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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

Election time is right around the corner. This column is simply a call to the membership for candidates. We have three available seats– and the standard undercurrent of aviators versus car guys; T-Hangar versus large hangar owners, and/or businesses; and residents right to exist. Hicks Airfield is comprised of a diverse group of people, which gives rise to on-going challenges in identifying our goals and taking the necessary steps to accomplish them.

Those willing to serve must understand that serving in this environment will certainly put you in a position of pleasing some while potentially alienating others. Ideally, candidates must be willing to look at the airport as a whole, versus simply pandering to their own constituency and interest.

Those willing to serve should contact Jim Usher at the email and phone number listed in this edition. Please do not hesitate to call either myself, or any other Board member for further discussion or answers to your questions. Jim will ask for a brief biography to be published in the November issue of Flappings.

While our airport and our investments continue to grow, this BoD and future boards must always be mindful of how special this place is. General aviation airports across the country are closing at alarming rates so we must work hard to preserve what we have here at Hicks Airfield.

Tragic Night at Hicks

The evening of Monday, August 27th was a sad night for Hicks Field with a tragic motorcycle crash at the South end. A 23 year old Watauga man entered the one-four runway at the North end and proceeded at high speed down the runway . Witnesses said he was at a very high rate of speed within a few hundred feet of the South three-two end of the runway when he finally applied heavy braking, albeit too late. The rider lost control of his bike and slid into a fence bracing post. Several people came to the young man's aid, and did what they could until help arrived, unfortunately he later died of his injuries. All of our hearts and prayers go out to his family in their time of loss.

Cover: Don and Sandra Browning enjoying some quality time in Creede Colorado.



A Friend Of HAPA

"Don Browning"

By Melana Sinclair

This month I would like to tell you all about a gentleman I met before I even owned property here at Hicks. We met through a mutual friend in the summer of 2002. My first impression of Don was that he was this super nice guy that you could not help but like – but boy is he sharp as a tack! Not only that, but he is devoted to his wife, his friends, and Hicks Airfield. I am pleased to count Don Browning as a true friend in my journey through life. There is not a doubt in my mind that Don will step forward and assist Ron and me – no matter the task, no matter the issue or time required.

As long as I have known Don, and shared dreams, aspirations, and every day experiences, I was surprised to learn a few things about him that I did not previously know when I 'interviewed him' for this article.

Don grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – more affectionately known as 'Philly'. I won't tell you exactly what his birth date is, or how old he is – but you may be able to figure it out, as Don tends to talk in numbers ... However, I will share with you some of his fond memories, and hopes and aspirations for Hicks Airfield.

Don does not remember a time he was NOT fascinated with airplanes, airports, and aviation in general. He remembers as a child in Philly playing 'paper airplanes' (my term, not Don's!) with his brother. Only his paper airplanes were actually made of cardboard boxes that they made into airplanes. They reenacted air battles as they imagined what had played out during World War II, which had just recently ended.

When Don was a young lad who had recently completed High School his mother 'highly recommended' he join the Navy. Don looks back at that as a 'life saving experience'. He signed up with the desire to 'steer ships', but Uncle Sam had his eyes on Don to go to Aviation Electronics School. Since the word 'Aviation' was in that title, he liked it! Don went on to spend 20 years in the Navy working in various weapons control functions, and all over the world. Even functioning as a radar operator in F-4 Phantoms – in flight! Now Don was a truly happy guy!

Don met Sandra during one of his many training episodes. He was in Tennessee in 1962 at the Naval Air Technical Training Center learning all about advanced electronics when he decided to take in some R&R at a local Bowling Alley, where he met Sandra! They were married about two months later. They enjoyed a peaceful four years of shore duty, but alas - eventually Don went back out to sea. As a matter of fact, his naval duties took him away from home so much that in 1967 that he was only home for three weeks out of the 52! Don could share with you many of his memories of his time on the USS Independence, as well as many of his other tours of duty throughout his 20 years of service.

Don got his private pilot certificate on his 50th birthday in 1991. Don had been a fixture around here for some time before he actually bought property and built his hangar home here in 1999. Don had been renting aircraft from Lou Rainone at Pro Aircraft when the decision was made to update and modernize Lou's computer system. Don kindly stepped forward to assist them with the labor hours he spent repaid in 'trade' in the form of the use of the aircraft in their stable – for free. It was truly a 'work share' that worked out for everyone. By the way – when Don retired from the Navy, he went to IBM, where he has been gainfully employed since 1978. He had just the sort of experience Lou needed to get his new system up and running. Don is now 'semi-retired' from IBM, clocking only 1000 hours a year supporting their many projects all over the country.

