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Groundhog sees shadow and dooms Hicks Airfield to six more weeks of winter.

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Presidents Corner

By Gene de Bullet

Dear Members,

We're moving ahead on the Engineering study and thereafter to contract a fix for the drainage problem that Hicks Airfield has experienced for many years.

Thanks to Steve Carter and some other interested members we have located a prior study which a previous board had paid for. That study is now in our hands and is part of the work in progress. So that we have our very best price, Bob Avery and others are interviewing some suggested engineers/contractors (more to come.)

Due to the weather we did not have a quorum at our last board meeting and it was turned into an open discussion which was productive.

Frankly, things have been fairly quiet on the field which is a good thing. We have the normal delinquencies and one or two foreclosures all of which will hopefully be brought current.

In closing Ron Sinclair has been Editor In Chief for our newsletter for as long as I can remember and has done a fantastic job of not only chasing the news but publishing it accurately and fairly. **Regrettably, Ron is going to relinquish the reigns effective May 2010 and I'm looking for a replacement Editor in Chief that can carry on the same high level of performance that has prevailed under his watch.** Anyone who has any background and/or desire to work in this area of expertise would certainly be appreciated.

Best regards,

Gene



*EAA Chapter 670
Monthly Meeting
March 17th*

*Rio Concho Café 6:00 pm. Come
early for dinner and hangar talk.
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm*



Trapped alive in hangar!

By Ron Sinclair

After our last snow storm here at Hicks Field, I decided to brave the deep snow in my trusty Kia on the afternoon of Thursday the 11th and patrol the airport in search of photos for Flappings. I found myself amongst the T hangars on the North end of the front taxiway and came across a car parked in front of a T hangar with a foot of snow piled up on it, and no tracks in. This seemed odd to me since no one that I know of lives in a T hangar. As I drove slowly by, a hand emerged from a small crack in the door waving. I stopped, got out and discovered a very relieved person on the other side of the door!

It seems that on the previous Tuesday night, the gentleman came to his hangar to retrieve some tie-down straps he had stored in an old car. He closed the hangar door behind him to keep out the cold wind, and made his way over to the car with a flashlight. At the moment he opened the trunk of the car, an unknown furry varmint leapt out at him! Varmint, flashlight and man came crashing down on some other items stored behind the car. When the dust settled, the man tried to get up, but was met with excruciating pain from his back and fell back down. He had apparently re-injured his back in the fall after having had back surgery just a few months before.

Laying there looking up at the ceiling, he then realized that he had left his cell phone in the car. On top of that, he is single, and no one at home would be missing him when he didn't return that evening. After a few hours he was able to make his way over to the sliding hangar doors. When he tried to open one, the pain shot through his back and he found himself on the ground once again. Luckily, he had stored some camping gear in his hangar and managed to find a small Coleman propane stove, a sleeping bag, a Coleman kerosene lantern and some blankets. The lantern had just a little fuel left in it and lasted just long enough to get situated in his makeshift campground on the hangar floor before flickering out. His flashlight still worked which he used very sparingly throughout the ordeal. Two bottles of water were located as well.

The first night passed, but Wednesday morning showed no improvement in his back. He did manage to pry the door open just enough to see out though. He didn't hear or see anyone Wednesday, and that night heard the sound of snow hitting the roof of the hangar. Fuel for his small stove was plentiful and he was able to keep warm with the help of that and his sleeping bag. Wednesday passed very slowly with no one coming to his end of the airport due to the weather. Another cold night with water running low and no food passed. Thursday morning came, and with it the sound of voices nearby. Yelling for help did no good though. Thursday around noon he heard the sound of a diesel pick-up truck down from his hangar coming his way, but by the time he managed to work his way over to the crack in the door, it had passed.

After a few more hours of waiting and listening, he heard the sound of my Kia laboring its way through the snow and managed to get to the door in time to get his hand out and wave. I almost waved back before continuing on! When I got to the door of the hangar, the first thing he asked for was his cell phone so he could get help. I got the hangar door opened and got him to the Kia where he lowered the seat way back and basked in the heat from the vents. Happy to finally be out of the hangar after two days and nights without food. I asked if he needed to go to the hospital and he told me he had rather just go home. He told me the story on the drive to his house.

