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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 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

The unprecedented rain continues to stall the much needed mowing services and septic field evaluation here at Hicks Airfield. Regardless, there seems to be no shortage of opinion and armchair quarterbacking when it comes to short term and long term solutions. The reality is that many of our septic fields are in disrepair and simply are not able to keep up with use. Combine this with the swelling ground water, and more hangars on the systems and you have the worst sewage problem the field has ever faced. Make no mistake; we all have our investments and the future of our airport to protect. Once our engineer submits his recommendations we must decide how we are going to fund these improvements. Our current system of septic repairs dispersed from our general maintenance fund will not cover these costs. Additionally, on-going septic repairs need to be prorated through a much more equitable system and our septic committee is diligently working in this area. Stay tuned; there will be more to come on this issue.

Now let's move on to news that is more positive. Upon Ron Sinclair's resignation the number of members that stepped up to serve on the Board pleasantly surprised all of us. While Ron will be missed, he has agreed to continue as the editor of Flapping's and his wife Melana will continue her much appreciated contributions as Assistant Secretary to the Board. We had five excellent candidates, from which the board selected Stephen Ramsey to serve out Ron's remaining term. This is a natural extension of Stephen's demonstrated willingness to serve, as he is already a member of our septic and infrastructure committees. We look forward to Stephen's contributions, and encourage all those who volunteered to be Ron's replacement to run for the Board of Directors in November. There will be three seats open at the end of this year.

In spite of all the challenges we face, Hicks Airfield is a great place to fly, enjoy our hobbies, and perhaps even live. Our ability to work together to resolve these and other issues will determine the future of Hick's Airfield. I invite you to come to the meetings, write, email or call your board members and get involved in finding SOLUTIONS. 



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Cover: This month's 'Friend of HAPA', West Sanders in his Cessna 180 "War Wagon"



Tribute to A friend of Hapa

"West Sanders"

West Sanders— Aviation Nut & Aficionado
By Ron Sinclair

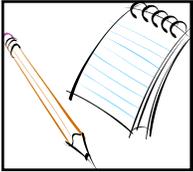
I may not know half the people on Hicks Field, but I would be pretty surprised to find **someone else with West Sanders' complete dedication to anything with wings. Sure, we all have a love affair to one degree or another with aviation, but West was bitten by the aviation bug when he was 3 weeks old. He's a second generation airline captain who's father often took him flying. West still has what's left of the old T-craft his dad took him up in until a tornado clipped it's wings forever. West came to Hicks Field 18 years ago, attracted by the fact that you could own and not just rent your hangar here. Over the years he's been one of those people who would help anyone with anything on the field. The kind of guy you would want as a neighbor.**

While interviewing West for this article it became obvious how much he enjoys aviation and has racked up an impressive log book of types flown to prove it. At the time of this publishing he has flown over 137 and still counting, including some of the stuff the rest of us just dream about such as World War II era bombers, and fighters. West is very active in the Antique Airplane Association, as well as the Seaplane Pilots Association. He also volunteers his time at the Vintage Flying Museum at Meacham. He is a life member of the EAA, AAA, and CAF, as well as being a 25 year member of AOPA. He never misses an opportunity to see and fly rare aircraft regardless of where he needs to go to find them. He recently ventured to Switzerland to see and sit in the left front seat of a Lockheed Orion once flown by the legendary Jimmy Doolittle. He also never misses an opportunity to fly one of the old war birds in air shows or ferrying missions.

West currently owns and flies a Cessna 180 that he has owned for over twenty years. With it's familiar Viet Nam era Forward Air Controller paint scheme, it's stands out from the crowd. He has been a professional pilot for over twenty years and did whatever it took to stay in aviation in the lean years, even working for Avery Tools here on the field doing odd jobs before hiring on to Frontier Airlines where he has enjoyed working (if you call *FLYING* 'work') for the past eight and a half years. Little do they know he would actually do it for free!

Aircraft aren't his only passion though, don't be surprised to see a thirties era tractor tooling down the taxiways from time to time, as that would be West on one of his two restored Farmalls. West puts those old tractors to good use by regularly helping his friends and neighbors by mowing their grass. He also has an affinity for hot rods and can be seen from time to time in either his T-Bucket Roadster or a tricked out Vette. He is active in car clubs and attends car shows quite often—he was going to two on the day I met with him.

