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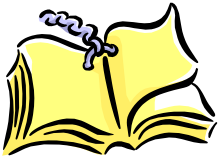


## Election 2007 special edition



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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](http://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](mailto:rons@concote.com)



# Presidents Corner

By Coy Surles

The following are Coy Surles working notes prepared for the October BoD meeting.

I would like to communicate the following:

- What this board stands for
- What this board stands against
- Areas in which this Board has not succeeded
- Areas in which this Board has succeeded

## We stand for

1. Improving taxiways
2. Improving the septic systems
3. Airport security initiative
4. Installing a south gate
5. Closing off two north entrances
6. Restating & amending the CCRs
7. Enforcing regulations and fines for mowing and other violations
8. Improving airport drainage
9. Membership involvement in reporting safety **and security infractions to the sheriff's dept.**
10. Membership involvement in airport beautification
11. Membership involvement in helping to manage aircraft right of way on taxiways
12. Members working together in the best interest of our airport (community involvement)

## We stand against

1. Behavior not becoming to our association
  - Threats of lawsuits against the board
  - Disorderly conduct at board meetings
  - Not keeping your property mowed and presentable
  - Speeding on taxiways (with aircraft or autos)
  - Constant complaining without creative input
  - Personal attacks against board members past or future
2. Business activity on the field that impedes aircraft flow or safety
3. Business activity that does measurable damage to our taxiways
4. Collection of fees after completion of the project
5. Using runway fees for taxiway improvement
6. Unfair allocation of septic system expenses due to residents and others using more than

the 40 gallons per day per lot that the systems were design to

7. The constant perpetuation of rumors with no basis in fact, thereby further dividing the airport
8. Members resigning from volunteer positions to show disdain for the board while caring **less about the association's best interest.**

## Areas we have not succeeded in:

1. Re-uniting the airport thereby utilizing all the intellectual resources and experience of past board members
2. Restating & amending the CCRs
3. Addressing security
4. Strict enforcement of deed restrictions
5. Adequately addressing septic repair needs **to prevent a repeat of this year's problems**
6. Resolving the Avery lawsuit
7. Keeping many unsightly lots mowed by not enforcing fines
8. South gate project has not bee completed

## What we have succeeded in:

1. We have survived a concerted effort of some members to totally undermine the board
2. We succeeded in getting the runway improvements done in spite of criticisms of timing and rain
3. We have made a dramatic improvement to our south entry way in part due to Jerry **Cannolly's contributions**
4. We have addressed many much needed taxiway repairs and most would agree our taxiways look better today than in years past
5. We have finally gotten a mowing contractor to use the right equipment on our fields and to do a very good job in making our field more presentable
6. We have developed a solid working relationship with the county to keep the wolf away from the door regarding our septic issues
7. We have kept spending inline with our overall budget, in spite of some hefty legal fees and septic repairs





# HAPA Annual Meeting & Dinner

Join the gang for the HAPA Annual Meeting. Dinner is on HAPA, followed by announcements, including Board of Directors Election results

Date: December 8, 2007

Time: 6 PM

Location: Colonial House Restaurant (Specializing in Home Style Cooking)  
3820 N. Main St (just east of Meacham Field)  
Fort Worth

Menu: 5 Entrees served buffet style with salads, many assorted vegetables, side dishes and deserts

Drinks: BYOB, and *please bring your own wine glasses*. Non-alcoholic beverages (including cups & glasses!) provided by Colonial House.

Parking is somewhat limited so car pooling is encouraged.



## A settlement has been reached in the Avery Lawsuit (pending court approval)

Court ordered mediation began on Saturday at 9:30AM and concluded at 6:30PM at which point an agreement was reached pending court approval. Under scrutiny and supervision of legal council, we were able to construct an agreement at no additional cost to the association. This settlement protects us from the potentially damaging effects of the Fifth Amendment being found invalid while allowing the core question of how we calculate future runway license fees to be decided by a majority vote of the association.

Upon receiving instructions from our attorneys, the agreement will be published to the membership.



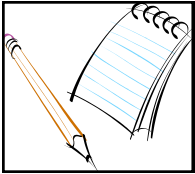
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# BoD Meeting MINUTES

*By Melana Sinclair, Assistant Secretary*

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 9 October 2007 at hangar 633. The meeting was followed one hour of open discussion. Items discussed during the open session were:

1. The BoD Majority position on Priorities, what are not the BoD priorities, what they have been unsuccessful & successful at over the past 10 months. (See Presidents Corner for a recap of these items)
2. Larry Henson presented a list of questions, which were addressed as time allowed
3. Taxiway repairs needed

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm after one hour of open discussion.

