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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 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 rons@concote.com



Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

With just over two weeks in office and some "bumps and grinds" we, as a board, are off to celebrate 2008.

We recognized a couple of "typos" as to assessments as billed by our management company. We also discussed some potential septic system problems, lighting discrepancies (taxiway and runway), and other needed repairs.

There will always be some on-going problems with violations of CCRs and how to handle and deal with those affected.

We are nearing a final list of committee chairs and who will take the time to serve on various committees. I should have a list to publish next time.

Our goal is to manage Hicks Airfield for less money than has been spent in the past. It costs time and money to process any complaint; point being, if you have a genuine complaint that is one matter, but please help the Board save the Association the time and expense of unnecessary attorney and management services.

Let me thank everyone who has helped us out so far and for their guidance and advice.

Sincerely,

Gene de Bullet, Jr.

From The Avery Family to all their friends here at Hicks **Bob & Judy Avery's** 4-1/2 year old grandson Julian Michael Avery received his wings and made it to heaven on Saturday January 19th after an 10 month battle with brain cancer (medulloblastoma). The Avery family appreciates all of the prayers, thoughts, and support from the Hicks family during our difficult time. This poem is one Mimi Avery wrote for Julian.

Fly high...

Fly high, lil man,
The sun and you are one.
You won't ever be cold again,

I will always keep my eyes to the skies...
Today, the sunshine was a little warmer,
Tonight, the Milky Way a little brighter.

I feel your hand in mine and your face on my chest.
I feel you looking up at me,
Begging for a kiss.

"Just one more kiss, Mama...
One more dinosaur kiss,
Because I really like you "

Come closer baby, It is ok now,
You are done fighting ,
You are done hurting.

Give me one more smile,
One more silly face,
And one more hug...

You can go, now, you can go,
The boys will be fine,
Daddy and I will love on them for you...

My heart is shattered, baby,
But so much bigger, so full of love...
I will miss you forever...

So for now, Fly high, lil man...
With your brand new wings,
Fly high, all the way to Heaven...

Good night, sweet pea, sleep tight,
Your mama, the lil one...



Cover: Mitchell Wagner gives the thumbs up after pre-flight check.



HAPA Board of Directors Organizational Meeting MINUTES

By Don Browning, Secretary

An organizational meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 11 December 2007 at hangar 639.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were Mr. Coy Surles (President), Mr. Stephen Ramsey (Vice President), Mr. Jerry Connolly, and Mr. James Usher (Treasurer). Board members elect present were Mr. Stuart Davis and Mr. Don Browning. Board member Mr. John Unangst was not present.

Mr. Surles made a motion that Mr. Gene de Bullet be appointed President. The motion passed.

Mr. Surles made a motion that Stuart Davis be appointed Vice President. The motion passed.

Mr. Surles made a motion that Mr. Jim Usher be appointed Treasurer. The motion passed.

Mr. Surles made a motion that Mr. Don Browning be appointed Secretary. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

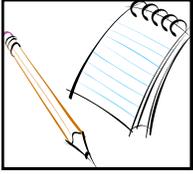
Don Browning
HAPA Secretary

NOTICE:

Stephen Ramsey (Septic Committee Chairman) will be unavailable from January 10 through February 15. If you need assistance concerning Septic issues please contact Ted Kelso at 817-721-4861 or tedkelso@hotmail.com

NOTICE:

The HAPA Board is constantly being notified of various drilling derricks being raised around Hicks Airfield. Please note that these derricks can be as high as 350 feet. All derricks must be properly flagged and lighted per FAA guidelines, and are below required thresholds. These temporary derricks come and go so quickly that to maintain a published listing in Flappings is unrealistic. Please be aware of those being constructed in our area.