Now that Don has more 'free time' he enjoys scooting about in the T210L Turbo Centurion that Sandra

and he purchased a few years ago. He has flown the paint off that bird – literally flying coast to coast. I never know when I call Don if he will be in Bentonville working for IBM, or visiting family in Memphis or New Jersey ... or in San Diego or Pensacola enjoying some Navy reunion, or at the Daytona 500 with friends, or somewhere else! Don has truly discovered the freedom of Flying!

Don has proudly served on the HAPA Board of Directors for two (non-consecutive) terms. He was also the Editor of Flappings in the 2004 timeframe. Don has also spent many hours maintaining the north gates- whether it was as simple as replacing batteries, or diagnosing and repairing other problems. If you would like a north gate remote opener - Don is the man to see. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting Don yet, then look for the distinguished looking gentleman pedaling about the airfield on his bike. Don spends many an hour touring the field keeping up to speed with all of the various goings on. (OK – I know that Don is not the only guy to ride his bike around the field – he is one of many!) Although Don recently resigned from the Board, he still intends to be very much a part of Hicks Airfield for years to come, and looks forward to contributing to the airfield and this community that he loves, in the future.



Labor Day weekend was a bad one for one of our own. Lee Burgin and his son were traveling in their Bonanza when they experienced an engine failure . All attempts at restarting the engine failed, and Lee had to set it down in a residential neighborhood. The plane struck power lines and ended up nose down **just a few feet from a carport.** Lee’s son escaped the wreckage with cuts and bruises, while Lee had to be extracted by the fire department. Both are now recovering from their injuries.

*October HAPA Board of Directors Meeting:
September 9, 2007, Hangar 633
"Let's Talk" at 7:00PM (not to exceed one hour)
BoD Meeting to Follow*



Airport wedding bells ring

By James West



Mr. Rick Phillips and Ms. Deanna Lewis exchanged wedding vows Sunday August 19, 2007 at 2:30 pm in hanger 808 Aviator Drive Hicks Airfield. Pastor Gordon Nelson conducted the double ring ceremony uniting the couple in the midst of family, close friends and all of Rick's toys.

The couple met when Ms. Lewis applied in response to a want ad for employment as a business broker for JRP Heavy Haul, a firm owned by Rick Phillips. She told friends at the wedding "This was the best want ad I ever answered."

Business matters drew Rick and Deanna together and since Rick hangs his company plane, a Cessna 310, a company owned 45 foot Motor Coach, and his well preserved Harley Davidson in hanger 808, and they appreciate the quietness and solitude of the hangar—they chose to hold their wedding there.

The couples children: Teanne and Matthew Lewis; Mistie and JC Phillips; were attendants of their respective parent.

Rick Phillips is the founder of JRP Heavy Haul, a firm that specializes in hauling any sized heavy equipment from point A to point B, anywhere in the country.

It was a lovely wedding and a good time was had by all. We wish them every blessing!



Hapa wants you!

For the Board of Directors

Tired of the same old daily grind? Tired of sitting around with absolutely nothing to do? Tired of life without political intrigue and excitement? Well wait no more! Throw your name in the hat for the upcoming Board of Directors election!

Three positions need to be filled and YOU could find yourself on the Board of Directors before you know it. If you want to try your hand at making improvements to Hicks Airfield where so many others have failed, then step right up and sign on the dotted line.

Have a neighbor who's kicked sand in your face? Well its payback time, baby! Become a Board member and show them who has the power now! Be popular! Make new friends and enemies! Drink excessively! These are just a few things you can do on the BOD!

Oh, but be wary my friends, this is not a job for the weak of heart, or mild mannered. This is not a job where common diplomacy gets things done. This is a job for someone with a killer instinct and a desperate desire to use it!

Remember the BOD slogan: "Today the Airport, Tomorrow the World!"

So run, don't walk to the nearest Board Member and say YES! I want all those things and more!

Good Luck!

Contact the Board member of your choice to sign up today.

