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Clarissa (CiCi) Lopez prepares to take off in her Gee Bee Racer

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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,

We are nearing the end of another year in the history of your airport.

We are solvent and have had little expense not directly associated with capital improvements/maintenance of our airport.

We approved a budget for 2009 at the same rate as assessed for 2008.

We need for you, as members, to vote your minds and opinions at our Board elections scheduled for 12/6/08.

Lastly, Security and Safety issues are down to a few East/West taxiway incursions and dogs at large. Think about an airplane landing or taking off at between 70 and 100 miles per hour encountering a dog on the runway. The result could be disastrous and **we don't want that.**

Please let Larry Partain know if you're experiencing safety or security problems.

Sincerely,

Gene

HICKS AIRFIELD PILOTS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF
2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MEMBERS

Saturday, December 6, 2008

3:00 p.m. @ Hangar 629

6:00 At Colonial House

(details on page 8)



Captain Jay Pratt

By Don Browning, Hangar # 451

(Reprinted From the May 2004 issue of Flappings)

Bryan Martin says he thinks Jay Pratt is the hardest working person on the airport. According to Jay that has not been his goal in life; rather it has been to never have a job. But, as he says, sometimes you have to be responsible so that you can afford to be irresponsible. Pratt philosophy.

Jay was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and is a direct descendant of Captain Ephraim Daggett who distinguished himself in 1848 during the U.S.-Mexican War. In less than 30 hours, **Captain Daggett with Jack Hays' Rangers marched 107 miles to Mexico City and defeated a force five times their size while incurring no casualties of their own.** After the war Daggett became an early promoter of Fort Worth.

Jay began his "non working" career in a slightly different way. For about four years he skated as a (Jay is a Conservative) Right Wing for the Aspen Leafs hockey team in Aspen, Colorado and, to pay the bills, drove the Zamboni at the rink.

Used to the relative warmth of Fort Worth, he relocated to a more comfortable climate. Yes, Tortola, British Virgin Islands is a little warmer. In this Caribbean paradise Jay applied himself to sailing and the United States Coast Guard was sufficiently impressed that they issued him a merchant marine **Captain's license.**

As a Charter Captain, he sailed more than 3,000 vacationers around the islands, five to six at a time, over a period of seven years. They were appreciative. Lazy Jay also sailed other **people's yachts upwind back to their origin while the intrepid sailors who had sailed them to him (downwind) utilized swifter**



Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, BVI

transportation back. Some of these trips required 20 hours of challenging and exhausting seamanship to transit 80 miles. **We'll let you do the mile per hour math.**

So Jay, who is always trying to avoid work, decided to learn how to fly airplanes. Below is a photo of the Beef Island Airport, where Jay took his flight training. After that, he began a charter service flying a Bonanza V35P. Jay would transport people between the various islands and they were grateful to him for this service. Jay did this for eight years and then for some reason returned to Fort Worth.

In February of 2001, Jay began his present "non working" career assisting kit airplane builders to construct their projects, fly them, and live to tell about it. In these last three years he has built three airplanes of his own and provided major assistance with fourteen others. All of them are airworthy and are being flown by happy pilots. Not surprisingly there is a waiting list of folks who want Jay to help them build their **airplanes (no plastic ones, please), but don't let that discourage you.** Jay's hangar is # 584 and his phone number is 817-439-1220.

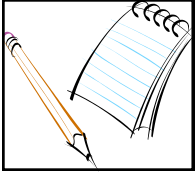
His latest project is the two place North Star shown above, **with Jay aboard. This very cool airplane "picks up where the Super Cub left off" according to its designer Morgan Williams Jr.** Jay already has seven hours logged in it.



The North Star weighs about 150 pounds more than the Super Cub, but is little wider and a little longer. It has all of the **"Alaska modifications" such as hydraulic landing gear shocks** instead of the bungee ones, reinforced wing struts, working doors and windows on both sides, float fittings, and a 180 horsepower engine. Jay surprised Mr. Williams by finishing each phase of the construction much sooner than Williams expected, or even believed possible. Jay did this so he would have more time to be irresponsible.