With all those interests, West has still managed to donate much of his time to the betterment of Hicks Airfield. West has served on the Hicks Board of Directors, and has volunteered for just about anything that needed done here on the field. In the days before we got spoiled and started having professional lawn services mow the field, West and a few others would get out their mowers and cut the entire place. He would spend many an hour mowing that green stuff, in spite of his allergy to grass. West is one of those fellows that if you ask— **he'll be there-** No matter what the task. 



BoD Meeting MINUTES

By Don Browning, Secretary

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 10 July 2007 in Hangar 155. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm after 45 minutes of open discussion. Items discussed during the open session were:

1. Communications between the president and the HAPA attorney were not being shared with all of the Board members.
2. Parking violations.
3. Taxiway and runway discoloration.
4. Vegetation height violations.
5. Mowing around the taxi and runway lights.

Board members present were Mr. Coy Surles (President), Mr. Ron Sinclair (Vice President), Mr. Jim Usher (Treasurer), Mr. Bill Akin, Mr. John Unangst and Mr. Don Browning (Secretary). Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary) was present. Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran was present at the invitation of the Board. Twelve members of the Association were also present as observers.

Mr. Usher reported the following:

1. There is approximately \$60,000 in the bank as of the end of June.
2. He has received, and is seeking more bids from electricity providers in order to decrease our electrical expenses.
3. He is waiting for a third bid for the South gate project.
4. Some lateral fields were not mowed this week due to the saturated state of the terrain.

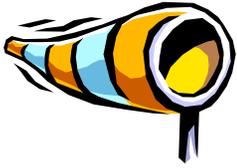
Mr. Surles made a motion that a process for filling Board vacancies be developed during a forthcoming executive session. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Don Browning
HAPA Secretary

*August HAPA Board of Directors Meeting:
August 14 , 2007 @ Hangar 629
"Let's Talk" at 7:00PM (not to exceed one hour)
BoD Meeting to Follow*

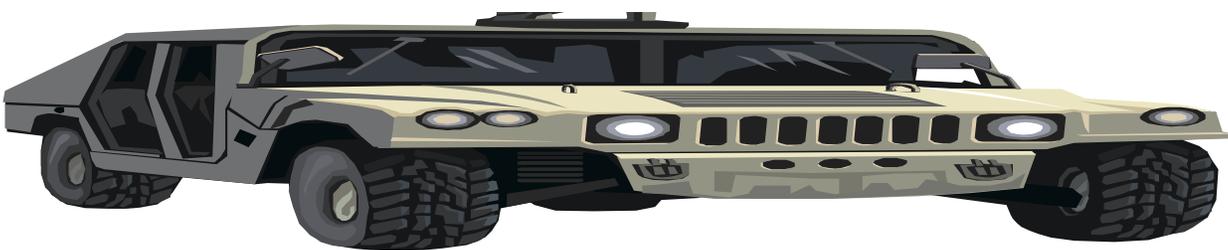


Airport Life

By Ron Sinclair

Hicks Field is a pretty cool place to live, work, and play. We all have our various interests here and we all want to pursue our happiness in our own way. Sometimes, however, we tend to forget that others are here pursuing their happiness as well. Whether we persecute one another for not sharing the same interest or lifestyle, or whether we inadvertently do things that interfere with one another, we need to make an attempt at being more considerate of our neighbors.

