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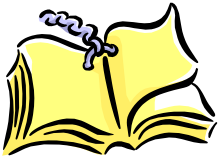
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*The Sun always sets in the West at Hicks Field*

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# Presidents Corner

*By Gene de Bullet*

Two months into our 2008 we have completed the choosing of committee chairs which are as follows:

Committee Chair:

Social/Educational	Coy Surles
Architectural Control	Stuart Davis
Electrical	Bob Avery
Five Year Plan	Stuart Davis
Safety/Security	Larry Partain
Septic	Ted Kelso, Stephen Ramsey
South Gate	Jim Usher
Welcoming	Don Browning
Taxi Way Committee	Mike Olson

These gentlemen are to be commended for the time and sacrifice involved in doing their jobs for free and because they want Hicks Airfield to be a better place.

**Additionally, the Board has discussed and wants to pursue the "five year plan" which as I understand it** was attempted a few years ago but not followed through with. This five year plan is a prerequisite for several things we would like to accomplish with governmental agencies and the like. Anyone having any draft or material concerning the original attempts at a five year plan should certainly come forward so that we do not have to re-do work already accomplished.

The Board also voted to design and implement a website which the association would own. More to come later on this.

The threshold end of runway 32 is going to be somewhat remodeled to make it a safer environment. Bob Avery is responsible for this idea which was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Please check your checkbooks to see if your dues are current as those delinquent are not considered members in good standing and sanctions may apply.

As most of you know, we are mandated by Court order to vote on how property will be assessed, to-wit; **by lot or square feet and as we speak, a ballot is being prepared by the Board's attorney. The election** will take place and will be duly noticed prior to July 31, 2008. More to come on this topic at a later time.

Overall, things are running smoothly and a lot of things are getting done which are reflected by the above committees.

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

Sincerely,

Gene de Bullet, Jr.



# Bl ast from the past

Well, In this, my one year anniversary issue as your editor, I had hoped to regale you with stories of an incredible fly-in adventure to Big Bend. Luck was on your side though, because the weather, once again changed for the worse and kept me grounded. So sitting here with a deadline looming and the ever present threat of having to reduce this issue even more than it already has been this month, it struck me that I could go rummaging through the Flappings archives and pull up something in the way of a timeless article. So....drum roll please...here we go from the March 2004 issue. Enjoy!

## The Flying Safety Corner

By Dan Campbell, Hangar # 913

More than once, I have heard survival instructors say the most important survival tool is the one between your ears. I am sure they were correct; however, having a survival kit in your plane can make a huge difference in how well you do in your "survival experience".

**A survival kit doesn't have to be big** – actually the more you have sometimes inhibits your imagination. So, how much of what do we need? Here are some ideas to justify what I've carried in my survival kit.

**My kit bag is a small bright red backpack. You don't need camouflage as long as you aren't trying to evade capture.** While small, it carries plenty, just not a lot of food.

After you have picked up some survival items you do not want to just throw them in the kit – try to keep it organized. I put most of my gear in re-sealable plastic food bags, and threw away the hard to open bubble cards and boxes they came in. Get the baggies with the slide openers or put some scotch tape on both sides of the top to make it easier to open with cold, wet fingers.

As you load the baggies, make an inventory of what went inside each baggie, and place the inventory inside where you can read it without opening the bag. Lists are good; I never would remember that **I have a cable saw for cutting firewood, or straws from Mc Donald's which are good for starting fires.**

A good survival book is an amazing help. It can give you ideas on how to build a shelter, how to do first aid, and if nothing else, the pages that do not apply to your current predicament make good fire starters! A great basic book is the Boy Scout Handbook, but there are plenty of good books available. I keep mine in a front pocket with a knife, a pair of light sticks, and collapsible pliers.

My first aid kit is a small 5 X 6 inch zippered bag that was sold packaged as a first aid kit for hunters. It may be better set up for gunshot wounds than torn metal cuts, but we have to limit this somewhere!

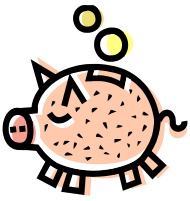
**For shelter I'm probably over-equipped. I have two Thermos brand Sportsman's Blankets and two Space blankets,** all of them are shiny silver on one side and the sportsman blankets are bright orange on the flip side. I like staying dry and out of the wind. If I tie them together, I have a small tent.

