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# Presidents Corner

*By Coy Surles*

This issue of Flappings is a wrap for 2007 and a great opportunity to express my gratitude for the contributions of our board and other members as well. While many members remain divided along lines of past board strategy versus this board, it is important we recognize the sacrifice of time and energy necessary to serve this association. It is in this spirit that I recognize the following people for their contributions this year.

## Don Browning (Secretary)

Don has been our go to guy this entire year on many details regarding our governing documents, meeting notes, interaction with PMG, the County Health Department, and frankly too many items to mention in this writing.

## Jim Usher (Treasurer)

**Jim has managed to keep us in the black in 2007 inspire of hefty legal and septic expenses. Jim's** leadership has netted us a truly quality mowing company, put teeth in fining those who do not maintain their property, and was instrumental in helping guide us through the legal maze of 2007.

## Stephen Ramsey

After another board members resignation from the septic committee, Stephen stepped up, took the ball, and ran with it. He was responsible for insuring several critical septic repairs were made along with overseeing taxiway repairs as well.

## Jerry Connolly

**Jerry joined the board late in the year and came at a time when we needed new perspective. Jerry's** business acumen and talent for getting to the root of the problem has served us well in his short tenure.

## Ron and Melana Sinclair

**Melana's contributions as assistant secretary were an absolute necessity this year. She kept the** meeting notes, reminded me and others of deadlines, as well as assisting Don Browning. The team of Ron and Melana has brought Flappings to a new level. The reviews from our readership have been extremely positive and I certainly hope they will continue their service.

## Bill Akin

Bill was very involved in the runway project oversight and through his efforts was able to negotiate a large section of the main taxiway repair within the same budget we allocated for the runway alone.

Ladies and gentlemen of the 2007 board, I thank you for your service to the association and more importantly your perseverance.

Cover Photo; HAPA President Coy Surles Bonanza crunched due to rod end bearing failure, resulting in nose gear retract on landing.



# 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.

## Hicks newest pilots

Congratulations!

### Private Pilots

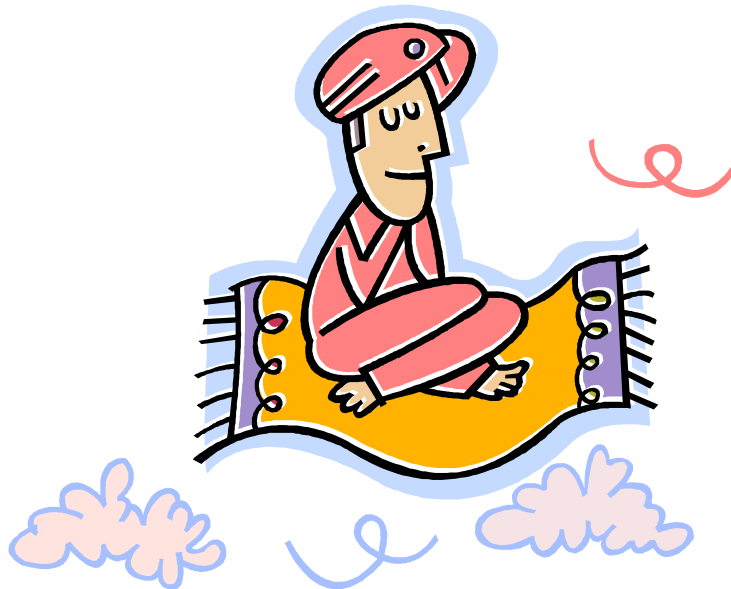
- Nittin Asnani (India)
- Mrityunjai Tailor (India)
- Darshan Gandhi (India)
- Ashish Kaushik (India)
- Zainal Khatani (India)

### Instrument Ratings

- Renato Cardoso (Cape Verdi)
- Jaymeen Patel (India)

### Commercial Pilots

- Arnav Tomar (India)
- Shyam Talwar (India)
- Rahul Tanwar (India)
- Noel Fernando (Sri Lanka)



