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Fokker Dr.I replica ready for flight at the Pioneer Flight Museum in Kingsbury TX.

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Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

Dear Fellow Members,

Things have really been going well and as the old saying goes, "No news is good news." As previously indicated the Board is going forward in trying to secure the airport in all directions and erect the south gate which was approved by the 2007 Board of Directors.

Applause goes out to Rio Concho who is helping us as they can with fuel cost. We continue to look for any volunteers that will be willing to work on any committees and look forward to hearing from you if you have the time.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for the April Board Meeting. Once we have an agreed upon time from the BoD members it will be posted. As always, all HAPA members are invited to attend.

As we move into the spring keep your eyes on the weather and airplanes left outside.

Regards,
Gene

WANTED:

Volunteers for Taxi/Runway Maintenance Committee

Last year we were able to continue the work on the taxiways that so many have been a part of in the past. I felt that good progress was made, but there is always more to do. I got a tremendous amount of help from many people last year, and could not have accomplished a tenth of the work without their assistance. I recruited this help on the fly, as the work was executed. This is because last year's appeal for committee members in April went unanswered. The work last year involved conducting a condition survey, patching, supervising contractors, and coordinating taxiway closures. I would like to expand this year into grass/weed control, fire ant control, edging, and any other ideas that might be brought to the table. These are things that have been done in the past, and should be done again, but will not happen without additional membership help. The alternative would be to spend additional association funds for things we can do ourselves. If you have a specific issue that you feel needs attention, step up, lend a hand and we will address it. Thanks again to all that helped last year. I look forward to **working with you, and hope to see some new faces this year. Give me a call and let me know if you're interested.**

Respectfully,
Mike Olson, Hangar 596 (817) 707-4323



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Old Rhinebeck in Texas?

By Ron Sinclair

Those of you out there who are fans of early aviation history need no introduction to one of our landmark "living" aviation history museums in Rhinebeck, New York. Created by Cole Palin back in the late 50's, this museum is one of the few places in the world where you can see aircraft from the Great War and the golden age of flight in action. I have always been drawn to this particular era in aviation, and still have only seen Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome through web sites and YouTube videos. Cole Palin went West back in 1993, but his dream of preserving, teaching and flying history still continues with regular air shows throughout the year.

I recently heard of another "living" flight museum right here in Texas with the same dreams and goals of restoring, building, preserving and most importantly FLYING history. Located in Kingsbury Texas, The Pioneer Flight Museum carries on the tradition of Old Rhinebeck. Their goal is to "collect, restore and preserve the seeds of early aviation history". A place where you can go to see the early planes that helped shape aviation history. A place where you can experience first hand an authentic rotary radial engine, not as a dusty static display, but as a fire breathing fully functional engine.



A PFM volunteer props the museums Dr.I for a demo flight.

The museum has an excellent web site at <http://pioneerflightmuseum.org/index.shtml> where you will see more photos of their collection of early aircraft, cars, motorcycles and trucks. The museum volunteers get together several times a month for work days where they ply their various skills restoring and caring for the collection. A look through the past workday photo albums on their website will show you the fun they have while doing it. With the idea of focusing on the period of time from the birth of aviation up to, but not including WWII, they provide a look back in time to perhaps the most important era

in aviation history. The museums founder, Roger Freeman, has built some remarkable reproductions which can be found in prestigious places such as the Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio and as far away as the Hong Kong International Airport where a Farman replica hangs in the main terminal to commemorate the first flight made in China.



Replica 1910 Farman Biplane built and flown by Roger Freeman for the opening of the new Hong Kong International Airport.

The museum has several original aircraft in their collection as well, including a Thomas-Morse S-4C Scout which is one of just a few to have survived the Great War. They also have a beautiful Curtiss Jenny variant 1917 Curtiss Canuck biplane which took top honors as Grand Champion Antique at the 2004 Southwest Regional Fly-In.

One of the more notable planes in the collection is a replica 1909 Bleriot XI built and flown at the museum on the calmest of days. Several other aircraft including a 1941 Meyers OTW, a Fokker DVII also built at the museum, a very nice Luscombe 8A, a Piper Cub of course, and several others in various stages of construction or restoration.

Of course the centerpiece of the collection is an absolutely beautiful Fokker DRI Triplane (Cover Photo). The result of years of painstaking labor. Roger Freeman acquired the airframe from the USAF as partial payment for the Triplane he built for their museum back in the early 90's. It is powered by an 80 hp Le Rhone rotary engine. Volunteers didn't begin work on the project until late 2004. Their work paid off in 2008 where the plane flew for the museum's annual Air Fair.

The Triplane is painted in the colors of Lt. Paul Baumer, also known as the "Iron Eagle". Baumer was

a dental assistant before the Great War that earned his pilots license just before hostilities broke out. He saw combat in an infantry regiment in France and Russia where he was wounded in the left arm. Not one to be held back, he went on to join the German Air Service and was later posted to Jasta 5 on June **30th, 1917 and later Boelcke's Jasta 2. He went on to earn the Pour le Merite or "Blue Max" by downing 43 enemy aircraft.** Baumer survived the war only to die test flying an experimental fighter in 1927.

Learning to fly the DR I is a very tricky endeavor as Roger discovered. He reports yaw stability is very poor and once the tail drops on landing the machine is at the mercy of the winds. The DR I is a very easy plane to groundloop which makes one appreciate the wingtip skids used by the Fokker factory.

