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Another future pilot earns her wings and 1st Flight Certificate at the 2nd Annual Kids Fly Day

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Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

Dear Members,

We had our first board meeting of the spring on April 9th **at Bob and Judy Avery's Hangar** (Thanks so much), and for a change- it was well attended. I counted about 12 people in addition to our Board, which is a recent record.

Regrettably, several of our neighbors were there to protest materials stored on community access ways between hangars by other neighbors which presents a violation and shows a lack of consideration for the other guy. A promise was made to have this matter cleared up within 24 hours and I am sure that it will be handled between gentlemen/neighbors without our intervention.

The subject of taxiway damage in the area around Hangar 646 was also brought up. We must remember that this is an airport, airplanes have propellers and wheels and are not set up, by design, to go on cross country terrain, gravel and the like. Neighbors who misuse and operate equipment that damage these runways/taxiways are potentially liable for damage to airplanes and pilots operating them. Hopefully, the warnings given will suffice in this situation, if it does exist.

Bids are in progress for improved security fencing on the north and west sides of the airport along with the security gate on the south end (approved by the Board 2007.) Anyone having connections with contractors who do that sort of work and would like to submit a bid please have them contact us.

Over the years there have been accidents and deaths, thefts and vandalism, not to mention kids on bicycles that could have been prevented if our airport was properly secured (check out some other airports, i.e., Copeland, Meacham and Alliance.)

There were also complaints on boats, vehicles, and trailers stored on or about airport **property contrary to the CCR's. Carol Moran and Larry Partain have been asked to conduct a study and issue citations, if necessary, to abate these problems. Please extend your cooperation.**

The Board of Directors has elected to purchase a golf cart with curtains to help **implement security with Ted Kelso "leading the charge" to find one cheap. Iif anybody knows of a golf cart worth the money, please contact Ted directly. It will probably have to be a gas machine given the length of the night patrols.**

We look forward to a great spring and summer. Be safe!

Regards,
Gene

*Hicks AIRFiel d Rio Concho Spring
Precision Landing and Fl our
Bombing Con test!*

Saturday, June 6th.

More details to be announced in June Flappings!





WHERE'S THE HONEY???

By Gayla Heberling

On Saturday, April 4th, Lee Burgin in Hangar 595 discovered a large swarm of bees covering the back left-hand tire of his vehicle. For lack of any other safe method to get rid of them, he slipped inside his truck through the passenger side and drove very slowly away. As his tire started turning, thousands of bees fell off of both the inside and outside of his tire resembling handfuls of sand being poured out of a bucket. As he left the airfield, thousands of bees were still attached to the turning tire. He headed for the highway and picked up speed causing the bees to detach from the tire and lose interest in the truck.



While Lee was gone, the bees who had spilled off of the tire when the truck first started moving were now angrily buzzing around the vacant lot next to his hangar. It didn't take them long to find a new target. Lee's son Nolan had his pickup parked right next to his dad's truck...so they just headed for Nolan's pickup and covered the left back fender. So Nolan slipped inside through his passenger side door and headed for the highway.

We don't know where all the bees came from and we don't know where they all ended up, but we thought that everyone would want to know about this incident and bee on the lookout for any large hives on the airfield. ✚



2nd Annual Kids Fly day

By Ron Sinclair

Last year my wife Melana and I decided to have some of our friends and co-workers bring their kids out to experience flight. We had the help of Mike Bruno who brought over his Yak-52 and some gear from his military days. Mike taught the kids about military flying by letting them dress out in a flight suit, with a G-suit over that, oxygen mask, and of course a flight helmet complete with visor. The kids absolutely loved it, plus they got to sit in the Yak in all **their gear and see what it's like to be a fighter pilot. Afterwards I took each one up in our Cessna 172 to try their hand at flying as co-pilot.** The event was a real hit with the nine kids that participated.

This year we decided to get a few more kids involved. We asked our friends and neighbors here at Hicks for assistance and were proud to have so many volunteer their time, fuel, and aircraft on April 11th to the cause of promoting aviation. Mike Bruno brought out his Yak and fighter pilot equipment once again, and with the help of Andy Duff and his RV-8 the two let all the kids sit in their planes as they taught them the basics of aircraft controls and systems.

