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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 parties, family reunions, meetings, etc.

Please contact Melana to enter your reservation for the Table and Chairs.

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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 lay out 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 rons@concote.com



Presidents Corner

By Coy Surles

My, can you believe we are embarking on the 4th month of the year. Where have the first three gone and more importantly where are we as a board, an association and a community? We still have taxiway repair issues, speeding, septic challenges, CCR violations and lawsuits abound. Is this board making progress in these areas and if so when can we start to see some results?

One of this board's hurdles has been a perceived lack of trust and confidence exhibited by some who opposed us in the recent election. This is a natural fallout and evolutionary process any time the baton is handed off. We harbor no animosity but do ask these individuals to put some of the rhetoric aside and give this board the benefits of the past Boards' earning's, committee findings and the like.

I believe our last board meeting was a productive start with several members in attendance letting their feelings and concerns be known. This input gives us the benefit of making informed decisions and please understand your suggestions and participation do make a difference. The March board meeting **was a milestone in that we covered virtually every 'top of mind' topic in the first hour and fifteen minutes.** Whether you are a board member, volunteer, or part of the general membership, we all have an obligation to put legs on these challenges.

Here is a snapshot of what you can anticipate over the several weeks.

1. Taxiway repairs to commence as soon as possible. Bids are in and we will be pulling the trigger soon.
2. We will be meeting in executive session to decide the best approach to the speeding problem. Much work has been done by past board members and we will be soliciting their help.
3. We will be appointing a new infrastructure manager as soon as we review the list of volunteers.
4. While the current budgeted amount for the south gate does not adequately cover the bids we have, the board will be reviewing time frames and options to make this happen within the fiscal constraints we face.
5. The runway sealing and center stripe are earmarked for completion in April. More to come on this- and we are looking into the possibility of parallel side runway markings as well.
6. Mowing with our new contractor has already begun and preliminary results are indeed favorable. Our Treasurer, Jim Usher is doing a good job supervising and managing this project.
7. Our board will be meeting in executive session over the next several weeks to begin the arduous process or CCR reform.

This board is committed to serving our airfield, so please- do not hesitate to call or email myself or any other board member. Our contact information is listed on the second page of this publication.

*April HAPA Board of Directors Meeting:
April 10, 2007 @ Hangar 155
"Let's Talk" at 7:00PM (not to exceed one hour)
BoD Meeting to Follow*



Tribute to a friend of hapa

So Long, Friend

By Don Browning

Jim Yule has sold his property at Hicks Airfield and is moving to the country. He is following through with his long established retirement plan of buying some acreage and playing with his toys. **We are sad to see him go, but we wish him God's speed.**

One of Jim's accomplishments on our behalf was leading the project to establish logical addresses for the hangars at Hicks Airfield instead of the lot numbers that used to be the scheme. If you look at your lot number on the plat, you will see that it doesn't intuitively guide you to the physical location. In order to establish a logical addressing method, he collaborated with the HAPA Board, the City of Fort Worth, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department, the U. S. Postal Service (USPS) and the City of Saginaw. After many phone calls and meetings, the present system was established as the best and most logical method to locate a hangar in an emergency situation. In consonance with the addressing project, he persuaded the USPS to install our mailboxes at no cost to us. He also worked out an accommodation with the owner of the hangar to which they are attached. This was all done with the help, direction and determination of then HAPA President, Dr. Jacque Boyd.

Jim strongly believes that the HAPA membership should be part of the decision making process on all expensive airport projects. He wanted member participation in deciding whether to spend thousands of dollars on this or that, but he always insisted on adherence to the CCRs. Jim and I have disagreed on various issues, but he and I know that people of good will can disagree and still be friends.

In his animated exchanges on our forums he never resorted to name calling or vitriolic responses against his detractors even as he endured their criticism. He would simply amplify or reiterate his position and never tired of doing so.