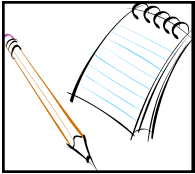
Although aircraft are the primary focus of the museum, several nice vehicles round out the collection. The oldest and perhaps most unique is a 1914 Nash Quad 4 wheel drive truck which was popular with the US, Russia, France and Britain during The Great War for delivering ammunition and supplies to the front lines. PFM has several nice Model T trucks including a wrecker, WWI ambulances, and another under restoration. The museum even has a couple of very nice motorcycles including a 1917 Indian complete with side-car in military colors.

Volunteers dress in period costumes and uniforms for their annual Air Fair every year which attracts more and more people each year. I see this growing to eventually have more and more events as their collection of volunteers and aircraft expand.

The museum needs the help of aviation enthusiast such as ourselves, either through hands on volunteer work, donations of period equipment, or of course memberships. They have many activities scheduled throughout the year including a May 9th Spring Fly-In. Be sure to visit the museums web-site for more information.



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<http://pioneerflightmuseum.org/index.shtml>



BoD Meeting MINUTES

By Don Browning, Secretary

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board Meeting on February 12, 2009 Minutes

The meeting convened at 6:40 p.m. and was announced ready by President Gene deBullet. Other Board members in attendance were Jim Usher, Don Browning, and Bob Avery. PMG Agent Carol Moran was present. Also present were members James Eads, Jerry Baker, Carol Morris and Roy Geer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Reports of Officers

Jim Usher - **The Treasurer's financial report was approved.**

Reports of Committees

Robert Avery - Reported on the taxiway lights and intended use of ant killer around the fixtures in order to minimize their deterioration and attenuation of the illumination. He stated that we still need, in the interest of safety, a convenient means of turning off electrical power to all of the taxiway/runway lights during maintenance actions. He stated that we would be given permission to have an electrician install a disconnect switch outside of the pump house fence for this purpose. He also described the process by which he repairs the **North gates' barriers when they are damaged and added that since activating the Courtesy Patrol such occurrences have diminished significantly.**

Don Browning - Reported on behalf of Runway/Taxiway Chair Mike Olson that Mike still was **seeking volunteers to assist with this year's taxiway repairs. Mike has been discussing his plan with the approved contractor.** Jerry Baker and Roy Geer have volunteered to help with the project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.





Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	January 2009	YTD 2009
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	19,962	19,962
Runway Fees	0	0
Initial Fee Income	0	0
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	40	40
Fines	0	0
Gate Income	26	26
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Interest Income	96	96
Total Income	20,124	20,124
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	0	0
Bank/Check Charges	0	0
Collection Services	860	860
Copies & Postage	2,911	2,911
Data Processing	398	398
Rental/Storage	450	450
Licenses/Permits/Inspec Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	268	268
Member Relations	0	0
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	750	750
Legal & Professional	1,975	1,975
Management Fees	854	854
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	2	2
Utilities		
Electricity	1,820	1,820
Telephone	3	3
Contracts		
Courtesy Patrol Contract	2,803	2,803
Septic Field Contract	0	0










Repairs and Maintenance		
Mowing	500	500
Electrical/Lights	0	0
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	0
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	0	0
Pavement Repairs	0	0
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	0	0
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	(2,025)	(2,025)
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	0
New Taxiways	0	0
Total Expense	<u>11,569</u>	<u>11,569</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>8,555</u>	<u>8,555</u>

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of January 31, 2009

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Operating Cash - PMG	138,644	Accounts Payable	0
F A Bank		Prepaid Assessments	70,152
		Accrued Expenses Payable	500
Runway Fee Reserves - PMG	0	Total Current Liabilities	<u>70,652</u>
CAB, Countrywide & FAB			
Operating Cash - BOD	2,252	Other Liabilities	
Wachovia Bank		Collection Cost/Other Escrow	2,224
Cash-MM-Beal Bank	41,713	Other Escrowed Fees	240
Beal Bank		Total Other Liabilities	<u>2,464</u>
Clearing Account - PMG	0		
Total Cash	<u>182,609</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>73,116</u>
Past Due Accounts Receivable:		OWNERS' EQUITY	
Assessments 30 days	4,476	Reserves	
Assessments 31 - 90 days	4,529	Deferred Maintenance Reserve	0
Assessments over 90 days	24,706	Equity	
Accounts Receivable	<u>33,711</u>	Retained Earnings	134,648
Total Current Assets	216,319	Total Owners' Equity	<u>134,648</u>
Other Assets		Net Income/(Loss)	8,555
Prepaid Expenses	0	Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	<u>216,319</u>
Total Assets	<u>216,319</u>		



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, April 4th—Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG)
Pancakes and Sausage every 1st Saturday from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
-  Saturday, April 11th — 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, April 11th— 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
-  Wednesday, April 15th— 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
-  Saturday, April 25th—Grand Prairie, TX. Wings Over Grand Prairie Grand Prairie Municipal Airport (KGPM) Fun for the whole family when you fly-in and check out Eurocopters, military aircraft, and much more. Get your plane, motorcycle or car washed! There will be raffles and a Poker Run as well! But wait! You will also see Flying contest and a variety of food and snacks. Scope out the Texas Twisters formation acrobatic fly-bys. Sponsors include CAP, AOPA, EAA, Van Bortel and **the City of GP. Wings seminar to be held by FAA during the delicious continental breakfast. Don't miss the excitement!** 8:30-4:00PM Contact Lindy Jackson for more 972-988-8609 23.1 NM SE
-  Saturday, April 25th— Bryan, TX. Coulter Air Classic Coulter Field (CFD) Showcasing vintage and military as well as modern aircraft with aerial demonstrations from professional acrobatic pilots. Food and Drinks with other activities for families and all ages. Join us for our second annual air show at historic Coulter Field. Contact Karl Preston for more info 979-412-1611 143.9 NM SSE
-  Saturday, April 25th—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, April 25th—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, April 25th— 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





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- **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 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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