HAPA Board of Directors January Meeting MINUTES

By Melana Sinclair, Assistant Secretary

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 10 January 2008 at hangar 111. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

Board members present were Mr. Stuart Davis (Vice President), Mr. Jim Usher (Treasurer), Mr. Don Browning (Secretary), Mr. Coy Surlles, and Mr. Ted Kelso. Mr. Gene de Bullet (President), Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary) and Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran were also present. Board members Mr. John Unangst and Mr. Stephen Ramsey were not present.

Mr. de Bullet made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the 11 December 2007 organizational meeting for the HAPA Board of Directors. The motion passed.

Mr. de Bullet made a motion to appoint Mr. Stephen Ramsey and Mr. Ted Kelso as Septic Committee Chairmen. The motion passed.

Mr. de Bullet made a motion to accept the financial statement and balance sheet for 31 October 2007 as published in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Mr. Usher (Treasurer) reported that there is approximately \$87K in the bank as of the end of October 2007. Mr. Usher also provided a Statement of work and initial estimate for establishing an official HAPA website. Additional bids will be requested and reviewed prior to approval from the Board. Mr. Usher requested that Ms. Carol Moran explain why the HAPA coupons books were delayed in being mailed. Ms. Moran stated that it was due to the need to verify square footages based upon Tarrant Appraisal District records, and the amount of time it required. Ms. Moran will prepare a letter in response to several inquiries she has received.

Mr. Browning made a motion to move the petty cash account from Justin State Bank to Wachovia Bank, which has a branch in Saginaw. The motion passed.

Mr. de Bullet made a motion to appoint Mr. Stuart Davis as Architectural Committee Chairman for Phase I. The motion passed.

Mr. de Bullet made a motion to accept a proposal to install two taxiway lights near the north run-up area. The motion passed.

Mr. de Bullet made a motion to defer the decision on a proposal to install a lockout box for runway/taxiway light maintenance until it could be discussed with Ms. Brunson as to access without the need to incur costs. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Melana Sinclair
HAPA Assistant Secretary