Jay likes to review his "non working" life as starting out as a "Rink Rat" then becoming a "Beach Bum" and now an "Airport Bum." Jay has set a fine example of how to live a life of leisure; one that we all might try to emulate.

Editors Note: As of the time of this printing, Jay has now helped build over 30 aircraft!



HAPA Board of Directors

October 16, 2008 Meeting MINUTES

By Don Browning, 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, Don Browning, Stuart Davis, Ted Kelso, Stephen Ramsey, Coy Surles, John Unangst and Jim Usher. Also present was Carol Moran, representing PMG.

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 September minutes were approved as written.

Reports of Officers:

President Gene de Bullet announced the expected closing on the first of three parcels of land owned by Burlington Northern is imminent and is the section where the south gate will be. Thanks were given to Ted Kelso for accomplishing the purchase of the land due to his hard work. The other two lots will close at a later date.

Treasurer Jim Usher presented the September Financial Report. It was approved.

Secretary Don Browning announced that he is working on the Annual Meeting Notice and Proxy and will send it to the other board members as soon as he is finished. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2008. Candidates who have expressed their willingness to serve are Bob Avery, Kurt Buchert, Gene de Bullet, Bryan Martin, Coy Surles and Jim Usher.

Reports of Committees:

Larry Partain informed the Board that the security company is doing a good job and complaints have gone down.

Mike Olsen reported that taxiway seal-coating and striping will begin on Monday, October 20, and most of the main taxiway will be closed until the work is completed. The area of a connecting taxiway that had been coned will also be striped.

Unfinished Business:

The septic situation was discussed and it was announced that the City of Fort Worth is building a pump station on Bonds Ranch Road and once it is complete HAPA will be able to pump to it.

New Business:

Ron Sinclair asked all members interested in running for the Board to have their bios to him no later than Saturday, October 18.

Roy Gear expressed concern about the helicopters from Meacham doing touch and goes on the HAPA runway and wanted the Board to stop it. Don Browning stated that HAPA is a public access airport and as such we cannot prohibit them from using it. Bob Reed suggested that they could use Alliance Airport because the runway is much larger. After much discussion the Board tabled it for the next meeting.

Don Browning announced that he had a 30 minute video from AOPA on the Airport Watch Program for those wishing to stay and watch it after the meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Browning
HAPA Secretary



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

| INCOME | September 2008 | YTD 2008 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Income | | |
| Regular Assessments | 20,084 | 180,153 |
| Initial Fee Income | 120 | 120 |
| Other Income | | |
| Late/NSF Fees | 195 | 1,612 |
| Fines | 0 | 25 |
| Gate Income | 78 | 455 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 0 | 1,156 |
| Interest Income | 120 | 911 |
| Total Income | 20,597 | 184,432 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Administrative Expenses | | |
| Answering Service | 0 | 40 |
| Bad Debt Expense | 0 | 12,609 |
| Bank/Check Charges | 0 | 135 |
| Collection Services | 42 | 101 |
| Copies & Postage | 380 | 7,369 |
| Data Processing | 0 | 393 |
| Rental/Storage | 305 | 2,767 |
| Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees | 0 | 0 |
| Meetings | 0 | 0 |
| Supplies | 0 | 0 |
| Printing | 274 | 2,438 |
| Member Relations | 0 | 129 |
| Professional Services | | |
| Accounting/Audit | 0 | 395 |
| Legal & Professional | 0 | 15,196 |
| Management Fees | 854 | 7,686 |
| Taxes and Insurance | | |
| Directors and Officers Liability | 1,793 | 1,793 |
| General Liability Insurance | 3,017 | 3,017 |
| Taxes - Other | 0 | 0 |
| Property Taxes | 0 | 51 |
| Utilities | | |
| Electricity | 839 | 11,166 |
| Telephone | 8 | 70 |
| Contracts | | |
| Courtesy Patrol Contract | 4,461 | 6,395 |
| Septic Field Contract | 0 | 0 |