My neighbors to the North and South let me use their lots for operations. from which we operated up to nine aircraft throughout the day. Our HAPA president Gene let me turn the front of his hangar into a parking lot. Coy and Diane Surles helped with ground control of all the kids and aircraft, as well as flying. Our pilots consisted of Kurt Fournier in his Cessna 150, Don Browning in his Cessna Centurion, Larry Fenwick in his beautiful Columbia 350, Andy Duff in his RV-8, Mike Bruno in his Yak-52, Mike Heberling in his awesome RV-10, **Coy Surles in his newly upgraded Bonanza, Gary "Iron Man" Larson who took 8 flights throughout the day in his Cessna 172,** and then there was myself in our Cessna 172. I'm sure every



Future fighter pilot!



Larry Fenwick briefs his next Co-pilot

pilot that participated would agree that seeing the smiles on those kids as they **"flew" the plane all by themselves was a pay-off with huge dividends!** Every one of those kids come back from these flights with a very large boost in self-confidence and pride.

In all, no less than thirty one kids received **their AOPA "Future Pilot" gold wings and first flight certificates!** Melana also managed to make up some nice goody bags of stuff from Lockheed promotions which included posters, pens, pencils, flashlights, fridge magnets, and of course decals of F-22's. **I think most of us out here would have loved to have had some of that neat stuff too!** AOPA provided the wings and certificates, and with the help of Larry Fenwick and our own AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer Don Browning were able to provide (continued next page)

all those pesky, but necessary legal documents that help these type of events be a little less risky to host. We will provide those forms to Mike Reddick for posting to T67.org so all HAPA members may access them.

I just can't thank all those who made this event such a success enough. I have already been approached by neighbors that want to help out with the 2010 Kids Fly Day.

Melana has already begun planning next the event for next year, and will probably create a special Boy Scouts merit badge Fly Day for later this year, due to its popularity.



One of Kurt Fournier's happy right-seaters



A smiling youngster enjoys an imaginary flight in his RV



Gary Larson with another happy Co-pilot



Give

Don Browning with his proud first officer after their flight



BoD Meeting MINUTES

By Ninfa Cruz, Recording Secretary

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on March 19, 2009 in Hangar 111. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. and announced ready by President Gene deBullet.

Board members present were Bob Avery, Don Browning, and Coy Surles. Carol Moran of PMG was present. Other members of the Association were also present as observers.

The February minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

The following complaint was addressed:

Low Flights – It has been reported that some unidentified person has notified the FAA that resident aircraft have been making high speed low passes in violation of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy Patrol – Larry Partain reviewed the contract with the company providing the courtesy patrol service. Mr. Browning made a motion that the contract be modified to fit within the budget allocation. The motion passed.

Taxiway Maintenance – **Bob Avery spoke on Mike Olson's behalf regarding the schedule for spraying the runway and taxiways.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ninfa Cruz
Recording Secretary

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



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA

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INCOME	February 2009	YTD 2009
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	20,043	40,005
Runway Fees	0	0
Initial Fee Income	0	0
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	257	296
Fines	0	0
Gate Income	0	26
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Interest Income	93	189
Total Income	20,393	40,516
 EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	0	0
Bank/Check Charges	5	5
Collection Services	108	968
Copies & Postage	551	3,463
Data Processing	0	398
Sales Tax	39	39
Rental/Storage	263	713
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	0	268
Member Relations	0	0
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	750
Legal & Professional	907	2,882
Management Fees	854	1,708
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	0
General Liability Insurance	0	0
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	2
Utilities		
Electricity	1,002	2,822
Telephone	8	10
Contracts		
Courtesy Patrol Contract	2,734	5,537
Septic Field Contract	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance		
Mowing	(500)	0
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	155	155
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	0	(2,025)
Capital Improvements		
Airport Drainage	0	0
New Taxiways	0	0
Total Expense	<u>6,126</u>	<u>17,695</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>14,267</u>	<u>22,821</u>

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of February 28, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG
F A Bank 150,727