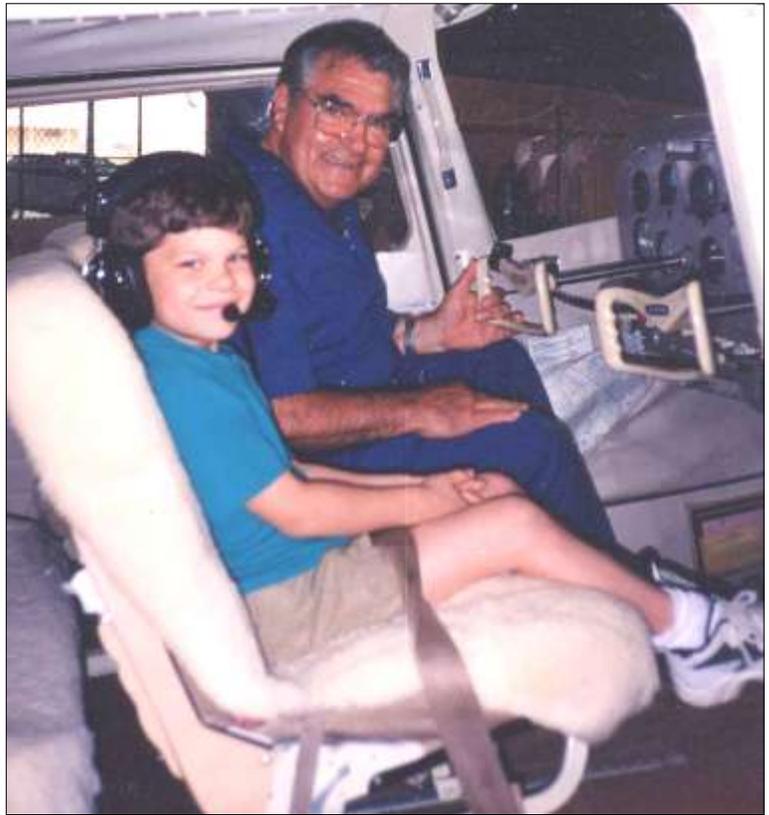
Mitchell Goes to college

By Ron Sinclair

At one time or another, I'm sure we've all seen a little J-3 Cub flying at Hicks in winds that keep the birds grounded, doing vertical take-offs and one wheel landings in strong direct crosswinds. I had watched Mitchell Wagner's prowess with his dad's Cub in amazement even before I learned that I was watching a sixteen year old student pilot. Mitchell is now 18, and holds many ratings: Private Glider, Instrument Airplane, Commercial Airplane, Certified Flight Instructor with Instrument Airplane, Multi engine, and tail draggers. Add to all that, flight experience in close to forty types of aircraft from Luscombes, Aeroncas, and Cubs with no electrical system, up to the most advanced 777 simulator! Jay Pratt recently offered him the opportunity to fly the test hours on a new RV-8, which Mitchell jumped at, logging over 35 hours in the little high performance tail dragger while Jay was on vacation. A regular fixture here at Hicks Airfield, Mitchell is quick to help anywhere he can, and has made many friends and gained the respect of veteran pilots with his skill and natural leadership. As well as being a member of EAA, and AOPA, he is also quite active in local flying activities. It is always great to get a call from Mitchell as he quickly arranges a fly-out to bring people together at such places as the Hard 8 in Stephenville, and other local fly-in destinations. **Look for him also on the DFWpilots.org web site as "twincubcommanche1989" conversing on his favorite subject.**

As a third generation pilot in his family, his aviation heritage provided great opportunities early on. His first memo-

ries of flight were of being strapped in his booster seat while on a family outing. Mitchell's log book begins with Cessna 172 time at age 7, and now has over 500 hours of Cub, 350 hours of Bonanza (which he soloed at 16), and a large amount of Twin Comanche time recorded in its pages. Mitchell soloed a glider at age 14 and earned the SSA Silver Badge before earning his sailplane rating at age 16. His personal record is 7 hours aloft! Doing just about anything he could to be close to flying, he even worked as janitor at Hicks on-field flight school Pro Aircraft to help buy gas. Mitchell also worked with Bob Avery at Avery Tools, quickly gaining his respect with his work ethic and enthusiasm. I asked Bob if he had anything to offer on Mitchell and he had this to say: "Mitchell has worked part time for the past year or so in our machine shop at Avery Tools. Mitchell thrived on seeing how things were made and how each machine worked. He tried his hand at every machine in our shop. I exposed Mitchell to TIG welding, CNC lathe machine operation, operating a manual Bridgeport mill, and operating a manual Clausing lathe (by the way the welder, mill, and lathe are each over 20 years older than Mitchell!). Picture a sponge soaking up water – that was what it was like being in the room with Mitchell, watching him learn something new about a tool or machine he had never seen before. A remarkable young man indeed, and a remarkable set of parents that gave Mitchell the skills and opportunities to learn and succeed."



Mitchell's Grandfather and 1st CFI in 97'

With his CFII/MEI ratings fresh in his pocket, he now instructs every opportunity he can at both the flight school, and as an independent instructor on the side. He enjoys instructing and encouraging potential pilots anywhere he can. **As an EAA member he has flown over thirty Young Eagles in that organization's introductory program.** He also volunteers his time to Challenge Air, which offers inspirational and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through aviation. **He has taught both his mother, and little sister to fly the family's Cub.** His sister, Miranda, is becoming an excellent Cub pilot herself at age 12, so look for her to follow the family footsteps into the sky as well.