Let us close with the text of the program from Jim's last flight with Southwest Airlines. We quote:

Captain, Southwest Airlines
October 29, 1979 – September 13, 2006
Forced into retirement at the young age of 60 by an
outdated and Discriminatory Federal Regulation

Jim was born and raised in Cooperstown, New York. He received a Bachelors Degree in 1968 and a Masters Degree in 1974. After receiving his undergraduate degree, Jim joined the United States Air Force and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He attended Pilot Training at Craig AFB, located in Selma, Alabama and earned his pilot's wings in October 1969.

After Pilot Training Jim was assigned to command the O-2A as a Forward Air Controller and served in Viet Nam from March 1970 through February 1971. While flying in Viet Nam he received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and twelve Air Medals.

After completing his tour of duty in Viet Nam, Jim was assigned to the B52-Ds at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. He returned to Southeast Asia several times during the 1970s participating in the strategic and tactical bombing operations code named Bulletshot and the various Linebacker campaigns. While assigned to Strategic Air Command (SAC), Jim upgraded to B-52 Aircraft Commander in minimum time and served as an instructor, evaluator and staff officer.

While at Carswell AFB he successfully landed a severely crippled B-52 aircraft at Edwards AFB, California. For his airmanship skills, Jim was awarded Strategic Air Command's Kalberer Outstanding Airmanship Award, the most prestigious award within SAC. In addition to this honor, USAF Chief of Staff, General David Jones summoned Jim to the Pentagon where General Jones personally presented Jim the Mackay Trophy. The Mackay Trophy was established in 1912 and is the oldest and most prestigious trophy within the United States Air Force. Jim's name is inscribed on the trophy along with Eddie Rickenbacker, "Hap" Arnold, "Chuck" Yeager and many others. The Mackay Trophy is displayed at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC.

In 1979 Jim separated from active duty and joined a scrappy and little known airline. At that time, Southwest Airlines had only 15 aircraft; today that number is rapidly approaching 500. Jim served as a First Officer for three years and has been a Captain since 1982. He has over 25,000 total flight hours.

After his forced retirement, Jim plans to continue pursuing his hobbies of car collecting (primarily MGs) and vintage road racing with his good friends at CVAR.

End of quote.

Until I read the above, I didn't realize the magnitude of Jim's achievements. He has never been much of a self promoter.

One of my friends who flew with him on his retirement flight told me that as they were on the way to OKC a B52 was observed closing low. Jim announced to the passengers that in his previous job with the United States Air Force he had flown airplanes like the one they watched approach and fly directly below them. Who could have orchestrated such a profound tribute?

It has been an honor to know and work with Jim. May God bless him, his family, and the country he served so well. Thanks and best wishes from his neighbors at Hicks Airfield.



Javi goes home

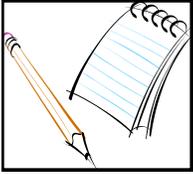
By Ron Sinclair

Javeed Hussein or "Javi" as he preferred to be called, has returned to his island paradise in the Maldives to fly Twin Otter float planes. Javi has made his mark at Hicks Field by befriending virtually everyone he met. He had been training at Pro Aircraft for quite some time- successfully getting all the ratings needed to return home for his career in the air taxi business.

Javi constantly patrolled the airport in the school's much used golf cart, or a borrowed bicycle in search of airplanes he could catch a ride in, or chores he could do to earn a little spending money. I for one, will miss his infectious smile and always upbeat attitude. He probably holds some sort of unofficial record for flying or riding in more aircraft based on this field than anyone before. Javi hated to see a plane taxi by with an empty seat.

You would be hard pressed to find someone with more love of aviation than Javi, and he is an excellent pilot. Javi won the prestigious Rio Concho landing contest this year, beating out some of the best pilots on the field. Let's all wish him well.





BoD Meeting MINUTES

By Don Browning, Secretary

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 20 March 2007 in Hangar 155. The president and secretary were present. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:12 pm after one hour and twelve minutes of open discussion.