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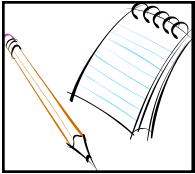
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*See Sandra Browning at Avery Tools, Hangar 111,*

*Between the hours of 9:00am to 4:00 pm*

*Or see Don Browning in his FERC-N-GO mobile unit.*

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# BoD Meeting MINUTES

*By Don Browning, Secretary*

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 26 November 2007 at hangar 633. The meeting was preceded by one hour of open discussion. Board candidates Mr. Stuart Davis, Mr. Ted Kelso, Mr. Gene DeBullet, Mr. Kurt Buchert and Mr. Don Browning spoke briefly of their credentials and visions for serving our airfield community.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm.

Board members present were Mr. Coy Surles (President), Mr. Stephen Ramsey (Vice President), Mr. Jerry Connolly, and Mr. James Usher (Treasurer). Mrs. Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary) and Mr. Don Browning (Secretary) were present. Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran was present at the invitation of the Board. Board member Mr. John Unangst was not present. Thirteen other members of the Association were present as observers.

Mr. Usher reported \$75,000 in the treasury.

Mr. Surles made a motion that the budget submitted by the budget committee be approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Surles made a motion that the election process submitted by the election committee be implemented by PMG. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Don Browning  
HAPA Secretary






# Flying safe

By Mike Bruno

There I was, leading a flight of 4 YAKs back into the traffic pattern at Hicks. The mission objectives had been advanced formation maneuvering practice, along with photo and video opportunities. I had the wingmen in route formation, which is looser than the normal fingertip position, and would allow my wingmen the opportunity to help me look for traffic. As we entered the pattern at the initial point for runway 14, I brought the flight into close echelon formation for the overhead traffic pattern. We remained 500 feet higher than the normal pattern to deconflict with any unseen traffic in the pattern. I had made the appropriate radio calls, and not heard any replies. As I pitched out for the downwind, I saw the traffic, on downwind to runway 14. We had heard no radio calls, and the other aircraft was painted an earth tone color which was very difficult to see. I called out the traffic to the rest of the flight, and extended our downwind leg to allow the traffic to land and clear the runway before our arrival.

At the debriefing, with frosty mugs in hand, we discussed the issue of the unseen traffic. Was he complying with all traffic pattern rules and regulations? Certainly. Radios are not mandatory, and he was on the proper downwind ground track and at the correct altitude. **Were we legal? Yes. Was the situation unsafe? No, but it could have been if we had failed to "see and avoid" the traffic before we got too close.**

I am sure we would all agree that operating at Hicks can be demanding, both in the pattern and on the ground. Our airport is a wonderful place where we all get to enjoy flying and other pursuits, but with the enjoyment comes a responsibility to maintain a safe environment for everyone. It is in our best interest to do everything we can to avoid accidents and the potential for unwanted outside influence. On the ground, we have aircraft ranging from ultralights to T-28s and large twins taxiing on narrow taxiways. Cars and delivery trucks are everywhere, along with joggers, walkers, bicycle riders and children playing hopscotch. In the pattern, we have aircraft of all types with or without radios, along with helicopters and the occasional jet transiting the airspace.

Finally, sharing your experiences helps us all benefit. A search of the NASA Safety reporting program turned up only a few for Hicks field. Filling out a NASA report helps us all learn from the event, as well as possibly providing immunity from potential certificate action. 





