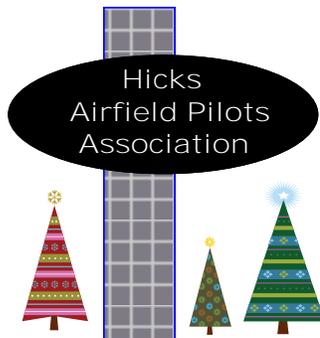


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Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

Dear Members and families,

We had the last regular meeting of your Board of Directors on November 12, 2009, which was attended by some new members, old members and of course Members of the Board.

One Board Member, Ted Kelso, announced that he would seek re-election. Other Board members whose terms have expired, Don Browning and Stuart Davis, have indicated that they will not seek re-election. **(See last month's Flappings for information on other HAPA members who have declared their intent to run for the HAPA Board.)** Write in candidates are always welcome.

Please remember the proxy rule and use the proxy forms drafted for that purpose (Don Browning can furnish those to you.)

We have had the wettest last three months in recent history and hopefully will get a break from the rain while we clean up our airport. The Board is mindful of low areas, improper drainage and septic issues in Phase II and III. There are property issues left over from the developer, architectural control and existing grade problems, not to mention legal issues as to right of way, access and easements. The Board's attorney and property manager will tour the airport for legal options while we are looking for a hydrologist (civil engineer) to give us a study of what our physical options might be. Given what we have to work with, also brings into play plat restrictions recited in our by-laws, (CCR's) as to "septic."

A lot of our residents have indulged in "self help" measures. This may be okay if it doesn't adversely affect your neighbor and affects only your property, and stays within our CCR's.

In an effort to better secure the airport, we are studying a redesign or reformatting of our airport's north entrance. This may include a single entrance and/or new gates and controls. Any viable future changes will be shared with you prior to any project start up (you may talk to Bob Avery for details).

The 2010 Budget has been approved by your Board with no additional financial impact on you, our members. It does allow for a substantial renovation of taxiways surface on the northwest end and includes possible improvements to drainage issues, as well as improvements on several other taxiways.

Again, don't forget to vote at 3:00 p.m. on the 5th day of December, Hangar #629 (Steve Ramsey).

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Hicks Field Hangars go green

By Ron Sinclair

How many of us have thought about getting off the grid by creating our own power at one time or another? Jeff Fosdick in hangar 307 has done just that. Well, maybe not *totally* off the grid. After much research on solar power, Jeff decided to give it a try and had no less than fifty four 38x63 panels installed on one side of his hangar roof. The resulting power output reaches close to 10,500 watts of power at peak output. Average power produced daily falls between 45-50 kilowatt hours. The smallest yet recorded on one of those steady-rain/overcast days was 6 kwh. With Jeff's average usage of a mere 32 kwh, this means more than enough power and an electric meter which runs *backwards*.

The system is fairly simple and trouble free with maintenance consisting mainly of keeping the panels clear of dust and debris which accumulates over time and robs the panels of some available light. An inverter converts the incoming DC power produced by the panels to AC power, then matches the sine wave of the outside line power before feeding the hangars main panel. Excess power then flows out to the grid through the meter which at this point has stopped and begins recording outflow. Incoming power is necessary for the system to operate, so as a result, in the event of a power outage, the **inverter will shutdown and with it all solar power as well, so don't give the utility company the raspberry just yet!**



The inverter which converts incoming DC to AC with output reading.

Now with all that outflow, one has to wonder how the utility company works out the bill or check they send you. Unfortunately, at this time, the power companies are under no obligation to pay you for excess power produced. There is legislation in the works which will change all that though, and force power companies to pay those who assist in powering neighboring homes.

The system is designed to take quite a bit of abuse from Mother Nature as well. Capable of remaining in place in 100 mph winds, and able to withstand hail up to 1 inch in diameter. If something were to befall Jeff's panels, his homeowners insurance will take care of it. Also, the panels are designed and guaranteed to produce 80% of rated output for a full 25 years.

