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Presidents Corner



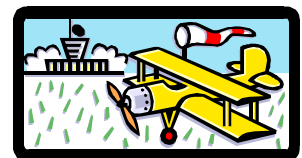
My Fellow HAPA Member,

During the last few weeks I have had occasion to drive around OUR airfield and talk to many HAPA members. Most members are pleased with the new boards business like approach and the spirit of cooperation on the many issues facing us. Remember I said cooperation, not total agreement. (IF you haven't been to one in the last few months you should. The March BOD meeting was completed by 8:30 pm). Your BOD is still a long way from getting all the members concerns addressed but are trying to eat this elephant, one bite at a time, and to do it correctly the first time. We will continue to keep the membership informed as to the issues and our actions on your behalf. I would ask any HAPA member who has a concern about the actions of your BOD to let us know those concerns. If you feel we have made a mistake, let us know. Come to a BOD meeting and talk to the membership. Let us know !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

son for all his hard work. The gates on the North end are all operational and I want to thank John Unangst and Bob Avery for their time and almost daily effort in keeping the gates working. We are still working on getting the Beacon totally operational and will keep you posted. Friday, a few weeks ago, a very enthusiastic group of volunteers held a Pot Hole Patching Party. They used over a ton of asphalt in the process and patched many problem areas. Some loaned equipment and some loaned strong backs but it all added up to a very effective event. Last but not least, a big thank you to Kathy for getting Flappings edited, printed, labeled and mailed. If I have missed any one I apologize. It is the "GOOD NEIGHBORS" and volunteers who make this a wonderful place to be. I for one am very happy to be part of the Hicks experience and invite everyone to take an active part in your investment.

Glad to be a HAPA Member

Jerry Stern
HAPA President



Much is happening, as spring arrives. The Master Plan committee held it's first meeting and is well underway to developing our Master Plan for submission to the FAA. The Maintenance committee reports that all the runway and taxiway lights are in operation and that the next project is to strategically move some of the lights to better identify features. Thanks to Alan Sander-

MEETING NOTICE

**HAPA Board of Directors
Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
Jerry Stern's Hangar/ #735**

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.

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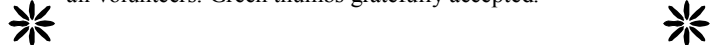


Landscaping

The Hicks Walking Club is currently working on a landscaping project for the airports front entrance. We would like to fund this solely through the generosity of HAPA member donations. We have determined that we need the following materials:

Landscape Stones	approx cost	\$200.00
Landscape Planter	approx cost	\$225.00
Shrubbery	approx cost	\$225.00
Solar Lights	approx cost	\$150.00
Fill Dirt	approx cost	\$125.00
Plants & Misc.	approx cost	\$100.00

If you would like to contribute towards the above items or if you would like to donate any of the above items please contact Kathy Stern at 817-439-0614 or Stern42@mindspring.com. We also will happily welcome all volunteers. Green thumbs gratefully accepted.



Income Statement
HAPA

INCOME	February 2005	YTD 2005	2005 Operations
Scheduled Income			
Regular Assessments	\$6,437	\$11,926	\$11,926
Runway Fees (471 Lots)	10,334	21,106	-
Initial Fee Income	-	-	-
Total Scheduled Income	16,771	33,033	11,926
Other Income			
Late Fees	311	590	590
Fines	(950)	(450)	(450)
Miscellaneous Income	335	1,282	1,282
Interest Income	148	260	260
Total Other Income	(156)	1,682	1,682
Total Income	\$16,615	\$34,714	\$13,608
EXPENSE			
Administrative Expenses			
Bank/Check Charges	35	70	70
Collection Services	174	507	507
Copies & Postage	795	947	947
Data Processing	-	404	404
Rental/Storage	-	170	170
Licenses/Permits/Inspec Fees	-	-	-
Printing	213	213	-
Member Relations	162	162	162
Professional Services			
Accounting/Audit	-	-	-
Legal & Professional	-	-	-
Management Fees	899	1,798	1,798
Taxes and Insurance			
Directors and Officers Liability	-	-	-
General Liability Insurance	-	-	-
Property Taxes	7	1,857	1,857
Utilities			
Electricity	797	2,179	2,179
Contracts			
Lawn Maintenance Contract	514	1,028	1,028
Light Maintenance Contract	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance			
Common Area Maintenance	-	380	380
Electrical	-	-	-
Fences/Gates/Walls	-	-	-
Landscaping	-	-	-
Lights/Bulbs	-	-	-
Equipment Repairs	-	-	-
Sign Repair	-	-	-
Taxiway Pavement Repairs	-	9,085	9,085
Plumbing	-	-	-
Septic Field Repairs	-	-	-
Gas/Oil	-	-	-
Other Expenses			
Hangar Rental	-	-	-
Misc. Expenses	1	2	2
Reserve Contributions			
Deferred Maintenance Reserve	6,525	6,551	6,551
Total Expense	\$9,910	\$25,354	\$25,354
Net Income/(Loss)	\$6,704	\$9,360	\$(11,746)