Perhaps one of the most often heard complaints is the ever present issue of parking on taxiways. **Regardless of why you're here on the field, we all need to understand that Hicks is first and foremost an airport.** Parking on taxiways often interferes with aircraft. If you are here pursuing other interests and are not a pilot you may not realize how difficult it can be to navigate the maze of parked cars, trucks, trailers, etc. Imagine for a minute that you have just purchased a Hummer H11; this sucker is 35 feet wide and has no reverse. **Wow, now THAT'S a Hummer! You can't drive it on any streets but you've found a place that caters to 35 foot wide Hummers...finally! Now maybe it wouldn't be a problem if someone parked their car or plane in front of you,** after all, it is a 35 foot wide Hummer and it probably has tires that would make short work out of someone that foolish and inconsiderate! Okay, maybe that comparison is a bit extreme, but the only difference is the fact that our planes, with the exception of **Jay Pratt's Super Cub, usually don't have Hummer H11 sized tires. Non-pilots aren't the only ones who tend to forget the rules either. I've heard of many a plane left unattended, parked in the middle of a taxiway...at least once while the pilot was enjoying a meal at Rio Concho!** Pilots at Hicks have many obstacles to carefully navigate on their way to and from their hangars. Lately we can add water flowing across our various routes as well. The general rule is not to park within 15 feet of the taxiway centerline. True, this is not easy sometimes, especially if you have a hangar stuffed full of your favorite interests and can't get your car off the taxiway. But we all knew this coming in, so don't expect any sympathy.



Lately we've had to resort to towing vehicles. Nobody wants to do that but patience is wearing thin and it beats using dynamite! Signs have been posted around the airport, and we can expect to see more enforcement of this basic rule in the future. The guidelines for towing are simple, if someone is blocking your hangar, you can give the service a call and have that vehicle hauled off. If someone is blocking a taxiway with an unattended vehicle then you can phone any of the airport directors found on the second page directory of this issue and they will have that vehicle removed. Make an attempt at communicating your complaint with people who block the taxiways and if they prove to be chronic offenders enjoy a clear conscious as their vehicle is towed off into the sunset.

On another subject, even though Melana and I will never win any Airport Lawn Of The Year award, we keep our grass knocked down to a manageable height. I hate to seem like a Lawn Nazi but there are a lot of overgrown weed gardens on the airport these days. These spots are not only unsightly but are great habitats for various unwanted pests. They also prevent standing water from evaporating off in a timely manner which provides all those pesky mosquitoes a good place to raise a family. Soon, we can expect to see more proactive enforcement in this area as well. There is no limit to the resources available for mowing your lot or lawn, including at least one ad in the back of this newsletter. In the future, the Airport Board may have your **lawn or lots mowed for you if, after a warning, the job still doesn't get done. This may seem convenient, but you will be charged for it, and beware, the bill will also include a fine.**

Ok, I'm almost off my soapbox...bear with me for just a second more... We all need to be just a little more considerate of one another here, we're all adults (at least physically), we should not need others enforcing common sense rules on us. Remember the 35 foot wide Hummer with no reverse next time you park on a taxiway!

Now on to a completely different subject. I have at the time of this writing resigned from the **Hicks Airfield Board of Directors. It has become very evident that I simply don't have the time necessary to devote to the BoD. I haven't been able to spend any time to speak of on my job as Safety Chair, or my assignment to get the FAA master plan in place.**

As some of you know, I am in the middle of a monster 'Do-It-Yourself' project to build an addition on to my existing hangar home. This has gotten far bigger than I originally projected and requires every bit of spare time I have. I told the wife and kids I would have it ready by Christmas... last year!

So, with the exception of being your fl appings editor, I have moved over to let someone with more time and energy take over my spot on the Board. For all of those out there who supported me in the election, I thank you, but it is time for me to put my nose to the grindstone **and get this project done....hopefully before this Christmas.**

Please don't hesitate to call, e-mail, or write with any stories you would like to submit to our newsletter. I would like to start a column devoted to some of the countless flying stories we all hear around here of our flying exploits. Be safe.



Did you Know:...

There are two avenues to report possible deed violations. You can either notify the HAPA Board, or contact Associa (Principal Management Group). On the www.T67.org website, under **'Owners Info'**, click the link to **'HAPA Deed Violation Reporting Form'**. Complete the form, print it out and deliver to a BoD Member. Or, Any HAPA Member may call or email Carol Moran at Associa (Principal Management Group) at any time to report perceived infractions. Carol will investigate and if the situation warrants, she will send a letter to the responsible party/property owner. Please provide the address, and a brief description of the problem. It is not necessary to send photos.

