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**Serving the owners and tenants of
Hicks Airfield, Fort Worth, Texas (Tango 67) August 2021**

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Rusty Morris and his winning 1964 Cessna Skyhawk

Rusty Morris Takes Home Award From Oshkosh, Again!

Hicks Airport resident Charles “Rusty” Morris is a stickler for keeping things in good condition. His 1964 172 E Skyhawk is a good example. During the 2021 EAA AirVenture show in Oshkosh this year, Morris won an award for Best Continuously Maintained-Outstanding in Type in the Contemporary category, which covers aircraft built from 1956 to 1970.

According to EAA, planes competing in the Best Continuously Maintained Aircraft category are planes “with proof of construction by the original manufacturer, or his licensee, which have received periodic maintenance, repair, recover, and/or replacement of parts,



but which have never been completely disassembled and rebuilt or re-manufactured.” EAA says authenticity is the standard. “These standards are established to encourage members to restore and maintain Vintage airplanes to reflect a factory fresh condition.”

Morris purchased his Cessna Skyhawk on May 1, 1975, when it had 583 hours on it. Since then, he has kept it the way it came. “I’ve just preserved it, taken care of it, kept it clean, painted it, overhauled the engine and put radios in it,” Morris says. Most everything original is still in it: original seats, windows and other parts.. Why does he do it? “I just like taking care of things,” he says.

Morris has been flying since his senior year in high school. His is retired from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. Winning is something Morris is getting used to. At the 2018 EAA AirVenture Show, he took home a Grand Champion Gold Lindy Award for his 1955 Cessna 170B.

Want A Say In How The Airport Is Operated? Run For The Board.

Every December, HAPA property owners have the opportunity to vote for the people they believe would best serve their interests as a member of the board of directors.

It is not too early to begin thinking about running for the board. This fall there will be three seats to fill. The serving term is two years.

Many people have opinions about how the airport should be run, but few take the time to volunteer to serve in some capacity. Being on the board provides that opportunity. You will need to submit a statement as to why you are running as well as a resume that highlights your background and experience. Those will be mailed to all HAPA property owners and published in this newsletter.

So be thinking about whether this is the year you step up to serve, to put action behind your opinions.

HAPA Records Returned

On August 1, board member Tim Bero facilitated the return of the archived HAPA records. They are temporarily being stored in a resident’s hangar. When the weather cools, volunteers will organize and move them to the HAPA hangar.

HAPA attorney Dave Coker sent a letter to Bero requesting they be returned. Bero had previously refused to return the records, wanting assurance they would be kept dry and free from damage. Those assurances were made. “The records were obtained without any issues and without the need for court intervention,” said Coker.

Welcome Dave and Neva Skinner, new owners of 756 Aviator Drive

The Skinner's shared this post on the t67.org Forum page on July 23, 2021

Hello everyone! We are Dave and Neva Skinner from Moline, Illinois, originally from Garden City and Inman, Kansas. Neva is a retired social worker from a retirement home, and Dave is a retired engineer from John Deere. We just bought the lot at 756 Aviator Dr.

Our attraction to Hicks Airfield was that all our kids and grandkids are in the DFW area, most of them as close as 15 minutes from the airfield. We are working on building plans but they aren't in complete focus yet. We have met a few people at Hicks and all have been friendly. Special thanks goes out to Vicky (can't recall her last name) who shared what it's like to live on the airfield when we were transients there for a few days in May. We are looking forward to meeting a lot more of you in the future!

President's Message

I hope this finds everyone healthy. Your board has been working hard to overcome many obstacles while trying to resolve the two lawsuits. It has been a year for the history books, C-19, more rain this spring than usual, etc.

For August, the board meeting was forecast to be possibly below a quorum again due to board members being out of town. The decision was made to conduct a Zoom board meeting to allow those out of town members the ability to participate and accomplish board responsibilities. The Zoom meeting is a learning process and as time moves forward, I'm sure they will go smoother. If Covid 19 continues to present problems, we may be forced to conduct future meeting via Zoom.

Do not forget everyone on the board is a volunteer and does have a personal life to live. With that being said don't pick up the phone or use a keyboard to complain to a board member without possibly presenting a solution.

Also, if there is an issue with parking, mowing of a lot, etc., first talk with your neighbor or the person you have the issue with. Call the Sheriff as a last resort if there is a clear violation affecting your property and immediate assistant is needed.

You can report CCR violations on the t67.org website. Once you have logged in, go to the incidents tab and in the drop down menu choose CCR. Include time, date, and if applicable, a photo. The board members are not the police, we are here primarily to make decisions on how Hicks, as an airport, remains an airport-first community.

