

FLAPPINGS

**Serving the owners and tenants of
Hicks Airfield, Fort Worth, Texas (Tango 67) February 2022**

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Spring Fling

HAPA's Spring Fling is set for March 19, from 4 pm to 7 pm. It will be held at hangar 729 (Jody Smith's). Two food trucks are scheduled: Taco Vibe, offering tacos, and Hawkins Tasty Food, offering burgers, wings, tenders, catfish/shrimp combos, fries and tater tots. Music will be provided by the band TryMore MOJO. This will be a BYOB event. RSVP to Colleen Unick at 817-821-8340 or Diane Dubeansky at 915-549-3333.

President's Message

Dear Hicks Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Members,

Here we are in Fe..BRR..uary..

"February teaches us the lesson of Hope that there is a sunny day at the end of every Freezing Night."

Extremely cold weather is in the forecast for this week meaning there's always the chance water pipes can freeze which could result in broken pipes. A broken water pipe can lead to significant property damage.

If you see water leaking out of someone's hangar please promptly contact the water company and any board member so we can try to prevent or mitigate the occurrence of damages.

Our community website, t67.org, is a great way to stay up-to-date and is a valuable resource with helpful information including online incident reporting, HAPA contacts, member directory, HAPA documents, access to Flappings (the official newsletter of HAPA), along with airport runway and weather info. If you see any suspicious activity or note safety/security concerns please be sure to report the incident on t67.org for log record and review.

The address for mailing your HAPA Dues may be found on the HAPA Contacts Page of t67.org. All HAPA dues payments are to be mailed directly to HAPA. Please verify you have the correct mailing

address for HAPA payments and send your check to:

HAPA Dues
100 Aviator Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76179

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to attend our monthly membership meeting. This is your association and your interest and input is genuinely desired. A membership meeting is also a great way to meet your neighbors and gives you a chance to socialize and make friends with others on the field.

We are also seeking volunteers who want to contribute and make a positive impact in our community by volunteering your time and talents. Please help continue the worthwhile endeavor of working to meet the needs of a successful and growing aviation community. Everything our community accomplishes-from improving our runway and taxiways to throwing a memorable holiday party -depends on the involvement of members who are willing to step up and become volunteers.

Until next time, "Blue Skies and Tail Winds!"

In Fellowship,

John Unangst,
President, HAPA

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Meeting February 10, 2022

Meeting called to order by HAPA President Unangst at 7:07 pm at Hangar 729.

Board Directors present: Tom Boback, Roy Geer, Marlin Klotz, Jeff Sheets, Jody Smith, John Unangst
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:

- Late fees on specific owner accounts
- Septic issues

Officer position change: Marlin moves to VP. Jody moves to Treasurer

Motion to approve Jan 13 Board minutes: Maker: Jeff Second: Tom Vote 6-0

President's remarks:

Architectural Control Committee: Reminder: Any work done on the outside of your hangar needs prior approval from Hicks ACC before you start work. This is required whether you're adding a driveway or filling in dirt behind a retaining wall. Sections 1, 2, and 3 must all get approval from the HAPA ACC. Don Davis is no longer an approving authority for Hicks. This applies to

Septic Committee Volunteers Needed

The HAPA board of directors is asking for help from people who would be willing to serve on a new septic committee. The committee will review current challenges, as well as look for short and long term solutions. Several of the septic fields are problematic, and the board would especially like people whose hangars utilize that field to serve on the committee. If interested, contact Tom Boback at 214-929-4833 or tbob17@msn.com

Do Not Send Your Dues to Mark Foreman & Associates

HAPA dues are being handled by HAPA, specifically Barbara Gaskins. If you receive an email or letter requesting payment from her at the email address HAPATreas22@gmail.com, this is legitimate. Unfortunately some people are still sending dues to Foreman, and if that continues, payment will not be credited to your account. Please return all HAPA dues payments to:

HAPA
100 Aviator Dr
Fort Worth, Tx 76179

100% of all property owners at Hicks with no exceptions. No one is a declarant any longer. This applies to any changes outside your hangar.

Volunteers are needed, especially for the septic system. A volunteer assigned to their own cluster system is helpful so they understand the challenges pertaining to maintaining their septic system. Our septic system has been our Achilles heel for all time and continues to be so. We could use your help.

Treasurer's Report: No report for the board submitted. No monthly P&L obtained from Barbara due to late submission.