Carol Moran

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Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	May 2007	YTD 2007
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	8,647	43,330
Runway Fees (470 Lots)	10,612	53,106
Total Scheduled Income	19,259	96,436
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	152	657
Fines	0	25
Gate/Miscellaneous Income	2,723	2,987
Interest Income	126	672
Total Other Income	3,001	4,341
Total Income	22,260	100,777
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	6	405
Bank/Check Charges	0	80
Collection Services	50	300
Copies & Postage	183	1,514
Data Processing	20	457
Rental/Storage	252	1,162
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	403
Supplies	0	0
Printing	206	1,163
Member Relations	0	206
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	0
Legal & Professional	0	1,661
Management Fees	854	4,270
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	337
Utilities		
Electricity	1,160	5,908
Telephone	5	10
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	1,388	4,907
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	0	933
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	744
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0

Sign Repair	0	0
Pavement Repairs	0	0
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	289	12,512
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	205
Capital Improvements		
Septic Drainage	0	279
New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	114,625	114,625
Total Expense	<u>119,038</u>	<u>152,081</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(96,778)</u>	<u>(51,304)</u>
Maintenance Projects	May 2007	Total Project
New Runway/Taxiway Expense	114,625	316,619

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of May 31, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG Community Association Bank	36,028
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB & Countrywide	903
Operating Cash - BOD Justin State Bank Short-term Investments - PMG Beal Bank Clearing Account - PMG Total Cash	2,089 18,691 0 <u>57,711</u>
Accounts Receivable*	32,726
Total Current Assets	<u>90,437</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
Total Assets	<u>90,437</u>

Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 days 3,725

*Assessments over 90 days 23,047

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,611
Prepaid Assessments Accrued Expenses Pay- able	57,752 0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>59,363</u>

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow	3,381
Total Other Liabilities	<u>3,381</u>

Total Liabilities 62,744

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve 21,818

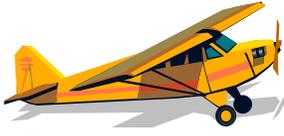
Equity

Retained Earnings 57,180

Total Owners' Equity 78,997

Net Income/(Loss) -51,304

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 90,437



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, August 4th — Waco, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In McGregor Executive Airport (PWG) EAA Chapter 59 cooks it up every 1st Saturday 8:30– 11:00AM
-  Saturday, August 11th — July 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, August 11th — New Braunfels, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In (BAZ) Every 2nd Saturday– Free pancakes, coffee, and discount fuel
-  Saturday, August 17th-18th Oklahoma City, OK Okie Derby Proficiency Air Race Wylie Post (PWA) Test your flying skills in this fun event. For more info, or to enter contact Amy McCue (405)359-9774 or E-mail AmyMcCue@sbcglobal.net
-  Saturday, August 18th— Houston, Texas Wings and Wheels Beech Bonanza Birthday Bash Hobby Airport (KHOU) Celebrating sixty years of model 35 Bonanza RSVP ahead to Francisco Gutierrez 713-454-1940
-  Saturday, August 18th— Tyler Pounds Field Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast 8:00-11:00 Every third Saturday hosted by CAP
-  Saturday, August 18th— Roanoke, Texas AAA Fly-In, Meeting, Lunch Northwest Regional Airport (52F) 1100-1400 Hrs, lunch at noon is potluck, covered dish, bring enough to share, visitors welcome (At Austin's hangar)
-  Saturday, August 18th— Granbury, Texas Fly-In Breakfast Granbury Municipal Airport (GDJ) Fly-in breakfast every 4th Saturday Breakfast will start at 8:00 am till 10:30 rain or shine! Special events and door prizes for everyone!
-  Saturday, September 1st— Olney, Texas ASC Nationals Fly-In Olney Municipal Airport (ONY) National fly-in for all types of aircraft. Airplanes, Gliders, Powered Parachutes, Weight Shift, Helicopters, Gyrocopters, Lighter than air, radio controlled models and all. Call 940-564-2938 for more info.



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- 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, August 14, Hangar 629, 7:00 PM. Call Coy Surles or Don Browning to get a topic on the Agenda.
- This is YOUR newsletter- Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to Ron Sinclair at rons@concote.com by the 15th of the month.

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