Board members present were Mr. Coy Surles (President), Stephen Ramsey (Vice President), , Mr. Mr. John Unangst, and Jerry Connolly. Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary) was present. Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran was present at the invitation of the Board. Board members Mr. Bill Akin, Mr. Bob Kraft were not present. Twenty one members of the Association were also present as observers.

Mr. Usher (Treasurer) reported the following:

1. There is approximately \$77K in the bank as of the end of August.
2. The 2007 Annual meeting will be Dec. 8, 2007 at Colonial House Restaurant – see this issue of Flappings for details
3. Mr. Usher is researching using a different bank for petty cash account that will be more convenient, and save on banking fees.

Mr. Ramsey (Infrastructure) reported the following:

1. Septic repairs have been made to the system with the broken tank  
Permit for septic repairs on the front taxiway were denied by the state

**Mr. Surles reported the following 'Unfinished Business':**

1. South gate project is awaiting approval from Burlington Northern Railroad
2. The Self Help Resolution has been filed and HAPA can now mow lots & charge fees for that activity  
Mr. Connolly & Mr. Ramsey has researched Security guard issues

**Mr. Surles reported the following 'New Business':**

HAPA has selected a taxiway lighting technician to support HAPA on a 24/7 basis effective in 2008 (Topic was voted on in executive session)

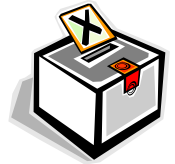
Mr. Surles announced that Mediation on the Avery lawsuit will begin on October 20. He stated that the BoD majority position was to go with open minds and the hope to accomplish something in order to reach a middle ground. Currently the following BoD members intend to attend the mediation: Coy Surles, Steve Ramsey, Jerry Connolly, Jim Usher, Bill Akin & Bob Kraft. If the mediation is unsuccessful at reaching a mutually acceptable conclusion, the trial date is set for February 28, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Melana Sinclair  
HAPA Assistant Secretary



# 2008 HAPA Board of Directors



There will be 3 BoD positions up for election this year. The following gentlemen have made their intention to run for the BoD known, and submitted biographies for this issue of *Flappings*:

- *Don Browning, Gene de Bullet, Kurt Buchert, Stuart Davis, Ted Kelso, and Jim Partington*

## Don Browning

**My name is Don Browning. I'm running for one of the three seats on the HAPA Board of Directors that will be vacated this year.** I was elected to the Board two years ago and served through September of this year when I resigned due a medical emergency with our youngest son which required my presence in New Jersey where he lives. We are hoping and praying that he will be completely recovered by the end of this year.

**Flappings contributor Melana Sinclair wrote an article about me for last month's newsletter, so I will not repeat that information here.**

Thanks to inspired leadership by President Coy Surlles and the dedicated efforts of the other Board members, I believe some progress has been made this year in solving problems and the reconciliation of the members. Most of you know that there is still plenty of room for improvement in the reconciliation department. Here is a short list of projects that I believe need our attention:

1. Writing and getting the approval (60% of the lots in favor) of an amendment to the CCRs that defines how to assess the Runway License Fee. The court is expected to order this in the next few days, if it has not by the time you read this.
2. Developing an equitable plan for funding septic system maintenance. My belief is that members who do not have water service, and therefore do not have a septic system, should not have their assessment money spent on the systems of members who do.
3. Improving airfield security, possibly through the construction of a South gate and a security patrol.

**What I'm hoping for, beginning today and growing in the coming years, is something that cannot be legislated - and that is 'forgiveness'.** Let us forgive all of our neighbors who have offended us in the past and make a conscientious effort to live and work together in peace. As an Amish man said a year ago, "Hostility destroys community." Let us not destroy our community.

## Gene de Bullet

**I have been a Property owner at Hicks since the mid 80's, own and fly a Cessna 421 housed in hangar (158)**

I am a conservative safety conscious pilot and my emphasis, if elected to the Board, would be just that- *safety and security on the field*. I am an objective and not a subjective person, as lawyers must be to represent clients. I would look at all sides of any issue. I am an active community leader and some of my accomplishments include:

President of the Fort Worth Junior Chamber of Commerce (JAYCEES), President of Lake Country Property Owners Association, Past Director of the Arts Council of Fort Worth, President and Scholarship Chairman of my Rotary Club, Past Captain of the Moslah Shrine Patrol Unit, Director of the Fort Worth Boys Club, Director of Precinct Four Longhorn Council Boy Scouts, Immediate Past Chair of the Fort Worth Airpower Council, Twenty year member of the National Defense Executive Reserve, Past Reserve Police Officer for the City of River Oaks, Master Mason- Julian Field Lodge 908, Scottish Rite (Crippled Children Charity), Moslah Shrine (Burn Centers for Children), Chairman of the Fort Worth Airpower Foundation (This organization funds over \$500,000 annually to local troops and their families)

## Kurt Buchert

My name is Kurt Buchert. My wife, Jessica and I own hangar 707. I would like to be a candidate in the upcoming BOD election.

