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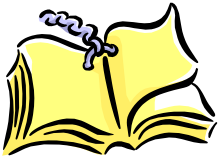
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Another BNSF locomotive passes through Rusty Morris's hangar. Story on page 6

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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 as parties, family reunions, meetings, etc. *Please contact Melana Sinclair to enter your reservation for the Table and Chairs. 817-306-8750 hapa_asst_sec@yahoo.com*

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Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

Fellow members and owners, we are working diligently on taxiway improvements, striping, septic issues, South gate property issues, airport security/safety, and the ballot concerning assessment criteria (as per last year's lawsuit judgment).

Both sides in the lawsuit have to approve the ballot which has been drafted. I anticipate calling the vote for late June to early July.

Bad weather has hampered some drainage issues and taxiway improvements but the taxiway committee has promised to me that repairs will begin no later than June. Your patience while this work is being done will be expected and appreciated.

Airport safety continues to be my favorite subject. We met with the FAA a couple of weeks ago at the Avery Tools hangar and were reminded of some of our problems. Children, illegally parked vehicles, dogs, and speed limits, were all touched on. We must police ourselves both in the air and on the ground or someone will do for us. To send warnings or citations to property owners that break rules should not be necessary- so please help me out.

Lastly, new construction and antiquated systems that are overloaded systems will continue to be a septic problem. No matter how hard you try, you just can't put a gallon of water in coffee cup! Any suggestions, volunteers, or the like are always appreciated!

-Gene De Bullet



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HAPA BOD Meeting

June 12, 6:30 PM, Hangar 155*

If you have an issue and would like to address the HAPA BoD during the Board meeting, please contact Gene de Bullet, Stuart Davis, or Don Browning to be added to the agenda.



Cover Photo by Ron Sinclair (actually, every photo in this newsletter by Ron Sinclair)



Faa visits airport

A good time was had by all as the FAA sent representatives to visit with Hicks Airfield pilots on the evening of May 15th. An informal 'Questions and Answers Forum' was conducted over an endless supply of delicious chili dogs and snacks prepared by our gracious host and hostess, Bob and Judy Avery.



HAPA President Gene de Bullet with FAA Representatives Barry Proctor, Joe Murphy, and Steven Buckner

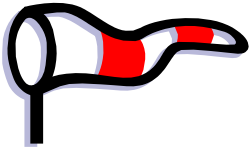
Many safety related questions were asked, and answered in detail by Steven Buckner and company from the FAA. Steven is our FAASTeam Program Manager of Operations at the Fort Worth FSDO. A decent turnout of area pilots was on hand for the evening meeting. Look for more events and seminars like this one in the near future.



Ted Kelso and Bob Avery enjoying yet another chili dog!



Great weather, good company, and endless hangar flying prevailed.



SPEAKING OF SAFETY...

By Glen Smith

Most of us are aware of the accident that occurred at Northwest Regional Airport where a Piper landed on top of a departing Stinson. Fortunately, no one was injured but it serves to remind us of what can happen when operating at a non-towered airport. There is no question that this phase of GA flying is perhaps the most dangerous and requires the most vigilance.

Below is a ten question true or false test of questions from **AOPA's Flight Safety Program** that may serve as a review of the proper procedures when operating in this environment.



1. Most mid-air occur while en route while flying VFR
 True
 False
2. Non-towered airports are designated by a blue symbol on Sectional Charts.
 True
 False
3. When taking off and remaining in the pattern, you should climb to within 400 feet of the Pattern altitude before turning crosswind.
 True
 False
4. Traffic pattern announcements should be made just after rolling out of the turn.
 True
 False
5. Once lined up on final the pilot should focus his/her attention solely on maintaining runway alignment and touchdown area.
 True
 False
6. After taking the runway for take off, it is a good idea to stop and complete any remaining cockpit checks.
 True
 False
7. Unless otherwise noted, all traffic pattern entries should be made at a 45% angle.
 True
 False
8. Self announced transmissions on the CTAF frequency should always end with the aircraft type and call sign.
 True
 False
9. When flying a standard traffic pattern with a left crosswind you should not lead your turn to compensate for the wind.
 True
 False
10. At airports with unicom ground stations the operators are required to communicate with pilots
 True
 False

Answers can be found in your FAR/AIM or Page 7 of this handy newsletter.