Inside the blankets I packed breakables and flat items like: a signal mirror, a pair of compasses, **those straws from McDonald's, a plastic Fresnel lens and dry tinder.**

**While I don't have much food, just one MRE packet, I do have fish hooks (Just in case I'm downed close to a trout stream).** Food is one item that does not have an indefinite shelf life in a survival kit.

All right, here you are, having a lousy day. You just crunched your Eagle close to Nowhere, Texas, **you're OK, but you didn't file a flight plan. First aid, shelter, and fire are your first got-to-do's.** You may not need much of your survival gear here in the states because of ELTs and Rescue should pick you up in a few hours. **"Should" is the critical word here and people have died because they did not shift gears into the survival mode fast enough.**

You must to be ready to spend the night before rescue shows up. You may spend a couple of *days and nights* in the weeds if your ELT failed or the weather gets bad. If all you do is fix yourself up, make a shelter, and cook dinner before rescue shows up, you will have kept busy, and you can at least offer them some burnt, out-of-season trout with mushy MRE's on the side. **Hey, when I'm cooking, every day is a survival situation!**



# From the Treasurer

By Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

February 16,  
2008

## IRS AUDITING HICKS AIRFIELD PILOTS ASSOCIATION

The Internal Revenue Service has notified us that they wish to examine our Form 990 for the year ended December 31, 2006.

A Form 990 is a Tax Return of an Organization Exempt from Income Tax. You may know that some years ago, the Pilots Association filed for and was granted tax exempt status by the IRS.

At this writing, we are in the process of gathering the numerous documents that we have been requested to have available for the IRS Dallas Office to review. Additionally, we have enlisted Crabtree and Associates, our tax accountants to represent HAPA with the IRS in this matter.

Jim Usher  
Treasurer



## Mystery machine

Ok, last month was just a little too tough for you guys, so here's one I'm sure we all know. Besides, this Mystery Machine is an airplane (I think). Send your answers to flappingseditor@yahoo.com and receive absolutely nothing but world fame and notoriety for your vast database of obscure aviation knowledge.



### February Contest Winner



Our first installment of Mystery Machine had everybody stumped. We received thousands of incorrect guesses from around the globe, until Dimitri Minakov from the Ukrainian town of Krasnoperekopsk correctly guessed our weird auto as the creation of Marcel Leyat who built over 30 examples between 1913-1926. The French made *Helica* was Marcel's answer to the automotive question nobody asked.

While normally we offer no prize for your correct guesses, because of the difficulty of our first contest we have sent Dimitri an official Flappings Martini Shaker Gift Set. Thanks Dimitri, and as they say in the Ukraine; **продолжайте читать капиталистический информационный бюллетень!**



# Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

## INCOME

	<u>December 2007</u>	<u>YTD 2007</u>
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	8,674	103,855
Runway Fees (470 Lots)	10,589	127,137
Total Scheduled Income	<u>19,263</u>	<u>230,992</u>
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	162	1,762
Fines	250	250
Miscellaneous Income	108	2,831
Interest Income	89	1,552
Gate Income	78	939
Total Other Income	<u>687</u>	<u>7,334</u>
Total Income	<u>19,950</u>	<u>238,326</u>

## EXPENSE

Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	8	8
Bad Debt Expense	0	448
Bank/Check Charges	0	95
Collection Services	(8)	799
Copies & Postage	1,260	5,115
Data Processing	0	477
Rental/Storage	325	3,025
Licenses/Permits/Inspec Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	403
Supplies	0	0
Printing	191	1,868
Member Relations	744	951
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	600
Legal & Professional	2,867	9,468
Management Fees	854	10,248
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	(3,017)	1,793
General Liability Insurance	3,017	3,017
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	337
Utilities		
Electricity	1,597	16,121
Telephone	0	36
Contracts		
Lawn Maintenance Contract	0	10,211
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Septic Field Contract	7,799	3,899
Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	539	3,099
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	1,659
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	58	58
Sign Repair	0	0



	Pavement Repairs	0	0
	Plumbing	0	0
	Septic Field Repairs	(7,795)	17,436
	Gas/Oil	0	0
	Other Expenses		
	Misc. Expenses	418	731
	Capital Improvements		
	Airport Drainage	0	279
	New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	0	114,625
<b>Total Expense</b>		<u>8,857</u>	<u>206,806</u>
	<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<u>11,093</u>	<u>31,520</u>
<b>Maintenance Projects</b>		<b>Dec 2007</b>	<b>Total Project</b>
	New Runway/Taxiway Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>316,619</u>