With all that aviation experience, you may think a person like that would be a bit cocky, but you would be wrong! **Mitchell is very modest and polite, and not one to brag, or to criticize other pilots' abilities. At the risk of embarrassing him further, I would also like to add that he is an Eagle Scout and past Senior Patrol Leader of his large troop. One day Mitchell took over eight hours to give each and every one of his fellow troop members a ride in his Cub. But wait, there's more! How about being an Honor Roll student at Keller High, National Honor Society member, National Art Honor Society member, and a Texas Scholar, as well as a Varsity football player as a corner on the school's team?** Mitchell is quick to recognize the support and sacrifices his parents have made over the years to support his passion for flight. His father, Mark, flies 767s for American Airlines, and has provided lots of fuel, both literally and figuratively to encourage his son's love of flying.



Hitting the chalk line at a local Fly-In with his favorite plane.

Last year, while at Oshkosh, Mitchell came across a Kansas State University booth advertising their flight program. Even though Mitchell had envisioned going to a much larger school such as Texas A&M, he was impressed with the program they offered. On the way home, he and his parents dropped in at the Kansas State campus and had a look for themselves. Kansas State offered Mitchell many opportunities, including an instructor's position while he earns his major in aviation and minor in business at their facility. Mitchell expects to spend two and a half years at college, a short stint with a commuter airline, and on to follow his dad's footsteps to American Airlines by the time he turns 21. His drive, enthusiasm and character should help him easily accomplish those goals. Kansas State is about to get a positive boost to their flight program with his arrival. Ask just about anyone at Hicks about Mitchell, and you'll see why I'm certain that I speak for everyone when I wish him God's speed and good luck in his flying future. Now I just have to figure out how to hook him up with one of my three daughters! ✈️



The Wagner Family, left to right: Mitchell, Michelle (mom), Mark (dad) sisters Miranda 12, and Mirielle 16



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	November 2007	YTD 2007
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	8,674	95,181
Runway Fees (470 Lots)	10,589	116,548
Total Scheduled Income	19,263	211,729
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	160	1,575
Fines	0	25
Miscellaneous Income	0	2,723
Interest Income	83	1,462
Gate Income	39	861
Total Other Income	282	6,646
Total Income	19,545	218,375
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	0	448
Bank/Check Charges	0	95
Collection Services	811	808
Copies & Postage	363	3,855
Data Processing	0	477
Rental/Storage	257	2,700
Licenses/Permits/Inspect Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	403
Supplies	0	0
Printing	176	1,677
Member Relations	0	206
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	600
Legal & Professional	(6,497)	6,601
Management Fees	854	9,394
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	4,810
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	337
Utilities		
Electricity	1,680	14,523
Telephone	4	36
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	758	10,211
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Septic Field Contract	0	(3,899)
Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	0	2,560
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	1,659
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	0	0

Pavement Repairs	0	0
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	150	25,231
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	108	313
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	279
New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	0	114,625
Total Expense	(1,336)	197,949
Net Income/(Loss)	20,881	20,426
Maintenance Projects	Oct 2007	Total Project
New Runway/Taxiway Expense	0	316,619

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of November 30, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	63,715
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB, Countrywide & FAB	1,204
Operating Cash - BOD Justin State Bank Cash-MM-Beal Bank Beal Bank Clearing Account - PMG	3,356 19,039 0
Total Cash	<u>87,314</u>

Accounts Receivable*	36,460
Total Current Assets	<u>123,774</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
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Total Assets	<u>123,774</u>
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Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 days	3,660
*Assessments over 90 days	26,874

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	19,141
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>19,141</u>

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow	3,820
Total Other Liabilities	<u>3,820</u>

Total Liabilities	22,961
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OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve	21,818
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Equity