I was born on March 8, 1961 in Tyler, TX. I grew up in Arlington and have spent all of my life here in the metroplex, except for 5 years I lived in Frankfurt, Germany. I married Jessica on September 10, 2005 on a cruise ship in Vancouver BC. We are both private pilots and currently own a 1965 Beech Musketeer. We bought the plane 2 1/2 years ago and rented space here at Hicks. We loved the airport so much that we bought 707 and built a hangar. I am a Sr. Project Manager for Tarrant County in the IT department.

I am interested in getting the CCRs revised and agreed upon so we can keep the airport moving forward. I believe that the agreed upon rules should be enforced to keep the airport safe for everyone.

## Stuart Davis

Hello, my name is Stuart Davis and I'm running for one of the HAPA Board openings this fall. I have lived on the airport in hangar 908 for almost 2 years now. I'm still spending most of my free time working on my hangar but that long list of projects is nearing its end. I have been an aeronautical engineer for 28 years, working at Lockheed Martin for the last 5 years. I have also been a pilot for the past 30 years and an EAA member since 1972. I'm a member of the flying club based in T-hangar 322 flying the green and white Cessna 150 that has probably grown to be recognized by many over the past several years. I also own a Wheeler Express S90 kit that I am building, which is approximately 25% complete. The S90 is in my shop where I manage to work on it once in a while. With the hangar list done and more time available for the S90 I'm estimating its completion and first flight some-time in 201(?).

Since moving to Hicks I have watched and listened to the many issues and concerns of the airport and my fellow HAPA members. I like the open communication policy of the board and hope to continue the positive direction of the board in solving as many of the issues as possible during my tenure. I feel that Hicks airport has a lot of potential and I want to improve the Hicks community for everyone to enjoy it more. It is my hope that anyone with questions, concerns, or issues will feel free to contact me and discuss ways to solve them. I look forward to working with everyone and with the 2008 board members.

## Ted Kelso

I would like to take this time to introduce my self to those of you who don't know me, I'm Ted Kelso. I own Hanger 137 (Ed Wheeler's old place) I have had one of my aircraft located here since 1996, my wife Terri and I liked what we found here so in 2004 we became hanger owners.

In July of this year, I was approached by some of the current board members and asked if I would consider running for the board next time around. After a great deal of thoughtful consideration I have decided to run.

This was not an easy decision for me. I understand there is a great deal of time and responsibility involved in being a board member. I know there are a lot of problems here, many can be addressed quickly and solved. Others will take a lot more time and consideration. It is the challenge of solving the really tough problems that makes it worth doing.

Hicks Field is a great place to live, work and play. If elected I will do my best to help keep it that way.

## Jim Partington

I am writing this by way of introduction. I am a long-term hangar owner at Hicks and currently fall into the 'out of state' owner category. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Board of Directors election. As one who is only on the field to enjoy the unique experience that is Hicks, I strongly believe that the operation of the field should and could be done with much less drama. I have an extensive background in operating difficult, diverse organizations and I can help remove the emotion from mundane operation of Hicks Airfield. Many of the issues to be addressed at Hicks are critical to its continued existence as an airfield. I am committed to address every issue with the preservation of the positive aspects of our unique community.

By way of supporting my qualifications and focus I offer a few facts:

- I am a retired AF pilot with 34 years of fighter and training operations. In addition, I ran several aircraft maintenance organizations. Over nine years of flying for a regional airlines gives me the insight to that part of the aviation world.
- I am an Air Force trained aircraft and engine mishap investigator with direct involvement in military and civilian commercial and private aircraft accident investigations.
- I have spent a lifetime in and around aviation. Military, civilian, commercial and private, flying, fighting and fixing aircraft; they are part of what I am. I know the support side, the operational side and have worked contracting.
- I have owned and operated several small businesses, both inside aviation and out. Once again, I see no reason that the needs of all cannot be met with minimal interference.
- Moving around the country and owning aircraft has given me experience operating in a T-hangar. These owners/renters also have needs to be addressed in the BOD.
- I maintain and fly a CJ-6 (Yak-18A) when I am not instructing in the C-17 in Altus OK where I rent a T-hangar. Drop by and we can discuss issues, flying or just swap war stories.



# Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

## HAPA Income Statement

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>August 2007</b>	<b>YTD 2007</b>
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	8,674	69,353
Runway Fees (470 Lots)	10,589	84,781
<b>Total Scheduled Income</b>	<b>19,263</b>	<b>154,134</b>
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	151	1,089
Fines	0	25
Miscellaneous Income	0	2,723
Interest Income	82	1,211
Gate Income	220	822
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>5,870</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,716</b>	<b>160,004</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	0	448
Bank/Check Charges	0	90
Collection Services	113	313
Copies & Postage	320	2,385
Data Processing	0	457
Rental/Storage	252	1,919
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	403
Supplies	0	0
Printing	179	1,501
Member Relations	0	206
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	600
Legal & Professional	61	9,255
Management Fees	854	6,832
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	337
Utilities		
Electricity	914	9,987
Telephone	0	14
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	0	6,423
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	0	2,560
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	1,278
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0



Sign Repair	0	0
Pavement Repairs	0	0
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	0	15,162
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	205
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	279
New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	0	114,625
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>175,279</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>17,023</b>	<b>(15,275)</b>
<b>Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>May 2007</b>	<b>Total Project</b>
New Runway/Taxiway Expense	0	316,619

*BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of August 30, 2007*

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	55,385
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB, Countrywide & FAB	1,200
Operating Cash - BOD Justin State Bank Cash-MM-Beal Bank Beal Bank Clearing Account - PMG	1,935 18,865 0
Total Cash	<u>77,385</u>
Accounts Receivable*	31,115
Total Current Assets	<u>108,500</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
Total Assets	<u>108,500</u>

Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 days	2,575
*Assessments over 90 days	24,395

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	40,095
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>40,095</u>
Other Liabilities	
Collection Cost/Other Escrow	3,294
Total Other Liabilities	<u>3,294</u>
Total Liabilities	43,389

**OWNERS' EQUITY**

Reserves	
Deferred Maintenance Reserve	21,818
Equity	
Retained Earnings	58,568
Total Owners' Equity	<u>80,386</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	-15,275
Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>108,500</u>



# Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, Nov. 3rd-Waco, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In McGregor Executive Airport (PWG) EAA Chapter 59 cooks it up every 1st Saturday 8:30- 11:00AM
-  Saturday, Nov. 3rd — Granbury, TX Pecan Plantation Airpark Fall Fly-in (OTX1) contact Doug Crumrine for more info 817-559-4665
-  Sat-Sun, Nov.9th-**10th, Waco TX. Texas Air Fiesta 2007 "Wings over the Brazos"** (CNW)TSTC Waco Come see warbirds perform a salute to Women in Aviation. F-15 demonstration team, Howard Pardue and his F-8 Bearcat , Tora! Tora! Tora! RV Formation, also see B-25's A-26's P-63 P-64 AT-6's BT-15's PT-19's C-47 L-5 O-2 T-28's AN-2 (Russian) and much, much more! Free Admission Gates open 10AM-5PM
-  Saturday, Nov. 10th — Fairview, OK 56th Annual Worlds Oldest Free Fly-in & Airshow Fairview Municipal Airport (6K4) Free breakfast for all who fly in 7-10 am. Free turkey for every 10th plane. Veterans ceremony 10:45 am Contact JR at 580-227-3788
-  Saturday, Nov. 10th — Lufkin, Texas EAA Chapter 1219 & Angelina County Airport (LFK)Fajita Fly-In Every 2nd Saturday 10:00-2:00 Discount Fuel for fly-ins
-  Saturday, Nov. 10th — New Braunfels, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In (BAZ) Every 2nd Saturday- Free pancakes, coffee, and discount fuel
-  Saturday, Nov 10th— Ft.Worth, TX. Spinks Open House/Fly-in (FWS)
-  Saturday, Nov. 10th— Gladewater, TX. EAA Chapter 972 Fly-In for Homemade Gumbo with a mystery meat. (07F) Gladewater Municipal Airport. 11am-1:30 pm
-  Saturday, Nov. 17th — Tyler Pounds Field Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast 8:00-11:00 Every third Saturday hosted by CAP
-  Saturday, Nov 17th — Denton, TX. Texas AAA Fly-in, Meeting, Lunch (DTO) lunch is pot-luck, covered dish, bring enough to share. Visitors welcome. See txaas.org for more details.



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- **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
- HAPA Annual meeting, December 8, 6:00 PM, Colonial House (*See page 4 for details*)
- This is YOUR newsletter- Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to Ron Sinclair at [rons@concode.com](mailto:rons@concode.com) by the 15th of the month.

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