Now for the part we all want to know...the math. The initial price tag for a system at this level of output is considerable. Jeff did much shopping for components and installers to whittle the sticker price down to \$54,000. Uncle Sam gave Jeff a 30% of cost tax credit, and Oncor has offered a rebate of \$2.46 per **installed watt (which Jeff hasn't seen yet!)**. **The State of Texas has yet to offer any rebates or incentives at this time.** So, when the smoke clears, the final tag will be somewhere around \$15,000. One of the factors affecting price is output wattage per panel. The higher the output per square foot, the

higher the price. If you happen to own a hangar and roof space is no issue, then you can save by using more panels of lesser output. The added benefit to this is that you are shading just that much more **hangar roof from radiant heat. Keep in mind also, that to be eligible for Oncor's rebate, you must use one of their recommended installers, of which there are several to choose from.**



Workmen spent 3 days installing and wiring the three sets of 18 modules in series.

It will be a few years before the system pays for itself, but in the meantime Jeff is enjoying the satisfaction of watching his meter run backwards. The solar project is something he always wanted to do and **he's always willing to help others with advice. So feel free to give Jeff a call, or drop by his hangar for a visit.**

Another type of solar energy can be found at Carol Morris's hangar in the form of solar water heating. Carol tells me that her system consist of a 4ft x 10ft roof mounted unit which heats water and stores it in an 80 gallon holding tank. The system is operational between 7:30 AM to 10:00 PM with circulating water which reaches temperatures between 140-150 degrees. A 50 gallon electric water heater kicks in when overcast days slow down the process. Her system is six and a half years old and is maintenance free. It has even weathered two hail storms. Carol estimates 50% savings in water heating cost.

As energy cost go up, and rebates become more available, harnessing the sun is looking better every day. ✚



Ted Runs for second BOD term

Hello to all at Hicks Airfield,

I am Ted Kelso, a current Board member, and I have served on the board of directors for the last two years. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming HAPA board election.

During my time on the board, we have overseen several projects that have helped to make Hicks Airfield a safe, fun and exceptional place to live, work, and play. These projects include resurfacing and restriping the taxiway, septic repair and maintenance, drainage work, installation of the new south gate, land and title leasing for the south gate, and taxiway lighting repairs. I served as the go between for the BNSF Railroad and HAPA and have been instrumental in working with the various contractors and maintenance personnel used by HAPA. There is still, as always, a great deal left to do.



In the last two years our board meetings have become orderly and resourceful. There have been several controversial topics discussed in a calm and professional way without any emotional outbursts. This Board has been willing to work with everyone. Sometimes the projects suggested were tabled for lack of funding; sometimes they were acted upon immediately. Others were discussed and dismissed. The important point is, all topics were considered.

This board has felt that everyone who owns land at Hicks Field should pay his or her dues and assessments when they are due. As a result, we have been vigilant in collecting past due assessments, some as much as 6 years delinquent. Now almost every property has been brought up to current status.

As a Board member I realize the fiduciary obligation I accepted two years ago, and I am willing to continue being frugal with your money and careful with your property values. I hope to see you at the next meeting and I solicit your support.

Ted Kelso



BoD Meeting MINUTES

By Ninfa Cruz

Minutes for Board Meeting – October 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the Hick’s Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on October 8, 2009. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. and announced ready by President Gene deBullet.

Board members present were President Gene deBullet, Don Browning, Bob Avery, and Ted Kelso. Other members of the Association were also present as observers.

The motion by Ted Kelso to approve the Treasurer’s Report passed.

The motion by Bob Avery to approve the Secretary’s Report passed.

President deBullet commented that everything appeared to be normal with the exception of some septic systems.

The motion by Bob Avery to hold the annual meeting and election at Steve Ramsey's hangar on December 5, 2009 passed.

Committee Reports

Septic Report – Coy Surles absent. Bob Avery reported on Septic in his place:

There are drainage problems that complicate the septic problems.
A pump should be installed to replace the missing one.
A suspected broken pipe should be repaired.

Ninfa Cruz



HAPA President Gene deBullet (far right) presented our current Board members with a handsome plaque for their dedicated service recently. Board members from left to right; Jim Usher, Coy Surles, Ted Kelso, Bob Avery and last but certainly not least Don Browning Esq.



Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	September 2009	YTD 2009
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	19,813	179,977
Runway Fees	0	0
Initial Fee Income	0	0
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	106	1,525
Fines	0	0
Gate Income	238	2,175
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Interest Income	78	877
Total Income	20,235	184,554
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	0	90
Bank/Check Charges	5	10
Collection Services	135	906
Copies & Postage	392	6,101
Data Processing	20	456
Sales Tax	20	165
Rental/Storage	265	2,644
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	268	1,943
Member Relations	0	0
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	1,380
Legal & Professional	(75)	5,933
Management Fees	854	7,686
Taxes and Insurance		
Directors and Officers Liability	0	1,793
General Liability Insurance	0	3,017
Taxes - Other	0	0
Property Taxes	0	2
Utilities		
Electricity	1,301	10,563
Telephone	71	602
Contracts		
Mowing Contract	1,598	9,085
Courtesy Patrol Contract	1,469	14,861
Septic Field Contract	0	0

Repairs and Maintenance		
Electrical/Lights	0	915
Fences/Gates/Walls	0	0
Equipment/Tractor Repairs	0	0
Sign Repair	0	0
Pavement Repairs	0	51,353
Plumbing	0	0
Septic Field Repairs	1,200	5,366
Airport Drainage	0	6,472
Gas/Oil	0	0
Other Expenses		
Misc. Expenses	35	368
Gate Transmitters Purchased	0	1,865
Projects		
Gate-South Entrance	766	28,849
Total Expense	<u>8,324</u>	<u>162,425</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>11,911</u>	<u>22,129</u>

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of September 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG 11,856
F A Bank

Operating Cash - BOD 3,059
Wachovia Bank

Cash-Money Market 149,247
Beal Bank

Clearing Account - PMG 0

Total Cash 164,162

Past Due Accounts Receivable:
Assessments 30 days 4,270
Assessments 31 - 90 days 2,161
Assessments over 90 days 24,881
Total Accounts Receivable 31,312

Total Current Assets 195,474

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses 0

Total Assets 195,474

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 2,153
Prepaid Assessments 32,218
Accrued Expenses Payable 0

Total Current Liabilities 34,371

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost Escrow 1,818
Other Escrowed Fees 480
Total Other Liabilities 2,298

Total Liabilities 36,669

OWNERS' EQUITY

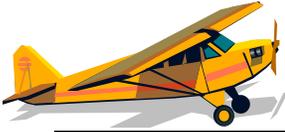
Reserves
Deferred Maintenance Reserve 0

Equity
Retained Earnings 136,673

Total Owners' Equity 136,673

Net Income/(Loss) 22,131

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 195,474



Fly Ins & Outs

-  Every 1st Saturday, —Waco, TX. EAA Chapter 59 Breakfast McGregor Municipal Airport (PWG) Pancakes and Sausage from 7AM till ? 86.9 NM S
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-  Every 2nd Saturday— Lufkin, TX. EAA Chapter 1219 & Angelina County Airport Fajita Fly-In (LFK) 10.00-2-00 Discount fuel for fly-ins 169.3 NM SE
-  Every 3rd Wednesday— 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
-  Every 4th Saturday—Tyler TX. Tyler Pounds Field Pancake Breakfast (TYR) Breakfast hosted by members of the Tyler Civil Air Patrol squadron from 8-11 AM . Contact Rich Dyer for info 903-849-2785 107.3 NM ESE
-  Every Last Saturday—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
-  Every 4th Saturday— 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, December 12th—Burnet, TX. Burnet Burger Burn Burnet Municipal Airport (KBMQ) Burning some hamburgers for \$5 donations and entrance to our museum. Come by, enjoy a hamburger and learn about the Commemorative Air Force, the Highland Lakes Squadron, Burnet, and WWII history. Take a look at our C-47, SNJ, PT-19, and L17. Rides for sale in our SNJ PT. Look forward to seeing you there. Look for our air show on the second Saturday in April. Contact Ed Holley for more info 512-756-2226 138.1 NM SSW



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- 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 & Board Members for NEXT YEAR– 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.
- For issues concerning ONCOR pole work, call Buddy Mills (Oncor District Service Advisor): Cell (469) 261-6338
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