I spoke with him a few days later and found him feeling much better after relaxing for several days. He did say that the first thing he was planning on doing once he was back up and around, was to stock his hangar with lantern fuel, water, and *FOOD* just in case this ever happens again!

There's a lesson here for all of us. You just never know what set of unusual circumstances may find us wanting in time of emergency. So, take a few minutes and see what's laying around your hangar if this had happened to you. A few cans of pork and beans may go a long way! ✈



Flappings name safe!

By Ron Sinclair

Well, the results of my poll are in, and it appears that my earlier assumption that most of us wanted a new name for our humble newsletter was a bit off target.

Now I should point out that I didn't receive many replies, but still enough replies to classify as my most controversial subject yet! ...drum roll please... FIVE! Yep, five replies, and I earned every one of em!

Two wanted a name change, with one even making a great suggestion for a new name "Hicks Flyer". Not enough though, as the votes against name change numbered three! Now I know, you're probably thinking I've flipped out for being so excited about five replies. Fact is though, this question received twice as much reaction as my ill-fated article which dared ask the question which should never be asked...and won't even be repeated here for fear of rioting and/or lynching! Oh what the hell... Should we continue to allow non-aviation related businesses here on Hicks Airfield? That bombshell netted three emails...well...okay, one was an address change!

Now, back to the subject at hand. Flappings shall remain so for the foreseeable future. I must admit that while I was the principle proponent of name change, I had regrets when it came down to whether I would start over with the volume numbers, seeing as it would technically be another newsletter. That, and I liked the history of the name when it came to light. So, allow me to officially retract my request for name change and get back to work on the more important duties of esteemed editor, which, by the way, I am planning on retiring from after the May issue. I've had a blast with Flappings and have tried my best to raise the bar in terms of quality. This issue marks my third year and thirty sixth edition as editor. I must admit that part of me really wants to keep going with this, but I just seem to have a never ending supply of projects and chores that just aren't getting done. I recently started building an airplane, which as many of you know, will take a ridiculous amount of time to complete. I suppose I should build an RV since I live next door to RV Central and Jay Pratts incredible experience with those planes. Jay actually thinks I'm a bit nuts for building a Breezy instead! So, with great reluctance, I will hand over the reigns to our proud newsletter soon.

While on the subject of our newsletter, I would like to make yet another request for content. I know you guys are sitting out there on a veritable cornucopia of fantastic stories and life experiences. Stop being so coy and throw me a bone here! We have test pilots, retired airline captains, flight attendants, fighter pilots, and candlestick makers and nothing...nothing but silence among the masses. If your worried about becoming a shameless self-promoter like myself, then simply make up a cool pen name for yourself! Samuel Clemons once felt the same way I'm sure.

Speaking of anonymous writers. Just in time for the 2010 flying season...another drum roll please... I am very proud to announce that we now have a contributor for Fly-Ins and Outs. This month you will see new variety, rather than the same old re-hashed stuff I've always managed to dig up! So get those planes out, dust em off and get to flying! Our new contributor wishes to remain unknown for now, so, I will simply refer to him as *The Lone Fly Ins & Outs Ranger!* This column is of course always open for events you may have that fly under the radar. So, feel free to email me any events you wish posted in the future. ✈



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Financial reports

-Submitted by Jim Usher, HAPA Treasurer

HAPA Income Statement

INCOME	December 2009	YTD 2009
Scheduled Income		
Regular Assessments	20,017	240,029
Runway Fees	0	0
Initial Fee Income	0	0
Other Income		
Late/NSF Fees	76	1,759
Fines	0	0
Gate Income	0	2,175
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Interest Income	99	1,154
Total Income	20,192	245,117
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses		
Answering Service	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	0	90
Bank/Check Charges	0	10
Collection Services	0	997
Copies & Postage	1,062	7,754
Data Processing	20	476
Sales Tax	29	233
Rental/Storage	267	3,441
Licenses/Permits/Inspection Fees	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing	0	2,475
Member Relations	847	847
Professional Services		
Accounting/Audit	0	1,380
Legal & Professional	1,923	8,526
Management Fees	854	10,398
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	1,271	14,769
Telephone	3	613
Contracts		
Mowing Contract	799	11,482
Courtesy Patrol Contract	1,489	21,976
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	35,848	87,201
	Plumbing	0	0
	Septic Field Repairs	0	6,306
	Airport Drainage	0	6,472
	Gas/Oil	0	0
	Other Expenses		
	Misc. Expenses	168	671
	Gate Transmitters Purchased	0	1,865
	Projects		
	Gate-South Entrance	0	28,849
	Total Expense	<u>44,580</u>	<u>222,558</u>
	Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(24,388)</u>	<u>22,559</u>