Board members present were Mr. Coy Surles (President), Mr. Ron Sinclair (Vice President), Mr. Jim Usher (Treasurer), Mr. Bill Akin, Mr. Bob Kraft and Mr. Don Browning. Mrs. Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary) was present. Board member not present was Mr. John Unangst. Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran was present at the invitation of the Board. Seventeen members of the Association were also present as observers.

Mr. Usher (Treasurer) distributed copies of the most recent financial statement.

Mr. Akin (Infrastructure) reported that:

The south end gate project would cost approximately \$17K if made of steel and \$20K if made of aluminum (preferred).

That the April re-seal and painting of the runway would take approximately two weeks. The north end runway threshold lights were inoperative.

President Surles accepted Mr. Akin's resignation as Infrastructure Chair and moved that an appeal be made via the newsletter for a replacement volunteer. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Browning moved that Mr. Surles replace Mr. Kraft as Annexation Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Surles made a motion that the decision to have an airport security agent be postponed until more information could be obtained regarding the benefit of such a position. The motion passed.

Mr. Surles made a motion that the decision to tow vehicles be postponed until guidelines on how to properly conduct such a program could be established. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Don Browning
HAPA Secretary

	<p>You Are invited to celebrate Carol Morris's 40 Years of Flying Hangar 729, Saturday, April 7th 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Food & Drinks for all! Plenty of parking for planes and cars. <i>Come On By and Hangar Fly</i></p>	
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Hapa wants you!

We need a volunteer to
take over the job of
Airport infrastructure
chairman

Infrastructure Responsibilities for Hicks Airfield Pilots Association:

HAPA is seeking a volunteer to manage the on-going tasks of our airfield infrastructure. Listed below are our expectations categorized by the disciplines necessary to serve our community.

Maintenance:

- Taxiway repairs
- Runway repairs
- Septic system repairs
- North gate repairs
- Other pending airfield improvements such as the south gate construction

Administration and coordination:

- Meeting with current contractors and suppliers to coordinate their activity.
- Securing competitive bids for work to be done.
- Keeping contact records and bids for review by the board.
- Seeing that all contractors and suppliers are paid in a timely fashion.

Communication:

Working closely with the contractors and suppliers to make certain HAPA is getting the best possible value and the work is being done with agreed to standards in place.

Working closely with our treasure, Jim Usher, to insure funds are allocated and he is in agreement with the expenditure.

Presenting the board with recommendations of how to best proceed with any given project.

Working and coordinating with community volunteers to take full advantage of the people resources on our field.

Interested individuals should contact Coy Surles by phone or email. We would like to have this position filled as soon as possible.

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Financial reports

Submitted By Jim Usher

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	January 2007	YTD 2007
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	\$ 8,674	\$ 8,674
Runway Fees (471 Lots)	10,635	10,635
	19,309	19,309
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	-	-
Fines	-	-
Gate/Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Interest Income	139	139
	139	139
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 19,448	\$ 19,448
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Bank/Check Charges	10	10
Collection Services	300	300
Copies & Postage	385	385
Data Processing	418	418
Rental/Storage	178	178
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	-	-
Meetings	-	-
Printing	-	-
Member Relations	-	-
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	-	-
Legal & Professional	(225)	(225)
Management Fees	854	854
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	-	-
General Liability Insurance	-	-
Taxes - Other	-	-
Property Taxes	140	140
Utilities		
Electricity	880	880
Telephone	2	2
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	-	-
Courtesy Patrol Contract	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	-	-
Fences/Gates/Walls	-	-

	Equipment/Tractor Repairs	-	-
	Sign Repair	-	-
	Pavement Repairs	-	-
	Plumbing	-	-
	Septic Field Repairs	-	-
	Gas/Oil	-	-
	Other Expenses		
	Misc. Expenses	-	-
	Reserve Contributions		
	Deferred Maintenance Reserve	-	-
Total Expense		<u>\$ 2,942</u>	<u>\$ 2,942</u>
	Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$ 16,507</u>	<u>\$ 16,507</u>
Maintenance Projects			
	New Runway Expense	\$ -	\$ 316,619
	(Funded by Runway Reserves)		