Airport Manager's Report:

- TSA report needs to be redacted.
- North facing light on the Beacon affects night vision for those landing or taxiing. This is a safety issue.
- Repeater tower is on track. Three FAA departments could possibly fund it. Next comes a site survey. It may be completed by the end of the year. An additional ASOS function hasn't been decided yet.

Secretary's Report:

Our webmaster reports that the merging of our databases is almost complete. This is a result of a motion the board passed last month to fix the problem associated with our current 3 databases.

If your airport internet seems slow, it probably is. Go to:

www.speedtest.net and run a speed test. If you're paying for Internet 50 or Internet 25, your download speed should be 50 Mbps or 25 Mbps respectively. If the speed test shows 3 or 4 download speed, call AT&T. Their customer service will run online tests and swear you have 25 or 50 going into your hangar. It's not true. They'll scare you by telling you that a service tech will charge you \$99 or \$149 for the service call if the problem is in your home. In every case that we've researched lately, the problem is in the VRad at the north end of the airfield. There's a bad module in there that AT&T knows needs replaced. If you call early enough, your connection might get changed over from the bad module to a good module....but, there's not enough room on the good module to change everyone over. It's first come, first served. At a minimum, you can complain and get a credit on your internet bill.

If you have a lot of Wifi devices on your router, your speed will slow down. Hardwire speed is generally unaffected. Customer Service will tell you otherwise, but they're wrong. If you can, run your speed test from a hard-wired (ethernet connected) computer.

Potentially good news to report. A 3rd party with connections into AT&T, reported to me that Hicks is scheduled to have its internet upgraded to fiber by the end of the summer. Fiber is currently on the airfield in 8 different hangars. AT&T will need to add terminals to the existing phone poles before they can connect it to a hangar. The far east taxiway will have

to have a fiber line added to the phone poles before those hangars overlooking the farmer's fields can connect. I have a download speed of 50 Mbps currently. One business on fiber showed me a download speed of 960 Mbps. Delays are always possible so keep your fingers crossed for this much needed upgrade.

Old Business:

- Septic Issues: We worked on septic field 613. We dug up a lateral line and discovered that line had a pvc pipe with no holes in it and was capped on both ends. It acted like an air lock. Those lines were replaced with the correct pvc pipe and it's now working flawlessly. Element Systems was originally scheduled to work on this field but they were simply going to send out two day laborers with nothing other than shovels. That was insufficient to tackle the extensive digging required.
- Tom received a call today from David Jefferson, Director of Environment Health of Tarrant County. He's overseen the septic fields at Hicks for 26 years. He gave us a heads-up that another resident complained about a private septic field on the north end of the airfield. Due to the loss of cows next door a few months ago, and now due to this new complaint, the Tarrant County District Attorney has opened up a file on Hicks as a legal paper trail. The D.A. is sending the HAPA President a letter. That letter will say they're looking at revoking our septic permits because we're not using them as designed. No residential nor commercial use was intended in the design. Mr Jefferson is pleased that HAPA has initiated a study on a water treatment facility at Hicks and repaired the lateral line at 613. These items will be included in HAPA's response to Mr Jefferson and the DA. It will show that HAPA is addressing the problem and should put the issue on the back burner. As stated earlier in these minutes, our septic problems are the Achilles heel for Hicks.

New Business:

Resale Certificates: Previously our property management company filled these out and claimed the profit for themselves. The HAPA President is now doing them. He's charging the max allowed by law of \$375 each. For the 6 resale certificates done since October, he's earned \$2,250 for HAPA.

Motion of pay M&J Group for bookkeeping for Jan to mid-Feb for a total of \$1744.54.

Maker: Jeff Second: Jody Vote 5-0 (John abstained)

Legal Status update by Dave Coker:

- Anyone not providing a name will be kicked off our Zoom call.
- For legal status updates, please see the T67 website.

Dues: We still have owners sending dues to Marc Foreman 4 plus months after Foreman quit. HAPA has sent owners emails and phone calls notifying them of the change. Any future payments sent to Foreman will NOT be credited to your account and you will be assessed a late payment.

Our mowing contract expires this month. HAPA is taking bids for a mowing contract for 2022. Marlin has volunteered to coordinate this effort.

Thanks to Vance Duffy for donating orange balls to go on the fence.

The next meeting will be on Mar 10, 2022 at 7pm. Location will be hangar 729.

Turnout for this meeting: 14 owners attended. Thank you for making the effort to be involved.

Motion to Adjourn: Maker: John Second: Jeff at 7:45pm Vote 6-0

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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

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.

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.