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|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Repairs and Maintenance | | |
| Mowing | 744 | 5,631 |
| Electrical/Lights | 0 | 1,488 |
| Fences/Gates/Walls | 0 | 1,924 |
| Equipment/Tractor Repairs | 0 | 0 |
| Sign Repair | 0 | 0 |
| Pavement Repairs | 0 | 84,463 |
| Plumbing | 0 | 0 |
| Septic Field Repairs | 1,732 | 4,418 |
| 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>14,449</u> | <u>169,674</u> |
| Net Income/(Loss) | <u>6,148</u> | <u>14,758</u> |

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of September 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Operating Cash - PMG | 97,177 |
| F A Bank | |
| Runway Fee Reserves - PMG | 0 |
| CAB, Countrywide & FAB | |
| Operating Cash - BOD | 2,337 |
| Wachovia Bank | |
| Cash-MM-Beal Bank | 35,979 |
| Beal Bank | |
| Clearing Account - PMG | 0 |
| Total Cash | <u>135,492</u> |

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Assessments less than 30 days | 5,817 |
| Assessments 30 - 90 days | 4,287 |
| Assessments over 90 days | 20,175 |
| Accounts Receivable | <u>30,278</u> |

Total Current Assets 165,771

Other Assets

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Prepaid Expenses | 0 |
|------------------|---|

Total Assets 165,771

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts Payable | 120 |
| Prepaid Assessments | 35,729 |
| Accrued Expenses Payable | 0 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>35,849</u> |

Other Liabilities

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Collection Cost/Other Escrow | 3,257 |
| Total Other Liabilities | <u>3,257</u> |

Total Liabilities 39,106

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Deferred Maintenance Reserve | 0 |
|------------------------------|---|

Equity

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Retained Earnings | 111,906 |
|-------------------|---------|

Total Owners' Equity 111,906

Net Income/(Loss) 14,759

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 165,771



HICKS AIRFIELD PILOTS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS Saturday, December 6, 2008 3:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the members of Hicks Airfield Pilots Association ("HAPA") will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008, as follows:

- 3:00 p.m. **Location: Stephen Ramsey's Hangar at 629 Aviator Drive.**
Meeting will be called to order. Some of HAPA's Annual Meeting business will be conducted, with the election of members to the Board of Directors being the primary agenda item. The meeting will be recessed and reconvened at the Colonial House Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Location: Colonial House Restaurant
3820 N. Main St (just east of Meacham Field), Fort Worth
Meeting will be reconvened. Any remaining business items will be addressed at that time, to include announcement of the election results. This is also an opportunity for the members to get together in a social setting. We hope



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, November 29th— Tyler, TX. CAP Breakfast Fly-In Tyler Regional Airport (TYR) Fund Raiser, No Charge, Donations Welcome. Contact Louis Thomas (903) 521-3467 for times and info 107.3 NM ESE
-  Saturday, December 6th — Bowie, TX. Free Brunch for pilots & crew every weekend before the second Monday each month. Also free transportation to the Trade Show/Flea Market. (0F2) 9:00AM-11:00AM 44.2 NM NW
-  Saturday, November 13th— 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
-  Saturday, December 20th-- Gainesville, TX. Texas Chapter AAA Annual Christmas Party Fly-In and Meeting Gainesville Municipal Airport (GLE). The Noon lunch will be a catered Mexican Dinner and members will also bring Salads and Desserts to share. Bill Morrow, manager of Tomlinson Avionics will be our host. Visitors are welcome but should notify Maria Dougherty (817) 468-1571 in advance for meal catering purposes. 44.6 NM N
-  Thursday, January 1st— Carthage, TX. New Years Day Fly-In Panola County/Sharpe Field (4F2) 8th annual gathering of pilots at Swilley's hangar. Come on over and enjoy some East Texas hospitality. A traditional New Years Day lunch consisting of black eyed peas, corn bread, cabbage, and ham will be served beginning at noon. You are welcome to bring your favorite dessert to share too. What better way to kick off the New Year! Contact James Swilley (903) 633-8181 for more info. 163.8 NM ESE



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- 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
- *HAPA Banquet December 6th at 6p.m* Location: Colonial House Restaurant 3820 N. Main St (just east of Meacham Field), Fort Worth

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