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of Feb 28, 2001

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG Community Association Bank	\$ 98,785
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB & Countrywide	32,684
Operating Cash - BOD Justin State Bank	2,086
Short-term Investments - PMG Beal Bank	20,528
Clearing Account - PMG	<u>54</u>
Total Cash	154,137
Accounts Receivable*	30,791
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 184,928</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 184,928</u>

Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 days	\$5,038
*Assessments over 90 days	\$19,968

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ -
Prepaid Assessments	69,249
Total Current Liabilities	<u>69,249</u>
Other Liabilities	
Collection Cost/Other Escrow	1,386
Total Other Liabilities	<u>1,386</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 70,635</u>

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves	
Deferred Maintenance Reserve	\$ 21,818
Equity	
Retained Earnings	57,965
Total Owners' Equity	\$ 79,783
Net Income/(Loss)	34,511
Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>\$ 184,928</u>



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Sunday, April 1st — Roanoke, Texas Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for new taxiway. Northwest Regional Airport - (52F) Blue Hangar Cafe 10:00 AM-2:00PM
-  Saturday, April 7th — **San Marcus, Texas “Fly Day” Help fly children with disabilities** and serious illnesses on local flights. We need volunteer pilots from the area to fly these special needs children. Call for information 214-636-2467
-  Saturday, April 7th — Waco, Texas EAA Pancake Breakfast
Mc Gregor Executive Airport - (PWG) Every 1st Saturday 8:30 -11:00
EAA Chapter 59 host
-  Saturday, April 14th— Burnet, Texas Bluebonnet Airshow
Burnet Municipal Airport (BMQ) Gates open 9:00am for static viewing with flying beginning at noon. WW2 aircraft, museum, plus arts and crafts downtown. 512-756-2226
-  Saturday, April 21st— **Gladewater, Texas “Runway Gumbo” Lunch Fly-In**
Gladewater Municipal Airport (07F) Breakfast “Flapjacks”, Fix-ins & Juice 8:00am-10:00am. Lunch “Runway Gumbo” W/Mysterious Meats & Fishes 11:00am- 1:00pm Free transportation to town for “Gusher Days” Discount Fuel 903-574-3641
-  Saturday, April 21st— Tyler Pounds Field Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast 8:00-11:00
Every third Saturday hosted by CAP
-  Saturday, April 21st— Sanger, Texas Texas Antique Airplane Association Meeting
Bar V K (TX32) 817-468-1571
-  Saturday, April 21st— Ft. Worth, Texas Ft. Worth Aviation Swap Meet
Meacham Field (FTW) The first ever swap meet at Meacham will be held in the main parking lot in front of the terminal building. This will be a one day event. Vintage and modern parts and memorabilia. Displays of local aviation history. Free admission and parking. To rent vendor space, contact Dave Wood 817-441-9651
-  Saturday, April 28th— Granbury, Texas Granbury Municipal (KGDJ) EAA Chapter 983 Pancake Breakfast Fly-In 8:30-10:30 every 4th Saturday Door Prizes & Raffles
-  Fri-Sunday, May 6th— Temple, Texas Central Texas Airshow
Draughon Miller Central Texas Regional (TPL) 5th annual Central Texas Airshow. We start **an explosive weekend on Friday evening... fun, flying, fireworks, and pyrotechnics. A fun family event.** Many aircraft old & new, civilian & military. 254-298-5350



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TCM Service Bulletin SB03-3 states: "TCM requires a cylinder borescope inspection be accomplished in conjunction with the differential pressure test." (This is NOT an FAA mandate.) With the development of recent borescopes, this inspection becomes an excellent tool that will affect your decision on a suspect cylinder, regardless of engine manufacturer.

We have a solution: a borescope based here at T67.
For an appointment please call
Jim Usher @ 817-236-7506 or Robert Read @ 817-439-0757.



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Notices:

- The Official Hicks Airfield website is www.T67.org
- 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 updated 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**
- BoD Meeting, April 10, Hangar 155, 7:00 PM
Call Coy Surles or Don Browning to get a topic on the Agenda

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