Hicks Hangar Hobbies

By Ron Sinclair

We all know that some of our neighborhood hangars house some really cool gems hidden away behind those large bi-folds. Every once in awhile we catch a glimpse of an interesting old car, an old western style bar, or collections of just plain junk. I recently got a peek inside hangar 738 of Rusty Morris, where I was shown an impressive train lay-out. **Rusty's son Mark has been building model train lay-outs** since he was 12 years old. What better place to build a project like this than in a hangar?



Mark and Rusty Morris in front of Rusty's mint 1964 172E, which Mark first soled on his 16th birthday.



Hand painted engines snake their way through canyons.

Mark and his Dad began this lay-out about a year ago, and still have quite a bit left to do. You would think Rusty would be the driving force behind this project, since he is in fact a retired Santa Fe engineer with of over 36 years under his belt. Mark, on the other hand, flies for Southwest Airlines, but followed **in his dad's footsteps in a slightly lesser scale, HO, to be exact.**

The lay-out covers an impressive 12 X 16 area. They currently have three trains running, which closely resemble what we see daily in full scale on the West side of the airport. The cars consist of automobile transports, tankers, container carriers, and of course freight cars and cabooses. Some are of highly detailed brass construction, which have been painstakingly hand-painted. The scenery resembles a mid western Autumn scene complete with colorful trees of all shades. Future plans for the completion of this large lay-out will include a pond, a small town, and a trestle bridge.

The time devoted to this project by the father and son team is evident throughout by their attention to detail. Scale cars, roads, tunnels, and even people intermingle with the railroad in seamless harmony.




Far from being a "Toy" railroad, this impressive set-up would take years and years of allowance to build!



Plenty of work left to do with a planned town, pond and trestle to be added to the South East corner.



Another load of HO scale new cars arrive in town

Next time you are passing by Rusty's place, stop on in and say "Hello". Rusty and Mark are happy to show this work of miniature art to all those interested. Some day soon, it may be all packed back up in sections and stored away again, until time and space come together again to allow  for more additions.

Answers to this months page 5 Safety Questions.

1. False

Most mid air collisions happen within five miles of non towered airports in clear weather and under **3000' altitude.**

2. False

Non-towered airports are designated by a magenta symbol. Be sure you carry current charts and check NOTAMS to see if there has been a change such as a control tower being commissioned.

3. False

You should climb to 300' within of the pattern altitude and at be least ½ mile away before turning crosswind.

4. False

Traffic pattern announcements should be made just prior to making the turn onto the next leg.

5. False

The pilot should not only focus on runway alignment, touchdown point, continually listen for and scan for traffic but also ensure that the airplane is in a landing configuration. (GUMPS)

6. False

It is not a good idea to stop on the runway, as you have lost your ability to look for other traffic.

7. False

While FAR 91.126(b)(1) states that all turns at non-towered airports be made to the left, the FAA does not regulate traffic pattern techniques. When flying to a new airport, it is a good idea to check for information on that particular airport in the current copy of the Airport/Facility Directory.

8. False

The transmission should always end with the airport name. (AIM 4-1-9(g)(6)).

9. False

Your should lead your turn because the wind will increase both your groundspeed and turn radius.

Many stall/spin accidents have occurred by pilots overbanking to compensate for the "overshoot".

10. False

Not only are Unicom operators not required to communicate with a pilot but they are not responsible for any information transmitted. Remember, the safe operation around a non-towered airport rests solely WITH THE PILOT.

Ref: AOPA ASF Information
FAR 91.113, 126 and AIM
AC 90-66A



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	March 2008	YTD 2008
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	20,071	60,173
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	140	596
Fines	0	25
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Interest Income	143	290
Gate Income	0	91
Total Other Income	283	1,002
Total Income	20,354	61,175
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	16	16
Bad Debt Expense	11,213	11,978
Bank/Check Charges	0	5
Collection Services	(217)	(433)
Copies & Postage	561	3,976
Data Processing	20	334
Rental/Storage	284	1,097
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	248	659
Member Relations	0	0
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	20
Legal & Professional	6,143	10,149
Management Fees	854	2,562
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	51
Utilities		
Electricity	886	4,202
Telephone	9	42
Contracts		
Courtesy Patrol Contract	0	0
Septic Field Contract	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance		
Mowing	0	0
Electrical/Lights	0	0
Fences/Gates/Walls	235	235

Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	0	0
Pavement Repairs	0	0
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	0	1,500
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	0
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	0
New Taxiways, Repairs/Patching	0	0
Total Expense	<u>20,252</u>	<u>36,393</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>102</u>	<u>24,783</u>

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of March 31, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	151,523
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB, Countrywide & FAB	1,208
Operating Cash - BOD Justin State Bank Cash-MM-Beal Bank Beal Bank Clearing Account - PMG	1,823 19,237 0
Total Cash	<u>173,791</u>
Accounts Receivable*	30,440
Total Current Assets	<u>204,231</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses	0
Total Assets	<u>204,231</u>

*Note:

Assessments less than 30 days	5,072
Assessments 30 - 90 days	5,144
Assessments over 90 days	20,224

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	62,984
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>62,984</u>

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow	4,559
Total Other Liabilities	<u>4,559</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>67,543</u>
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OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reserve	21,818
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Equity

Retained Earnings	90,088
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Total Owners' Equity	<u>111,906</u>
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Net Income/(Loss)	24,783
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Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>204,231</u>
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Fly Ins & Outs

-  Fri, Sat, Sunday, June 6th-8th—Lakeview, Ark 5th Annual Gastons Fly-In Gastons Airport (3M0) Pilots, friends, and family from all over will descend on Gastons White Water Resort in North Central Arkansas for 3 days of story telling and flying. Call 870 431-5202 315.3 NM NE
-  Saturday, June 7th—Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage every 1st Saturday from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
-  Saturday, June 7th— 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
-  Saturday, June 7th—Midlothian/Waxahachie, TX. Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In Mid-Way Regional Airport (JWY) Breakfast tickets \$6.00, children under 8 free. Classic Airplanes, Trojan Phlyers T-28 formation team, Remote control airplanes, Classic swing band, and much, much more! For more info contact Tammy Bowen (972)923-0080 38 NM SE
-  Friday-Saturday, June 13-14th— Gainesville TX. 46th Annual Fly-In of the Texas Chapter Antique Airplane Association Gainesville Municipal Airport (GLE) Registration begins 9AM Fri. Happy Hour with free beer & soft drinks 5:30 PM w/Hamburger Cookout following. Airplane judging Saturday afternoon. Happy Hour again with still more free beer & soft drinks 4PM Sat. with awards banquet following. Door prizes/Vendors/fly-mart. Call (817)468-1571 for more info. 44.5 NM N
-  Friday-Saturday, June 13-14th— **Ada, OK. 5th Annual Ada Air Expo "Ray Stout Memorial Warbird Fly-In"** Ada Municipal Airport (ADH) See Aerobatics, Airshow, Fly-In, Food, Model Aircraft, **Vintage Aircraft. Held in conjunction with the "Pigs Can Fly" Oklahoma State Championship BBQ Contest! Watch 'em fly and sample the best BBQ in the state! Fly Ins welcome, No admission fees.** Contact Bruce Huddleston (580)436-2803 for more info. 118.3 NM NE
-  Saturday, June 14th— Rusk, TX. 1st Annual Flying Tomato Fest Fly-In Cherokee County Airport (KJSO) Join us for a day of fun. Events include Army Helicopter Display, Rock climbing wall, Best salsa contest, Live Music, Food, Antique Car Show and More! 8 AM-7 PM 128.1 NM ESE
-  Saturday, June 14th — 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, June 14th— 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, June 21st— Tyler, TX. Tyler Composite Squadron Pancake Breakfast & Fly-in Tyler Regional Airport (TYR) Pancake breakfast and Fly-in every 3rd Saturday at CAP hangar 8:00AM-11:00 AM Contact Lt. Col. Louis Thomas 903-561-4764 107.3 Nm ESE
-  Sunday, June 22nd—Roanoke, TX. Blue Hangar Breast Cancer Fly-In Northwest Regional Airport (52F) Blue Hangar Café is sponsoring a breakfast for the cure! All U-Can-Eat Pancakes and sausages for donations only! Come join the fun on June 22nd from 7am-12noon and help save 2nd base! **Plenty of aircraft parking. 100% of donations go to sponsor Jessica Groggs in the "3 Day Walk".** For more info contact Christie Bingham (817) 681-0642 11.5 NM NE



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