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Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	July 2007	YTD 2007
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	8,674	60,678
Runway Fees (470 Lots)	10,589	74,192
Total Scheduled Income	19,263	134,870
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	149	938
Fines	0	25
Miscellaneous Income	0	2,723
Interest Income	386	1,129
Gate Income	338	602
Total Other Income	873	5,417
Total Income	20,136	140,287
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	43	448
Bank/Check Charges	10	90
Collection Services	200	200
Copies & Postage	320	2,064
Data Processing	0	457
Rental/Storage	252	1,667
Licenses/Permits/Inspec Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	403
Supplies	0	0
Printing	179	1,323
Member Relations	0	206
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	600
Legal & Professional	1,448	9,194
Management Fees	854	5,978
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	337
Utilities		
Electricity	1,476	9,073
Telephone	4	14
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	758	6,423
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	10	2,560
Fences/Gates/Walls	534	1,278
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0

	Sign Repair	0	0
	Pavement Repairs	0	0
	Plumbing	0	0
	Septic Field Repairs	0	15,162
	Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses			
	Misc. Expenses	0	205
Capital Improvements			
	Septic Drainage	0	279
	New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	0	114,625
Total Expense		<u>6,088</u>	<u>172,586</u>
Net Income/(Loss)		<u>14,048</u>	<u>(32,299)</u>
Maintenance Projects		May 2007	Total Project
	New Runway/Taxiway Expense	0	316,619

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of July 31, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG 46,470
C A Bank & F A Bank

Runway Fee Reserves - 1,199
CAB, Countrywide & FAB

Operating Cash - BOD 1,828
Justin State Bank
Cash-MM-Beal Bank 18,806
Beal Bank
Clearing Account - PMG 0
Total Cash 68,303

Accounts Receivable* 29,663

Total Current Assets 97,966

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses 0

Total Assets 97,966

Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 2,671

*Assessments over 90 23,523

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 0
Prepaid Assessments 46,750
Accrued Expenses Payable 0

Total Current Liabilities 46,750

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow 3,129

Total Other Liabilities 3,129

Total Liabilities 49,879

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve 21,818

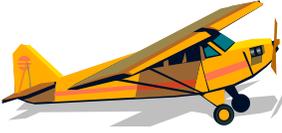
Equity

Retained Earnings 58,568

Total Owners' Equity 80,386

Net Income/(Loss) -32,299

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 97,966



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, October 6th-Waco, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In McGregor Executive Airport (PWG) EAA Chapter 59 cooks it up every 1st Saturday 8:30- 11:00AM

-  Thursday, October 11th, McKinney TX. EAA Chapter 1246 host a float plane talk at Collin County Community College Everything you ever wanted to know about float planes but were afraid to ask! Contact Bob Rogers 972-761-2280

-  Saturday, October 13th — 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, October 13th — New Braunfels, Texas Pancake Breakfast Fly-In (BAZ) Every 2nd Saturday- Free pancakes, coffee, and discount fuel

-  Saturday, October 13th— Ft.Worth, TX. Vintage Flying Museum 17th Annual Big Band Hangar Dance 8PM till Midnight BYOB, Featuring the Alan Glasscock Orchestra. **Take a tour of "Chuckie" the museums prize B-17!** Purchase tickets online at www.vintageflyingmuseum.org or call 817-624-1935 for more info.

-  October 18th-21st Fredricksburg TX. Red River Swift Wing Fly -In Come to the Hangar Hotel at T-82 and see Swifts galore and enjoy good flying and good hospitality. For reservations call 830-997-9990. Call Stan Price 817-488-8623 or Ed Lloyd 512-282-0882 for more info.

-  Saturday, October 20th — Tyler Pounds Field Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast 8:00-11:00 Every third Saturday hosted by CAP

-  Saturday-Sunday, Oct 20-21st- Fort Worth Alliance Airshow See the Blue Angels, The US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Red Barron Squadron and much much more!

-  Saturday, October 20th- Sangar, TX- AAA Fly-In and lunch at Eddington Field lunch is pot-luck, covered dish, bring enough to share. Visitors welcome. See txaaa.org for more details.

-  Friday-Saturday October 26th-27th— Ft.Worth, TX 4th Annual Cowtown Warbird Round-Up Meachum Field 505 NW 38th Street Hangar 33s. Hosted by the OV-10 Bronco Assoc. and Vintage Flying Museum. Admission is \$5.00 per person which goes towards the restoration of vintage aircraft and aviation education programs. 10AM-4PM BE THERE!!!!

-  Friday-Sunday, Oct 26th-28th, Reklaw, TX. 23rd Annual Flying M Ranch Fly-In and Campout, and 15th Annual Cub Migration Aircraft Owners, Pilots and other Aviation enthusiast welcome NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Over 330 aircraft in attendance last year! Visit the web site at www.reklawflyin.com or phone 936-369-4362 for more info.



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For an appointment please call
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- 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
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