# Tips & tricks

By Gary Larson

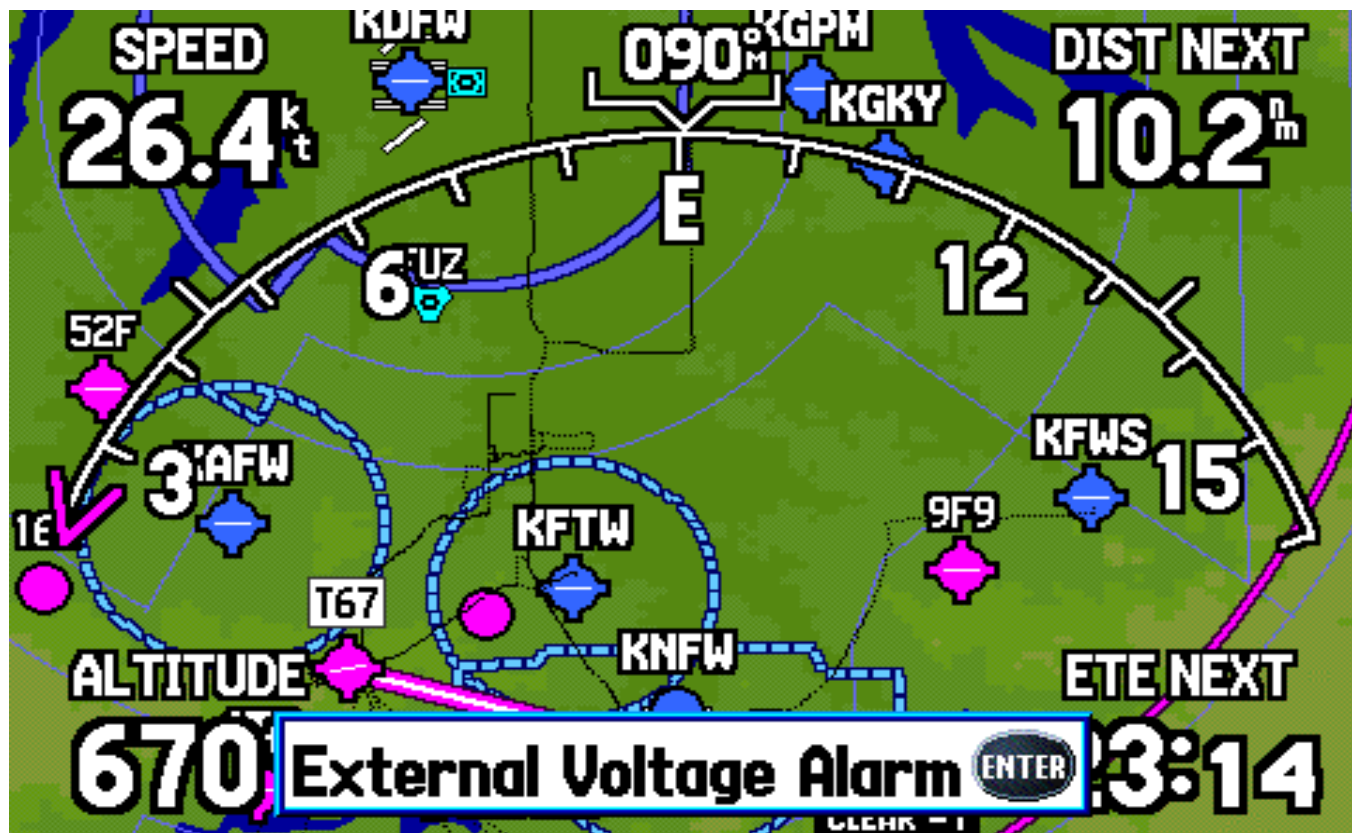
## Portable GPS as a Diagnostic Tool

I was flying home from a \$100 Hamburger run and I noticed the voltmeter looked to be reading a little low and the amp meter did not appear to be indicating a charge. I couldn't be 100% sure as these are analog gauges.

Once on the ground, I called my trusty A&P for some testing/troubleshooting advice. He suggested using a Digital Volt Meter to measure the bus voltage with the engine off and again with it running and the voltage should be higher with the engine running.

I didn't have my Volt Meter at the hangar, but I remembered my portable GPS can display input voltage. Engine off it read 11.3v (not a good sign) and engine running 11.2v (a worse sign). It turned out to be a simple fix, a loose wire caused the charging system problem.