Runway Fee Reserves - PMG
CAB, Countrywide & FAB 0

Operating Cash - BOD
Wachovia Bank 2,252
Cash-MM-Beal Bank
Beal Bank 41,749
Clearing Account - PMG 0
Total Cash 194,727

Past Due Accounts Receivable:
Assessments 30 days 3,963
Assessments 31 - 90 days 4,058
Assessments over 90 days 25,215
Accounts Receivable 33,237

Total Current Assets 227,964

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses 0

Total Assets 227,964

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 512
Prepaid Assessments 67,542
Accrued Expenses Payable 0

Total Current Liabilities 68,054

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost/Other Escrow 2,199
Other Escrowed Fees 240
Total Other Liabilities 2,439

Total Liabilities 70,493

OWNERS' EQUITY

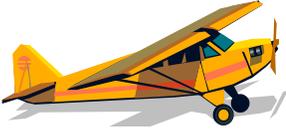
Reserves
Deferred Maintenance Reserve 0

Equity
Retained Earnings 134,648

Total Owners' Equity 134,648

Net Income/(Loss) 22,823

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 227,964



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Saturday, May 2nd—Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage every 1st Saturday from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
-  Saturday, May 9th—**Granbury, TX. EAA Chapter 983's Pecan Plantation Fly-In** Pecan Plantation Airpark (OTX1) Chapter meeting, exhibitors, Fly-In, Food, Homebuilts, Model Aircraft, Seaplanes, Sport Pilot LSA's, Ultralights, Vintage aircraft, Young Eagles Rally. Fun for everyone! 0930-1600 Contact Doug Crumrine 817-559-4665 for more info 37.1 NM S
-  Saturday, May 9th—Greenville, TX. Greenville Aviation Expo and Fly-In Majors Field (GVT) A good old fashioned gathering of aviation friends and family. Our focus will be on LSA this year. Everyone is invited and early arrivals are welcome. All types of aircraft are anticipated. Come be a part of the fun. 10:00-2:00 Contact Carl Brown 903-454-1926 for info. 68.2 NM E
-  Saturday, May 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. (OF2) 9:00AM-11:00AM 44.2 NM NW
-  Saturday, May 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 169.3 NM SE
-  Wednesday, May 20th— 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, May 23rd— Hobart, OK. Celebration of Freedom Fly-In Hobart Regional Airport (HBR) 3rd Annual Wild Hog Fly-In, Pancake breakfast free for pilots, fuel give-away for oldest plane and furthest traveled. Powered parachutes, military displays expected, numerous events in town all day honoring those who serve. General Tommy Franks Museum Grand Opening and Neil McCoy concert. 8:00-5:00 Call 580-471-0964 for more info. 148.1 NM NNW
-  Saturday, May 23rd—Ranger, TX. Ranger Air Show and BBQ Lunch Ranger Antique Airfield (F23) Fly-in to Texas' 3rd oldest airport. BBQ Lunch served to all pilots and passengers at 11:30 in the original 1928 hangar. Airfield closes at 1:00 for air show. ALL aircraft welcome, great grass strip. Celebrate Memorial Day, enjoy air-planes, aerobatics and food. Show your support for this volunteer operated field by bringing your aircraft. Contact Jared Calvert 254-433-1267 70.3 NM WSW
-  Saturday, May 23rd—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, May 30th—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, May 23rd— 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
-  Saturday, May 30th— Sherman/Denison, TX. Texoma 100 Air Race North Texas Regional Airport/Grayson County (GYI) 10:00 Open course timed speed racing open to all propeller driven fixed wing aircraft. Classes for experimental and factory aircraft. A Sport Air Racing league Championship Point series event. VFR only. Fun, Fair, Safe. Check in fee \$25.00, Aircraft insurance required. Awards, prizes and complimentary meals. Information/sign in at www.sportairrace.org Call 903-564-9410 for more info 59.8 NM NE
-  Saturday, June 6th— Hicks Airfield Rio Concho Spring Precision Landing and Flour Bombing Contest!
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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.
- **Hicks Airfield Rio Concho Spring Precision Landing and Fl our Bombing Contest! Saturday, June 6.**
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