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Hicks Airfield pilot Gary Larson captures a great shot of the shuttle Endeavor en route back to Florida after a brief overnight stay at the Joint Reserve Base

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## Table & Chairs

The HAPA Tables & Chairs are available to any current HAPA Member for personal use on the Airport Property for activities such as parties, meetings, etc. *Please contact Sandra Browning or Bob Avery at 817-439-8400 or [sbrowning@averytools.com](mailto:sbrowning@averytools.com), to enter your reservation for the Table and Chairs.*

Submission Policy: 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](http://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 [flappingseditor@yahoo.com](mailto:flappingseditor@yahoo.com)



# Presidents Corner

*By Gene de Bullet*

Merry Christmas HAPA!

A large number of you voted at our Annual meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008, which shows me that you have an interest in your property, the necessities of your airport, and the mission of air safety in airport security. I do not have the answers to some of the issues raised at our meeting and will rely on you and the Board of Directors to help solve them. As an attorney I love to simplify facts, agree on them and call on common sense, which is what common law was built on to begin with, to see us into the future.

**Just to use Meacham Field, Alliance or Copeland Field, our "closest neighbors", as comparisons- all of those airports are secure, they are fenced, they are gated, they pass muster with Homeland, the FAA and their users from a security and safety standpoint. We can't secure our airport without acquiring a border on our West side. We can't contemplate capital improvements without securing the land necessary. It is hard for me to envision a better place to put our reserves than on security and airport safety. I call on you, the membership, to "think outside the box" and give the Board of Directors a vote of confidence to secure the necessary property on our west side.**

**There will always be "special interests" that must be respected. We are a diverse group, made up of people who own raw land, hangars for airplanes, full blown homes with families, and commercial business interests. We even have some commercial interests that are beginning to look like hotels, but that's a whole different subject.**

**My goal this year is to bring together as many factions as I can. Let's put our airport first and our personal interests second.**

**Another problem that has gotten a lot of attention are "dogs at large" and the problem that they pose to pedestrians, people on bicycles, and obviously aircraft that may be using the taxiways and runways. You can use your imagination as to the catastrophic events that could result. Remember an accident never happens until it happens. Help us by containing your dogs.**

Our new Directors consist of the following gentlemen, congratulations guys!

- 1) Bob Avery
- 2) Gene de Bullet
- 3) Coy Surles
- 4) Jim Usher

I look forward to working with you, the Board of Directors, and all necessary third parties to make our airport as good as it can be and I pray for your support, help, and assistance.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2009 from your President and Board of Directors!



# Letter from the editor

*By Co-Editor Ron Sinclair*

I am about to begin another year as your HAPA newsletter co-editor and would like to thank all those who have helped out in 2008, especially those who volunteer their time **to help fold, seal, address and mail the "almost" 300 copies sent out monthly.** I also wish to thank those who help out with content, although I must point out that it is a very short list. I would like to see more community participation. As I have stated many times before, this is YOUR newsletter and I welcome your stories and comments **for publication. If you don't care to write a story, then let me know if you have suggestions** for one. I would like to revive the Tribute series that spotlights various people who are key to the improvement of this field, and those who volunteer or have volunteered their time to the betterment of Hicks. I would also like to see more stories on our neighbors with interesting hobbies, careers, or life experiences.

I enjoy working on Flappings and am always trying to think of ways to make improvements in quality and features. I know there are plenty of top notch CFIs out there, as well as pilots (both civil and military) with five digit hours in their logbooks that can teach us all tricks they have learned and experienced throughout their careers. Any safety articles you could send in would be appreciated by all.

I would also like to see aircraft builders, A/Ps and restorers being more proactive with the newsletter and sending in building, and maintenance type articles. Gary Larson has written a few excellent articles for Flappings along these lines and we all enjoyed those.

**If writing isn't your strength, then we could also use airport photographs to liven up** our pages. If you would like to participate in the monthly folding/labeling night then give us a call as well. We appreciate your help wherever it may be.