BALANCE SHEET—HAPA As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating Cash - PMG
F A Bank 29,695

Operating Cash - BOD
Wachovia Bank 1,869

Cash-Money Market
Beal Bank 149,473

Clearing Account - PMG 0

Total Cash 181,038

Past Due Accounts Receivable:
Assessments 30 days 1,712
Assessments 31 - 90 days 981
Assessments over 90 days 9,613
Total Accounts Receivable 12,307

Total Current Assets 193,345

Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses 0

Total Assets 193,345

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 0
Prepaid Assessments 33,106
Accrued Expenses Payable 0

Total Current Liabilities 33,106

Other Liabilities

Collection Cost Escrow 1,005
Other Escrowed Fees 0
Total Other Liabilities 1,005

Total Liabilities 34,111

OWNERS' EQUITY

Reserves

Deferred Maintenance Reser 0

Equity

Retained Earnings 136,673

Total Owners' Equity 136,673

Net Income/(Loss) 22,561

Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity 193,345



BOD Meeting minutes

Submitted by HAPA Secretary Anne Goczalk

Minutes for Board Meeting – January 14, 2010

A regular meeting of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association Board of Directors was held on January 14, 2010. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. and announced ready by President Gene De Bullet.

Board members present were President Gene De Bullet, Bob Avery, Ted Kelso, Jim Usher, Jerry Kinman, Bill Freckman and Coy Surles (via telephone). Other members of the Association were also present as observers.

The minutes from the last Board meeting were not available.

The appointment of a new secretary was discussed, Anne Goczalk, was introduced to the Board.

Bob Avery presented two bids for an engineering study of drainage and septic issues. It was brought **to the Board's attention that HAPA had authorized a drainage study in 2005. A decision was made to attempt to locate the 2005 study and present it to the BHB Company for reevaluation of its bid.**

There was a discussion of the courtesy patrol and its effectiveness. It was decided to terminate the contracts with that company and for the rental of the golf cart that had been requested in order to provide transportation for the patrol.

It was decided that the HAPA tractor was no longer needed and should be offered for sale in the HAPA newsletter

Member John Effinger expressed concerns about possible damage to his property due to drainage and septic problems. It was agreed that finding and repairing leaks were important and alleviating them had priority.

Accumulation of gravel and debris on Taxiway Charlie was discussed and it was agreed that it should be **swept. General discussion of "sweeping" versus "sweeping and sealing" was initiated by Bryan Martin** who agreed to research different types of sealants that might be available. President Gene De Bullet asked that this issue be tabled subject to a telephone vote to be conducted after two weeks.

Board of Directors

March Meeting:

Thursday the 11th

Hangar 111

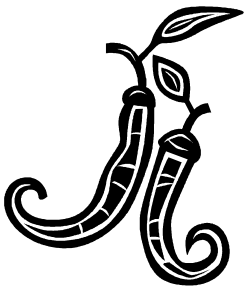
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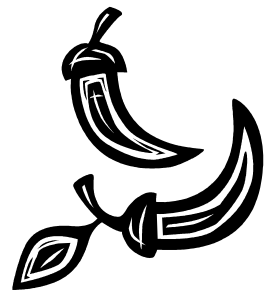
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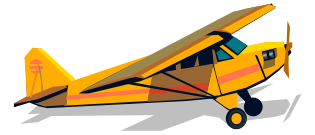
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Submitted by The Lone Fly Ins & Outs Ranger