There are a few projects working in the background and as soon as they are "in concrete" they will become public. Summer is soon to slide into fall although it hasn't been a real hot summer, I am sure fall is welcomed by everyone. September 9th is the next Board meeting which we hope to conduct in open session per normal procedures with Zoom as our backup.

In closing I ask everyone who has time to volunteer do so and possibly consider running for the Board; at this moment we have 3 openings this fall.

Stephen Grace
HAPA President

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association August 19, 2021 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by HAPA Pres. Steve Grace at 7:02 pm on electronic Zoom video call.

Board Directors present: Jeff Allred, Roy Geer, Marlin Klotz, Jeff Sheets, Tom Boback, John Unangst
Mike Reddick present as HAPA Treasurer & Mary Reddick present as Alt Secretary.
Attorney David Coker present and Zoom moderator.
Directors Absent: Tim Bero

Meeting open to Hicks property owners only.
Hold your questions until the end of the meeting.

Summary of Closed session of the board:

Discussed delinquent accounts.
New pay scale/contract for plumber Brad Hilliard approved unanimously by the board.
The BOD unanimously removed Tim Bero from the Architectural Control Committee and elected Bryan Martin as his replacement.

Discussed a fine schedule for the property mgmt. company for enforcement of CCR's.
Discussed Rules & Restrictions for Hicks as an ongoing project.

Old Business:

Motion to approve June 10 minutes: made by Jeff and 2nd by John Vote 6-0

Septic issues: Due to the dry spell, we have no major issues to report.

Runway needs re-sealing. Some taxiway work may be done also. We're awaiting details of the final bids. One bid had 3500 linear ft of crack sealing needing to be accomplished vs another bid of 40,000 linear ft. The details will be ironed out before the board makes any decision.

There has been a resolution to the HAPA records stored at Tim Bero's hangar. Tim allowed another Hicks resident to retrieve the records and move them to another hangar, now under the overview of the HAPA Board.

The HAPA's liability policy coverage has been increased to \$4M and is in force at this time.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Financial documents have been posted to the HAPA website through the end of July. Members can view financial documents after signing into the website.

Motion to approve the July financials: made by Jeff and 2nd by John. Vote 6-0

Security Issues:

We've had some incidents with properties and parking. We need to be diligent with our guests and if we are renting out properties, the renters know the airport rules. Taxiways need to be kept clear so that aircraft and other vehicles can move freely.

Former Board member, airport manager, & T67 website guru, Brock Street, has sold his hangar and moved off airport. He has volunteered to continue webmaster duties in the short term.

Further efforts to keep the website functional, or board requests for different features will incur a cost to HAPA for Brock's time.

Motion to employ Brock Street on a contract basis to write code as needed for our website to keep T67 functioning and to adapt as necessary as we make changes or need changes to it. Made by Tom Boback, second by Roy Geer Vote 6-0

Legal Status update by Dave Coker: Dave Coker has been substituted for the previous attorney for the South Gate lawsuit. Mediation has been scheduled for Oct 8th. He is in contact with Rio Concho's attorney and it's moving along like any normal lawsuit.

As to the North gate lawsuit: We're getting close to completing investigations, researching additional counter-claims, and then we'll get prepped for trial.

Dave Coker opened the floor for questions about the north and/or south gate lawsuit. There were no questions from the floor.

President's remarks: Zoom is a new technology and it will be a learning process. I think it's necessary with Covid returning. Some people will complain about it but it's a smart thing to do. Elections are coming up this fall. Please consider running for the board. There are three openings coming up. We're at a pivotal point for Hicks Airfield so take your vote very seriously. There might be some changes to how we vote.

Turnout for this meeting: 24 owners attended online. Thank you for making the effort to be involved.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 9th at 7pm, Hangar 137. Bod meetings are typically scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Motion to adjourn: made by Roy seconded by John at 7:22 pm. Vote 6-0

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Electronic Board Vote July 19, 2021

HAPA Members,

While our antiquated By-laws & CCR's do not address electronic voting or electronic meetings, Texas Property Code 209 (only a GUIDE for us) does address this. Their rules are very specific on what is required but section H (quoted below) allows an electronic vote which the bod accomplished yesterday (7/19/2021).

Our plan was to introduce this motion at the July board meeting but without a quorum, we were unable to have a board meeting.

Due to time constraints, a possible no quorum meeting in August, possible upcoming legal action with the South Gate, and a desire to minimize our legal costs, the board felt compelled to act on this electronic vote.