My wife Melana helps me with every issue and I especially want to thank her and point out that she is in fact as much the editor of Flappings as I.

Last month, we somehow forgot to send the electronic issue of Flappings to Mike Reddick for publication on his web site, T67.org. If you think this would be no big deal, that someone would simply pick up the phone and inquire about it, then you would be very wrong. This simple oversight resulted in numerous personal attacks on us at the Hicks 411 chat site. Not one call or e-mail to us directly, but through a childish performance online for all to see. Another active airfield volunteer saw the online exchange and called me to ask about it, which was the first I had heard. Let me assure those who were legitimately affected that I will try not to let that happen again, but if it should, **please don't believe it is because we were mad at someone and it is part of an**

insidious plan to hurt them somehow, or my favorite, I was perhaps trying to punish those who were trying to save the airport postage by receiving their copy on-line! I prefer to think that the people involved were saying such things simply to be hateful **and aren't really *that* paranoid. I can't speak for past editors, but let me assure you that I don't play those games with your newsletter and I apologize for any inconvenience.**

If you have any problems with your newsletter whether it be content, delivery issues, **or my constant misspellings, please don't hesitate to contact me directly on my cell phone at 972-345-3279, or my e-mail at [flappingseditor@yahoo.com](mailto:flappingseditor@yahoo.com), which by the way, I don't check every day so please don't think I'm ignoring you or am mad at you.**

**Judging from all the positive feedback we receive, I gather that we're doing okay so far, and I appreciate all those who communicate with us directly with their comments whether positive or negative.**

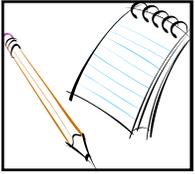
I hope our community can get past its petty political issues and begin to work together again, as it once did. Melana and I just hosted our annual MG Car Club Christmas party again, which served to remind us of what living, working, and playing on this airfield is all about in the form of its best feature...good neighbors. Our neighbor that loaned us his scissor lift to put up decorations, our neighbor that loaned us his hangar to store aircraft, our neighbor who helped me move those aircraft, and so on. Hicks Airfield is a pretty cool place, and as adults and individuals with shared passions we should use our skills, labors, and ethics for the improvement of Hicks Airfield and to be good neighbors with the ability to disagree with respect towards one another.

Fly safe,  
Ron Sinclair  
Flappings Co-Editor

## South end of runway safety obstructions:

For many years there were steel (oil field drill pipe) barricades at the south end of the runway overrun. Some members felt these were a safety and liability hazard should any aircraft overrun the runway and make contact with them. Bryan Martin offered to remove the steel barricades (at no cost to HAPA), and this past week that project was completed (Thanks, Bryan).

Some months back the proper FAA approved Safe-Hit Airport Markers were installed at the south end between the overrun area and the incoming road to act as a barricade. (Thanks, Bob Avery)



# HAPA Board of Directors February Meeting MINUTES

*By Melana Sinclair, Assistant Secretary*

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on 13 November 2008 in Hangar 111. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Board members present were Mr. Jim Usher (Treasurer), Mr. Don Browning (Secretary), Mr. John Unangst, Mr. Coy Surlles, Mr. Ted Kelso, Mr. and Gene De Bullet (President), and Mrs. Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary). Eight members of the Association were also present as observers.

Mr. Usher (Treasurer) submitted the September 2008 Financial Report, which was approved as written.

Don Browning submitted the Minutes from the October BoD meeting, which were approved as written.

There was discussion concerning the South Gate Project, and access to the Airfield via the property owned by Burlington Northern. It appears that the last missing Deed was located, and Burlington has offered to sell HAPA the property in question. The BOD recognizes that in order to purchase the property a vote from the membership is required; however there will not be sufficient time to arrange for that vote to occur at the annual meeting.