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-  Mar 6 — Spring, TX. Hooks Airport (DWH). Free BBQ Lunch and Optional Wings Seminar. American Flyers invite you and a friend to spend a fun-filled afternoon at the airport and enjoy the camaraderie of others who share your passion for aviation. Enjoy a Free BBQ Lunch and stay for the optional Wings Seminar. All attendees will be given a certificate for 2 hours free VFR or IFR simulator session. Contact Jamin Gore, 281-655-4500. <http://www.americanflyers.net/>
-  Mar 6- Pauls Valley, OK Oklahoma Antique Airplane Association Fly In
The Oklahoma Antique Airplane Association has a monthly meeting/fly in at or club house on the northwest corner of the PVJ field, once a month on the first Saturday. Come join in on the fun! You don't have to fly an antique in, we have cars, motorcycles, and every kind of airplane old and new. We eat about 11:30 to 12:00 and have burgers hot dogs and in the winter chili and Cajun food. Kids are welcome and rides are available for anyone that shows up.
-  Mar 12 - 14 — Bryan, TX. Coulter Airfield (KCFD). Heart of Texas LSA Expo 2010. Featuring the latest and most highly regarded Light Sport Aircraft on the market from some of the most regarded manufacturers from around the world. Demonstrations through out the event, food and entertainment for all ages. Contact Karl Preston, 979 412 1611.
-  Mar 13-14—Lancaster, TX **Air Salvage of Dallas "LEGAL but FATAL" safety seminar** featuring a walk through the boneyard on five different types of accidents from start to finish. 972-582-1847 http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=29142
-  Mar 13-14—Brownsville, TX AIR FIESTA 2010 Commemorative Air Force Rio Grande Valley Wing Brownsville, Texas 78521 (956)541-8585 www.rgvwingcaf.com/airfiesta.html
-  Mar 27-28 Kingsville NAS, TX Wings Over South Texas 2010—Blue Angels 361-516-6626
-  Mar 27 — Gladewater, TX. Gladewater Municipal (07F). "Runway Gumbo" Lunch Fly-In. EAA Chapter 972 is hosting a "Runway Gumbo" Lunch Fly-In from 11a to 1p with fix-ins, hardware & drink. Donations welcome. Chatter & lies expected. Very close expanded tarmac parking. Come on down/over/up to see us. Contact Bob Tippens, 903-574-3641
-  Mar 27 — San Marcos, TX. San Marcos Municipal (KHYI). Biplane Fly-In!. Come share the fun of DOUBLE LIFT! Competitions: Best Vintage Restoration, Best New Biplane (experimental), Biplane from furthest distance, Oldest Biplane, and more! Lunch time Cook Out at San Marcos TX Municipal Airport, by the CAF hangar. Also enjoy Rides in Vintage Warbirds! Please RSVP for reservations to fly in the B-25 Yellow Rose and T-6 Texan! Also email so that we have a head count for the Marinated Fajitas! Let's Keep 'Em Flyin' - Flyin' with Double Lift! Contact Dr. Buck Willis BSkybolt@yahoo.com
-  Mar 31 - Apr 1 — Dallas, TX. Dallas Love Field (KDAL). Aviation Human Factors & SMS Wings Seminar: Real-World Flight Operations and Research Progress. An interactive Wings seminar to discuss research issues, academic challenges, and system advances for human factors in the real-world of operations. Speakers will discuss operational lessons learned and research progress. Contact Kent B. Lewis, (817) 692-1971



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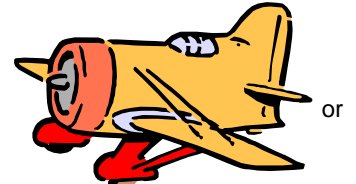
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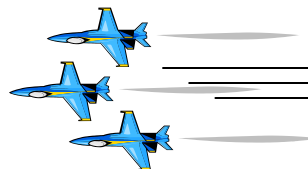


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- **If you haven't yet provided an email address, please do!** We would like to be able to contact as many HAPA members as possible via email
- This is YOUR newsletter– Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to Ron Sinclair at flappingseditor@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month.
- **The 2010 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, .
- For issues concerning ONCOR pole work, call Buddy Mills (Oncor District Service Advisor): Cell (469) 261-6338
- For Emergency South Gate Issues, call Roy Geer 817-253-1795 or 817-439-5777
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