Minutes of HAPA Board of Directors Meeting March 8, 2005

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association

100 Aviator Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76179

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Hick Airfield Pilots Association was held on Tuesday March 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at Hangar 735.

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

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 7:00. With two board members absent, the president asked for proxies. No proxies were filed.

President Jerry Stern stated that John Unangst was unable to attend due to the recent loss of his father. Jerry made a motion to have the association make a donation in his father's name. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were accepted as previously approved. The Treasurer, David Feil was out of town on business, but made arrangements for Bob Samson to present the treasurers report. Bob reported that the HAPA CPA is working on the 2004 taxes and end of the year financials.

The account balances will be printed in Flappings.

Committee Reports:

Master Plan Committee, Larry Henson reported that the committee met March 5th. The committee currently has 11 members. Max Bandy is the committee chairman. Larry invited anyone who would like to help to join the committee. The next meeting is April 23rd at 9:00 in hangar #640. The complete report is attached.

Safety Committee, Mike Spivey: The first safety meeting of the year was held on Saturday, February 19th the response was excellent. Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 am.

Airport Security & Community Watch Committee, Larry Henson reported no action this month.

Annexation Committee, Max Bandy. No report.

Internal Audit Committee, David Feil, Reported (via Bob Samson) the committee has not met therefore there is nothing to report at this time.

HAPA Hangar Feasibility Committee, Jim Rockwood reported that he had contacted Justin State Bank. The bank would require 20% down, would finance the note for 15 years at an interest rate of 6.75%. The committee recommended postponing any further action at this time. Jerry Stern made a motion to table considering the purchase of a HAPA hangar. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Committee, Bryan Martin reported that all of the runway lights are working. The beacon is still not working but Jerry, Bryan, and Alan Sanderson will be working with Hallibrite to get it fixed.

Runway & Taxiway Committee, Jerry Stern reported that he and Bryan Martin will be getting bids on taxiway repairs.

Septic Committee, Jim Yule & Giffen Marr; No report.

Violation Committee, Mary Reddick: Reported there are only 13 violations reported from PMG this month. Two are currently working with the Board of Directors on a solution. Four have already taken corrective actions, and two additional violations were identified and added to PMG's list.

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

Architectural Committee-Phase 2&3, Don Davis: No report.

Welcoming Committee, Carol Morris: Reported (via Jerry Stern) 3 welcoming packets were delivered to new owners last month. In addition the welcoming package is in the process of being updated by the Hicks Airfield Women's Walking Club.

Social Committee, Debbie Campbell: BUNCO party this Saturday the 12th all are welcome.

Fly-Out Committee, Mike Reddick reported we're going to Angelina County Airport at Lufkin this Saturday, March 12. Plan on assembling on the ramp at Rio Concho Before 9 am (so you can attend the Hicks Safety Meeting at the restaurant scheduled to begin at 9.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Sweeper-** Jerry Stern is working on this project; the sweeper will be listed on EBay.
2. **Signs-** Carol Burns: We should have the new signs by next month.
3. **Re-stripe the repaired taxiways;** Mary Reddick: pending at this time.
4. **Liability insurance-** The letters requesting proof of insurance have been sent out.
5. **Website-** Jerry Stern will be working with Bryan Martin and PMG to provide the best solution for HAPA's growing communication needs.