Don Browning announced that in his role as AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer he had installed AOPA Airport Watch signs at all gates. He also informed those present that he had additional AOPA Airport Watch decals, if anyone desired them. Don then provided the opportunity for all those present to view an Airport Watch video.

There were no additional reports made by the various committees.

The 2009 budget was approved as written, and will be published in the January 2009 Flappings. The assessments will remain the same as in 2008, and new payment books were to be mailed.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Melana Sinclair*  
*HAPA Assistant Secretary*

## **HAPA Tables & Chairs:**

HAPA has tables & chairs available for membership use on the field for both HAPA functions and (private) membership functions. To not have scheduling conflicts for use of the tables and chairs, HAPA has had a volunteer member keep track of the requests for use and maintain a calendar log of reservations. Melana Sinclair was the contact during 2007-2008 (thanks for your efforts, Melana). Starting in January 2009 Sandra Browning / Bob Avery will be the contacts for reserving the tables and chairs. You can contact Sandra at 817-439-8400 (Avery Tools phone #) FROM 9 to 4, Mon – Fri, to reserve the tables & chairs and make arrangements to pick them up and return them. Also, if any members have any HAPA tables and chairs left over from any past functions, please drop them off at Hangar 111 and we will see that they get back on the carts.



# Hapa Annual meeting minutes

*By Melana Sinclair, Assistant Secretary*

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association was held on 6 December 2008 at 629 Aviator Drive. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm by president, Mr. Gene De Bullet.

Board members present were Mr. Jim Usher (Treasurer), Mr. Don Browning (Secretary), Mr. John Unangst, Mr. Coy Surles, Mr. Stephen Ramsey, and Gene De Bullet (President), and Mrs. Melana Sinclair (Assistant Secretary). Principal Management Group agent Ms. Carol Moran was present at the invitation of the Board, as well as her support staff. **HAPA's legal counsel, Mr. David Surratt was also present at the invitation of the Board.**

Two Hundred and sixty (260) members of the Association were represented, either in person or by proxy.

There were no reports made by officers, committee chairs or the managing agent.

There was no unfinished business from the previous annual meeting.

There was no new business requested to be placed on the agenda.

The election for the four Board positions was held in accordance with the Bylaws of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association, with the following candidates: Robert Avery, Jerry Baker, Kurt Buchert, Gene De Bullet, Bryan Martin, Coy Surles, Jim Usher. Three additional write in candidates were nominated: Bob Samson, Alan Sanderson and Cary Spivey.

Mr. Surratt, Ms. Moran and her PMG assistants counted the existing votes with the following results:

Robert Avery	183
Jerry Baker	61
Kurt Buchert	84
Gene De Bullet	192
Bryan Martin	78
Bob Samson	60
Alan Sanderson	4
Cary Spivey	11
Coy Surles	202
Jim Usher	200

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Melana Sinclair*  
*HAPA Assistant Secretary*



# Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

## HAPA Income Statement

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>October 2008</b>	<b>YTD 2008</b>
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	20,066	200,219
Runway Fees	(26)	(26)
Initial Fee Income	0	120
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	230	1,842
Fines	0	25
Gate Income	65	520
Miscellaneous Income	0	1,156
Interest Income	109	1,019
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,444</b>	<b>204,875</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	0	40
Bad Debt Expense	0	12,609
Bank/Check Charges	0	135
Collection Services	(146)	(45)
Copies & Postage	243	7,612
Data Processing	0	393
Rental/Storage	263	3,030
Licenses/Permits/Inspec Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	274	2,712
Member Relations	0	129
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	395
Legal & Professional	5,860	21,056
Management Fees	854	8,540
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	1,793
General Liability Insurance	0	3,017
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	51
Utilities		
Electricity	1,007	12,174
Telephone	23	93
Contracts		
Courtesy Patrol Contract	2,924	9,319
Septic Field Contract	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance		
Mowing	1,488	7,119
Electrical/Lights	162	1,650
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	1,924

Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	142	142
Pavement Repairs	0	84,463
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	94	4,511
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	0
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	0
New Taxiways	0	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>182,862</u>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<u>7,256</u>	<u>22,013</u>

*BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of OCTOBER 31, 2008*

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Operating Cash - PMG F A Bank	96,298
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG CAB, Countrywide & FAB	0
Operating Cash - BOD Wachovia Bank	2,004
Cash-MM-Beal Bank Beal Bank	37,877
Clearing Account - PMG	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>136,179</u>

Past Due Accounts Receivable:	
Assessments 30 days	3,520
Assessments 31 - 90 days	5,921
Assessments over 90 days	<u>21,397</u>
Accounts Receivable	30,839
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>167,017</u>

**Other Assets**

Prepaid Expenses	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>167,017</u>

**LIABILITIES**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	0
Prepaid Assessments	29,823
Accrued Expenses Payable	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>29,823</u>

**Other Liabilities**

Collection Cost/Other Es- crow	3,274
<b>Total Other Liabilities</b>	<u>3,274</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>33,097</u>

**OWNERS' EQUITY**

**Reserves**

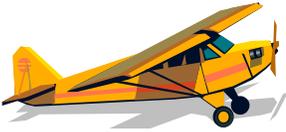
Deferred Maintenance Re- serve	0
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**Equity**

Retained Earnings	<u>111,906</u>
<b>Total Owners' Equity</b>	<u>111,906</u>

<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<u>22,015</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity</b>	<u>167,017</u>
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# Fly Ins & Outs

-  Thursday, January 1st—Carthage, TX. New Years Day Fly-In Panola County/Sharpe Field (4F2) Come join the 8th gathering of pilots to welcome the New Year and fellowship at **Swilley's hangar. Come on over and enjoy some East Texas hospitality. A traditional New Years Day lunch** consisting of black eyed peas, corn bread, cabbage and ham will be served at noon. You are welcome to bring your favorite dessert to share. Contact James Swilley 903-633-8181 for more. 163.8 NM ESE
-  Saturday, January 3rd—Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage every 1st Saturday from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
-  Saturday, January 10th— 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, January 10th — 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, January 24th—Tyler TX. Tyler Pounds Field Pancake Breakfast (TYR) Breakfast hosted by members of the Tyler Civil Air Patrol squadron from 8-11 AM every 4th Saturday. Contact Rich Dyer for info 903-849-2785 107.3 NM ESE
-  Saturday, January 31st—Denton, TX. Tex Mex Fly-In (KDTO) US Aviation Group sponsors this fun event every last Saturday of the month 11am-2pm Free Food, Lots of airplanes, donations welcome. Come see some of the newest LSA aircraft. Contact Event Director at 940-383-2484 19.4 NM NE
-  Saturday, January 24th— Granbury, TX. Granbury Municipal Airport Fly-In Breakfast (GDY) Every 4th Saturday. breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM till 10:30 AM rain or shine! Have breakfast at the airport with your friends. Come and share the fun at Granbury Municipal Airport. Look for special events. Contact 817-579-8533 for info 35.7 NM SW
-  Wednesday, January 21st— Hicks Field EAA Chapter 670 Monthly Meeting Come join us at the Rio Concho Restaurant at 6:00 pm for dinner and hangar talk. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM 0.0 NM
-  \$100 Hamburger Suggestion: Blue Hangar Café at Northwest Regional Airport (52F) Owned by Gene & Christi Bingham with Damian Medford cooking, this little restaurant is one of the best fly-in destinations in the area. Featuring top shelf ingredients in everything they prepare. I highly recommend their Greek and Chef salads which are piled high with fresh ingredients. A small place with great service and food. Hours are 10:30am– 2:00pm Mon-Fri or 7:00 am– 2:00 pm Saturdays 11.5 NM NE



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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](mailto: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](mailto:flappingseditor@yahoo.com) by the 15th of the month.
- *The 2009 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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