturday, October 11th— Lufkin, TX. EAA Chapter 1219 & Angelina County Airport Fajita Fly-In (LFK) Every 2nd Saturday 10.00-2-00 Discount fuel for fly-ins 169.3 NM SE
-  Friday— Saturday, Oct 17-18th— Terrell, TX. #1 British Flight Training School Museum Fly-In Terrell Municipal Airport (KTRL) The BFTS museum is hosting a Dinner/Dance and fly-in to honor the British pilots who trained here. The grounds will be open Fri. at 6:00 for USO style shindig. Saturdays event will start with a pancake breakfast and a host of other food, memorabilia, and craft booths. Contact Lynnette Nadeau (972)524-4322 59.2 NM ESE
-  Saturday, October 18th— Tyler, TX. Tyler Composite Squadron Pancake Breakfast & Fly-in Tyler Regional Airport (TYR) Pancake breakfast and Fly-in every 3rd Saturday at CAP hangar 8:00AM – 11:00 AM Contact Lt. Col. Louis Thomas 903-561-4764 107.3 NM ESE
-  Friday-Sunday, October 24-26th Reklaw, TX. 24th Annual Flying M Ranch Fly-In and Campout, and 16th Annual Cub Migration Flying M Ranch (7TA7) One of the largest and most fun fly-ins the State of Texas has to offer. Last year over 600 aircraft in attendance! Not open to the public. If you are a pilot, fly to our unique 4000 ft grass runway, park your plane, pitch your tent, kick back, kick some tires, whatever, and just enjoy the show rain or shine. We have food, we have minimal but adequate camping facilities, we have a very relaxing atmosphere. Meet up with old friends, and make some new ones. If you have a J-3, all the better. We need volunteers to help set things up and clean up after Hurricane Ike, so please come down the weekend of Oct 18-19 and we'll even buy you lunch. Guest registration is mandatory so contact us at our website reklawflyin.com or e-mail mkmason@asme.org or call (936) 369-4362. 140.4 NM ESE
-  Saturday, October 25th— Granbury, TX. Granbury Municipal Airport Fly-In Breakfast (GDY) Every 4th Saturday thru Oct. 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 more info. 35.7 NM SW



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For an appointment please call

Jim Usher @ 817-236-7506 or Robert Read @ 817-439-0757.





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- If you would prefer *NOT* to receive a paper copy (and view FLAPPINGS online at www.T67.org) please send an email to Melana Sinclair at hapa_asst_sec@yahoo.com
- 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.
- 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.

*BoD Meeting Thursday, Oct. 16th 6:30 PM
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