New Business:

1. **HAPA Attorney;** John Unangst had requested that HAPA research hiring a new attorney to represent the association. He recommended Dean Riddle, of Riddle & Williams. This firm specializes in association law and is familiar with PMG. Jerry Stern met with Mr. Riddle and reported that he felt that this firm was very knowledgeable and would be very responsive to HAPA's needs. Jerry recommended changing from our current attorney (Annette Loyd) to Dean Riddle. Bob Samson made a motion to hire Riddle & Williams as HAPA's Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Violations: The board is working to improve the uniform enforcement of the CC&R's. The majority of violations are related to parking too close to the taxiways, outside storage, and people living in T-Hangars. In an effort to enforce the CC&R's the Board will be stepping up the towing of illegally parked vehicles. In addition, there have been several incidences of vandalism in the past month that have been traced to people located on the field, and the Board has received numerous reports and pictures of T-Hangar occupants relieving themselves between the T-Hangars and along side of the railroad tracks.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Burns
Secretary
Hicks Airfield Pilots Association

FAJITA FLY-OUT LUFKIN TEXAS

Submitted by Mike Reddick

Considering the short notice and blustery winds, we really did have a good turnout for our first fly out of the year. Shortly after the conclusion of the HAPA Safety Meeting at Rio Concho, we had 5 planes load up and make the journey.

Mary and I flew the RV, Larry & Dee Henson were in their Bonanza, Alan Sanderson took Stewart Crabtree and his wife Kathy in Alan's bright & shiny, freshly painted Cessna Skylane, Randy Smith had his son & two grandkids in his Bellanca, and Jerry Stern had Max & Cinnamon Bandy in his Bellanca.

We arrived to the biggest crowd of attendees that Lufkin has ever seen. The ramp was so full that they had to park us on a closed taxiway. The fajitas and homemade desserts were as good as always!

The variety of planes on the ramp gave everyone something to look at. Jerry even ran in to some Bellanca buddies. RV's of several types were scattered all around as were all major brands of production aircraft, even a few twins.

As soon as everyone was airborne for the trip home, we realized it was going to be a much slower trip home. Those northwest winds didn't let up at all. When an RV can only get 135 knots in cruise, you know you should be going the other direction.

With Sun N' Fun coming up next month, we may not have a lunch fly out. Right now the hot destination on my list is Snook, TX. It's a little bit west of Bryan-College Station. Look for details coming soon on Hicks411 and at the bulletin boards

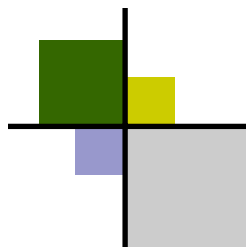
POT HOLE PATCHIN' PARTY

Submitted by Mike Reddick

Six volunteers turned out to work on the main taxiway and entrance to the airport on Friday, March 11th. Thanks go out to Bill Akin for the use of his truck to tow the trailer loaned by Terry Fisher. Bob Avery loaned us his brand new Toro blower that did a great job clearing the loose rocks. Hope The Home Depot treated you right Bob. We really did overwork it!

The "hot patch" method is really the ONLY way to go, not only from an economical view but from ease of spreading and tamping. If we had used bags of cold patch, the cost for materials alone would have been over 10 times higher.

Thanks for all the hard work for those that volunteered, who wish to remain anonymous. Only the cars trying to navigate the area that we were working on know our identities! The next "party" will be advertised on the bulletin boards and Hicks411. Come out and pitch in!



FAQ's (frequently asked questions)

This Question and Answer section is presented for members to ask and receive general information on topics affecting HAPA and Hicks airport. Questions are asked by members ,answers are obtained by accredited source and compiled by Jerry Stern

Q A few weeks ago we had a fire on the airport and I noticed that only one truck would hook up to our fire hydrants. Is there some thing wrong with our system ?

A According to Steve Creed, a Fort Worth fire fighter, it is standard operating procedure for the fire departments that responded to this fire **NOT** to hook up to a private water system for numerous reasons. One tanker truck from the Tarrant County Water District did use our system but it is not bound by the same restrictions. Per Steve, at no time was there a shortage of water to fight the fire. Steve has generously offered to answer any questions you might have and can be contacted at 817-980-9212. **Note... Our Special thanks to all the fire companies that responded to and helped put out the hangar fire !**

Q I heard that HAPA is lowering the speed limit on the airport. Why ?

A This change is per HAPA's insurance underwriter. We have been told to post many different signs alerting people on the airport to the hazards and rules. One such request was to lower the speed limit to 15 MPH. The signs have been ordered and should begin to be posted next month. The posting of these signs and the speed limit reduction were mandatory, from the underwriter and will help us maintain adequate insurance for the airport.

Q I want to pay a fine that I received or have a question. Do I send it to the same post office box that I send my regular payment to ?