Retained Earnings	58,568
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Total Owners' Equity	<u>80,386</u>
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Net Income/(Loss)	20,427
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Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>123,774</u>
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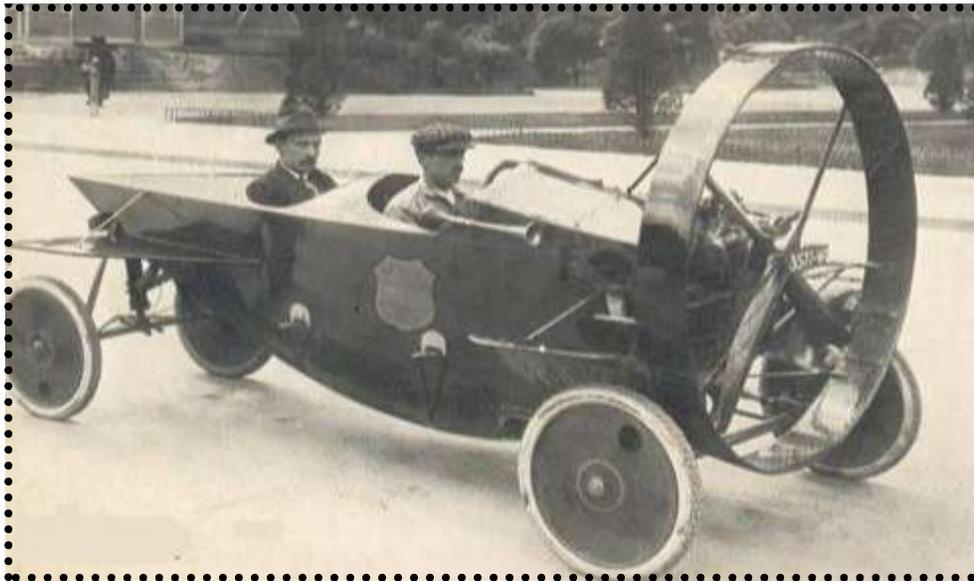


Fly Ins & Outs

-  Wednesday, Feb 6th—Ft. Worth, TX. American Airlines CR Smith Museum Features an evening with **CHUCK YEAGER!** Share an evening with General Chuck Yeager as he shares his heroic exploits! Get your tickets for this unique opportunity online, in the museum gift shop or e-mail Latanne Steel (latanne.steel@aa.com). Seating is limited so order your tickets today! Tickets are \$30.00 or \$25.00 for museum members. 7 PM Ph. 817-967-5995 <http://www.crsmithmuseum.org/flashintro.htm>
-  Saturday, Feb. 9th — 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
-  Saturday, Feb. 9th— Lufkin, TX. EAA Chapter 1219 & Angelina County Airport Fajita Fly-In (LFK) Every 2nd Saturday 10.00-2-00 Discount fuel for fly-ins.
-  Fri-Sat, Feb. 29th-Mar 1st— Oklahoma City, OK. Training EXPO 2008 Will Rogers World Airport (KOKC) Classroom training and flying evaluations. Taught by professionals. Bring your family copilot. Contact: Harry Weatherford 405-745-2855 Weatherfordco@aol.com



Mystery machine



Think you know your aircraft? Think you know your cars? I thought it would be appropriate for Hicks Field to combine the two in this first installment of a new monthly contest to name obscure and little known creations in aviation. This bizarre automobile was rife with obvious short comings which doomed **it from the start (which could explain the serious looks on its passengers faces). I can't help but wonder** what Ralph Nader would have to say about *THIS!* Obviously, reverse would be a problem. Of course, nowadays we have constant speed props with reverse capabilities, so maybe one of the Big Three will **resurrect this zany roadster...just think, a Hemi powered version would absolutely dominate NASCAR!** then again, maybe not. Send your answer via e-mail to flappingseditor@yahoo.com The first correct answer will be published next month and win absolutely nothing but the amazement, respect and admiration of all your neighbors. Good luck 



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

We have a solution: a bore scope based here at T67.

For an appointment please call
Jim Usher @ 817-236-7506 or Robert Read @ 817-439-0757.



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- We are continually updating the online version of the HAPA membership directory- if your info needs updating 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
- This is YOUR newsletter- Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to Ron Sinclair at flappingseditor@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month.
- *The 2008 BoD is looking for volunteers- Please Contact any Board member to volunteer to help with the continuing improvement of Hicks Airfield.*
- *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.*

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