I did a little research (I read the manual) and discovered that Garmin 296/396/496 GPS's have a feature that will warn you of potential electrical system issues in flight. The "External Voltage" Alarm sets an alarm to display (see below) when the external voltage drops below a specified level. This could warn you of a potential electrical problem earlier in flight than what you might notice in your normal instrument scan. ✈️





# Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

## HAPA Income Statement

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>September 2007</b>	<b>YTD 2007</b>
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	8,674	78,027
Runway Fees (470 Lots)	10,589	95,370
<b>Total Scheduled Income</b>	<b>19,263</b>	<b>173,397</b>
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	156	1,244
Fines	0	25
Miscellaneous Income	0	2,723
Interest Income	79	1,290
Gate Income	0	822
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>6,104</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,498</b>	<b>179,501</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	0	448
Bank/Check Charges	5	95
Collection Services	450	763
Copies & Postage	475	2,860
Data Processing	20	477
Rental/Storage	270	2,189
Licenses/Permits/Inspec Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	403
Supplies	0	0
Printing	0	1,501
Member Relations	0	206
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	600
Legal & Professional	2,739	11,994
Management Fees	854	7,686
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	3,017	3,017
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	337
Utilities		
Electricity	1,285	11,272
Telephone	5	19
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	2,273	8,696
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	3,899	19,061
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>	<u>15,292</u>	<u>190,571</u>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<u>4,206</u>	<u>(11,070)</u>
<b>Maintenance Projects</b>	<u>Sept 2007</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
New Runway/Taxiway Expense	0	316,619

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

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG	52,844
F A Bank	
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG	1,201
CAB, Countrywide & FAB	
Operating Cash - BOD	1,935
Justin State Bank	
Cash-MM-Beal Bank	18,918
Beal Bank	
Clearing Account - PMG	<u>0</u>
Total Cash	74,898

Accounts Receivable*	31,671
Total Current Assets	<u>106,569</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
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Total Assets	<u>106,569</u>
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Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 days	2,532
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*Assessments over 90 days	25,468
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**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	33,704
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>33,704</u>

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow	3,549
Total Other Liabilities	<u>3,549</u>

Total Liabilities	37,253
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**OWNERS' EQUITY**

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve	21,818
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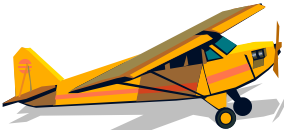
Equity

Retained Earnings	58,568
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Total Owners' Equity	<u>80,386</u>
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Net Income/(Loss)	-11,069
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Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>106,570</u>
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# Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, Dec. 1st-Waco, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In McGregor Executive Airport (PWG) EAA Chapter 59 cooks it up every 1st Saturday 8:30- 11:00AM
-  Saturday, Dec. 8th — 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, Dec. 8th — Lancaster, Texas Air Salvage Annual Saturday Sale. Lancaster Airport (LNC) shuttles to and from airport.
-  Saturday, Dec. 8th — New Braunfels, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In (BAZ) Every 2nd Saturday- Free pancakes, coffee, and discount fuel
-  Saturday, Dec. 15th — Tyler Pounds Field Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast 8:00-11:00 Every third Saturday hosted by CAP
-  Saturday, Dec. 15th — Gainesville, TX. Texas AAA Fly-in, Meeting, Christmas Party/Catered Lunch Gainesville Municipal Airport (KGLE) Members bring gifts for exchange and extra desserts. Fee for lunch. See txaas.org for more details or call Phil Cook 972-874-1117
-  Saturday, Jan. 1st — Horseshoe Bend, TX. EAA Ultralight Chapter 78 Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast Served from 9:00AM to 11:00AM Contact Ernie Duenzel for info 817-598-0809
-  Saturday, Jan. 5th — Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Pancake Breakfast Fly-In McGregor Executive Airport (PWG) 8:30-11:00 AM

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