A No, PMG has requested that any fines or letters with notes or questions be sent to PMG and not to the post office box that you send your monthly payments to. The post office box is merely a post office lock box, the contents of which go directly to the bank for posting. Any letters or notes sent to the lock box are discarded, never read and will not get to PMG. You may send your fines and/or questions to :

Principal Management Group
6707 Brentwood Stair Road Suite 110
Fort Worth TX 76112

BUNCO

Bunco continues to be a great hit as we held our third game in March. The turnout was a record breaker (32 players) as word has gotten around about the fun (and food!) If you would like to join the next Bunco game it will be held April 9th @ 6:30 pm in Mike & Mary Reddick's hangar # 593. As always your ticket in is a smile, a dish and a drink! (Adults Only Please)

Don't miss out on those highly coveted and valuable Dollar Store prizes!



Socially Speaking

Do you have an important event to announce? Know some good news you can't wait to share? Did you get your pilots license? Would you like to volunteer to help plan some of the upcoming social events for Hicks Airfield? If so, contact Debbie Campbell, Social Committee Chairman at 817.439.1936 or by e-mail dccamp3tx@mindspring.com

MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

Submitted by Mike Spivey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one who has given up a part of their Saturday morning to attend the safety committee meetings on February 19, 2005 and March 12, 2005. Your attendance and participation indicates strong commitment and support in making our airport as safe as possible for all of us. I would like to review a few of the topics discussed at the two previous meetings. The new airport signs have been ordered and should be in place very soon. The #1 sign change will affect the on-field speed limits. The Speed Limit for all vehicles will be changed from 30 MPH to 15 MPH throughout the airport. Please be vigilant when the new signs do appear.

Mike Heberling brought to our attention the new helicopter training pads and runways just northwest of Texas Motor Speedway. Pilots, be aware of their airspace!

The aircraft right-of-way issue seems to still be a major concern to many of our pilots. ALL vehicles will yield the right-of-way to ALL aircraft, regardless of the circumstance. PLEASE remember, aircraft cannot “whip a U-turn”, “throw it in reverse”, or “just go around”!!! This regulation applies to ALL vehicles, on every day of the week, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day! Let’s all try to do better with this issue.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Steve Creed and his brother, David. Steve is a Fort Worth fireman and David is the Chief of Police in Luling, TX. Steve and David provided a much-needed fire safety presentation at the March 12, 2005 meeting. Some of the highlights of their presentation are as follows:

#1 Above all else--PLEASE purchase and install smoke detectors! Smoke detectors should be installed in all living quarters and in the hangar, itself. There should be one in the kitchen and one in every bedroom inside your house. Make sure your smoke detectors have fresh batteries and are in good working condition!

#2 If you smell smoke and/or see fire--GET OUT, CALL 911, and STAY OUT!! Do not try to rescue personal belongings or memorabilia. Things can be replaced, a life cannot! Personal fire extinguishers can be useful, but they can provide a false sense of security, too. Fire extinguishers should only be used on very small, easily containable blazes. Remember, small blazes can quickly become large and out-of-control. Get out at the first sign that a blaze has become beyond your control!

#3 Escape ladders can help save lives. It was determined, however, that most commercially available escape ladders are designed to fit over a normal, residential window sill. As most of us know, our window sills are not “normal” due to their widths. These escape ladders should be effective on most of our patio balconies, though not on our windows. Escape ladders would still be a wise investment for use on our patios, since that could be our only escape route out of our living quarters.

#4 Have an ESCAPE route and plan. Decide the quickest route of escape and discuss this with every family member. Then PRACTICE this plan over and over!!

#5 DO NOT store highly combustible and/or flammable materials inside your hangar. Always keep flammable materials in metal containers. Remember, a fire is only a spark away when flammable material is involved! Do not add or remove fuel from your aircraft or vehicle inside your hangar without plenty of adequate ventilation. Try to do this outside the hangar where ventilation is not a problem.

#6 Introduce yourself and get to know your neighbor! We can all look out for and help each other in times of crisis!

#7 Finally--Use common sense and please practice fire safety vigorously!!!

The next safety committee meeting will be April 9, 2005 at 9:00 am at Rio Concho Café. See you there!

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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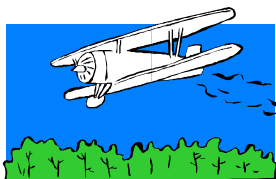
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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
December 3, 2005 Saturday	General Meeting Christmas Party	Debbie Campbell 817-439-1936



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