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	64,113
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB, Countrywide & FAB	1,205
Operating Cash - BOD Justin State Bank	2,066
Cash-MM-Beal Bank Beal Bank	19,099
Clearing Account - PMG	0
Total Cash	<u>86,483</u>
Accounts Receivable*	39,960
Total Current Assets	<u>126,443</u>

##### Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
Total Assets	<u>126,443</u>

##### Note:

*Assessments 30 - 90 days	4,296
*Assessments over 90 days	29,588

#### LIABILITIES

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	10,162
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>10,162</u>

##### Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow	4,375
Total Other Liabilities	<u>4,375</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>14,537</u>

#### OWNERS' EQUITY

##### Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve	21,818
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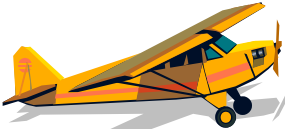
##### Equity

Retained Earnings	58,568
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Total Owners' Equity	<u>80,386</u>
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Net Income/(Loss)	31,520
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Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>126,443</u>
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# Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, March 1st—Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage every 1st Saturday from 7AM till ? 86.9 Nm S.
-  Saturday, March 1st— La Grange, TX. EAA Chapter 1347 Central Texas Squadron Monthly BBQ Luncheon (3T5) Come out and see some airplanes, talk to some pilots & eat good BBQ! Suggested donation of \$7.00 Contact Skip Caldwell 972-242-4056 182.9 Nm S
-  Friday, March 7th— Lampasas, TX. Pilots Association Meeting Lampasas Municipal Airport (LZZ) 5:30 PM Wings Approved Safety Course and Aircraft Maintenance Instruction Guest Speakers Gary Stamper & Mike Jordan Contact Jim Price or George Elsea (254)547-2971 cell (254)368-4455 or (512)556-8800 116.5 Nm SSW
-  Saturday, March 8th — Bowie, TX. Free Brunch for pilots & crew every weekend before the second Monday each month. Also free transportation to the Trade Show/Flea Market. (OF2) 9:00AM-11:00AM 44.2 Nm NW
-  Saturday, March 8th— Lufkin, TX. EAA Chapter 1219 & Angelina County Airport Fajita Fly-In (LFK) Every 2nd Saturday 10.00-2-00 Discount fuel for fly-ins. 169.3 Nm SE
-  Saturday, March 15th—Ranger, TX. Texas Antique Aircraft Association Picnic Meeting & Fly-In Ranger Municipal Airport (F23) Take a trip into the past! AAA Member and Ranger Airport supporter Jared Calvert is hosting this event. Drinks, dessert, and a grill will be provided. Jared will have hamburgers for those who wish not to bring their lunch, but he must be notified. Contact Jared (254) 433-1267 70.3 Nm WSW
-  Saturday, March 15th— San Angelo, TX. San Angelo Air Show San Angelo Municipal Airport (SJT) See the US Air Force Thunderbirds! 182.9 Nm WSW
-  Wednesday, March 19th— Dallas, TX. AOPA Pilot Town Meeting Join AOPA President Phil Boyer for this **free, interactive multimedia presentation. You'll hear the latest news that affects GA and what the AOPA is doing to keep flying safe, fun, and affordable.**
-  Saturday, March 29th— Ft. Worth, TX. Challenge Air for Kids and Friends Meacham Airport (FTW) Volunteer pilots are needed to provide 25-30 minute inspirational flights to children with challenges, chronic and **life threatening diseases. While "flying" an airplane a child realizes that the sky is the limit for their abilities!** Please join us in making dreams come true for the kids. Contact Kathi Archer (214) 351-5779 7.1 Nm S
-  Saturday, March 29th-April 5th Marfa, TX. Texas Glider Rally Marfa Municipal Airport (MRF) Glider pilots **from across the USA gather to fly their sailplanes at this historic site seeking thermal and wave lift to 30,000' msl.** Located near the Davis Mountains, between Carlsbad and Big Bend National Parks. Glider rides and instruction available. Call (432) 386-5505 for more info. Sponsored by Marfa Glider Soaring Center. 370.6 Nm WSW

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