TPC 209.0051 Para H:

“(h) Except as provided by this subsection, a board may take action outside of a meeting, including voting by electronic or telephonic means, without prior notice to owners under Subsection (e), if each board member is given a reasonable opportunity to express the board member’s opinion to all other board members and to vote. Any action taken without notice to owners under Subsection (e) must be summarized orally, including an explanation of any known actual or estimated expenditures approved at the meeting, and documented in the minutes of the next regular or special board meeting.”

Summary of motion and vote taken:

Motion:

Whereas, 2020 HAPA legal costs were higher than desired by the board and the membership, but a necessary evil, and

Whereas, HAPA resident & attorney David Coker has volunteered his time to HAPA for the north gate lawsuit at the specific request of HAPA President Steve Grace, and

Whereas, attorney David Coker has room in his schedule to also work on the south gate lawsuit, thus saving HAPA tens of thousands of dollars,

Be It Resolved, that attorney David Coker become HAPA’s primary attorney for our south gate lawsuit in addition to our north gate lawsuit.

Made by Jeff Seconded by John Vote 6-0-0 (Tim Bero didn’t respond.)

Cost: Estimated savings to HAPA and its membership: as stated in the motion, tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees as HAPA attorney David Coker is volunteering his time pro bono (free) to HAPA.

Jeff Sheets

HAPA Secretary

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Safety Rules and Regulations

1. Airport access is limited to airport owners, tenants, pilots, and guests. All parties entering the airport who are not owners or pilots must receive safety instructions from the property owner prior to entry. Safety instructions should include, but are not limited to, the rules contained below.
2. Gate codes may be distributed to guests only after a complete safety briefing has been given and an understanding has been expressed by the guest. If gate codes are distributed without associated safety instructions, the offender's code will be removed from the database. The offender will not be entitled to a new code until any associated fines are paid in full.
3. No person or vehicle, other than lawfully operated aircraft, shall enter the runway or runway safety zones. Runway safety zones include the grass areas surrounding the runway.
4. All automobiles must yield to aircraft. Automobiles in the path of an aircraft shall immediately pull off of the taxiway into the nearest apron until the aircraft has passed. If this is not possible, the automobile should turn around and depart the path of the aircraft.
5. The maximum permissible speed is 15 mph throughout the entirety of the property.
6. Taxiways must remain unobstructed within 30 feet of the taxiway centerline.
7. Persons must not approach an aircraft under power. An aircraft which is not under power must not be touched without the consent of the aircraft owner.

HAPA DIRECTORY INFO

The HAPA membership directory is now online. To access the directory, go to www.t67.org and log into your account. From here, you can also manage your privacy settings.

Creating an account gives the board an opportunity to contact you should there be an emergency at your hangar, an ELT signal related to your aircraft, a flight plan that was not closed, or other need for contacting you.

- If you haven't yet provided created an account at www.t67.org, 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 the newsletter publisher.
- If you have an issue and would like to address the HAPA BOD during a Board meeting, Please contact the HAPA President to be put on the agenda.
- For South Gate Directory Changes contact Morry Anderson at morry.anderson@gmail.com or login to www.t67.org and choose "Gate Codes".
- For **Emergency** South Gate Issues, call Marlin Klotz at 817-412-8786

Septic Field Information

Check out the info below and see if you are up to speed!

Do's & Don'ts

Do use environmentally friendly liquid detergents for washing machines and dishwashers.

Don't use liquid fabric softener.

Do use dryer sheets.

Don't pour grease into drains. Grease won't break down and will solidify in your system.

Do dispose of it in the garbage as solid waste.

Don't use garbage disposals as a trash can. Garbage disposals are to be used for table food scraps. (ex: No corn husks, paper, meat bones)

Don't wait until the weekend to do the whole weeks' worth of laundry.

Do spread out the laundry over the course of the week, so you don't over work your drain field.

Do use bleach in moderation. Large amounts of chlorine kills the good bacteria needed to maintain a healthy septic system.

Don't flush anything that is not septic safe toilet paper or waste down the toilet. (ex: feminine products and baby wipes)

Do remember, if it's toxic to you... it is also toxic to the septic system.

Don't Flush It

Homeowners wanting to take good care of their septic systems should make note of the following items that should never be flushed down the drain or toilet. These items can overtax or destroy the biological digestion taking place within the system or clog pumps and pipes.

Take care not to flush the following:

- hair combings, coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, or kitty litter,
- sanitary napkins, tampons, cigarette butts, or condoms, gauze bandages, fat, grease, or oil, paper towels, shop towels and **NEVER** flush chemicals that could contaminate surface and groundwater, such as: paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oils, photographic solutions, or pesticides.