



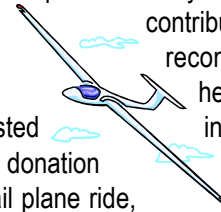
HIGH FLIGHT *Newsletter*
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New FBO Building Project Well Under Way

Hopefully, you've all received the notice about our new FBO Building project. Bill Thompson, Project Coordinator, is pleased to report that we have already collected over \$10,000 towards our goal of \$50,000 by June 30, 2003.



In addition, Bill says he's looking into various fund-raising ideas to help boost the coffers. These include the generous donation of sail plane rides by Horst Stratmann in exchange for a contribution to the FBO Building Fund. The recommended contribution amount is \$100, and he's already had several takers. If you're interested in getting more for your money (i.e., making a donation to the FBO Building Fund and getting a sail plane ride, too), this is a great way to go. Contact Horst at (512)266-7823.



A fundraising golf tournament at Lajitas is also in the works. Details are just now shaping up, but when they're finalized, we'll be sure to let you know. It will no doubt be a great event for golfers and non-golfers alike.

There's also talk of possibly hosting a fundraising fly-in. Additionally, Dr. Ed Ragan is working on some special events for the Memorial Day weekend -- watch for more details coming soon!

If you've got a simple fundraising idea or would like to help flesh out some of the other ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Thompson at (512)266-3227.

Of course, we'll still simply take your money, too, so keep those donations coming. **Send your contributions to Lakeway Airpark, FBO Building Fund, 115 Flying Scot, Lakeway, TX 78734.**

DON'T FORGET

The regular **Airpark work days** will be **Saturday, March 8,** and **April 12,** beginning at **8:30 am,** with a **Board meeting** following at **9:30 am.** Help is always needed for the Work Days, and Airpark Members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings.



Thursday "Dinner at Rosie's" attendance has declined substantially. Maybe it's time to relocate these social gatherings. **If you've got an idea for a new Thursday dinner site, please let us hear from you!**



Other dates to keep in mind are **March 7-9,** the **Brownsville AirShow;** **April 12,** the **Burnet AirShow;** and **May 3-4,** the **Central Texas AirShow** in Temple (formerly the Georgetown AirShow).



A Word from the Lakeway Airpark Board

The new year is well begun and spring is just around the corner. The most exciting prospect for 2003 is the new Airpark shack, as described in the last Special newsletter. A number of events are being planned to help advance this project.

Our Lakeway Airpark President, Mark Mims, has accepted a new opportunity in, and is moving to, the Dallas area. Mark has done an outstanding job as President and we thank him for his efforts and his guidance. We will miss him, Vicki, and Madison, and hope they will return to visit often.

In other news, there is little change. The project to build a fifth hangar proceeds, and our Maintenance Officer is investigating repaving of the parking ramp.

With the arrival of spring, maintenance will become a major priority. We look forward to much volunteer participation around the airpark grounds on our work days. The new shack, when it is completed, will be a joy to clean up around.

We wish you all safe and happy flying.

The Lakeway Airpark Board
 Ken DeBower, President

Learn Avionics Speak - Free!

When was the last time you felt like the guys at the avionics shop understood what you were trying to tell them? Conversely, when was the last time you thought *they* were speaking English? Now there's help, literally at hand! The fine



folks at the Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) have worked with both pilots and avionics shop technicians to develop the "Pilot's Avionics Troubleshooting Guide". This 2-page checklist-type guide cuts down to easily fit on your kneeboard so you can even use it in flight if

necessary. Best of all, this guide is FREE. You can download and print your copy from the AEA's web site at www.aea.net (click on "Pilot Resources" on the left side of the page). It's a .pdf file, so you'll need Adobe Acrobat Reader to get it. You can also download Adobe Acrobat Reader free from www.adobe.com. If you don't have internet access, or if you have problems downloading the file, you can call them at 816-373-6565 to request your copy. Another handy item they offer is a certified avionics shop locator, under the same page as the Troubleshooting Guide. Just two more helpful aviation resources compliments of another "alphabet group".



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Perspective on NASA Missions Re-Entry

Both pilots and passengers assume some risk each time they decide to break the bonds of gravity. It would be foolish to think otherwise. Still, the unexpected dissolution of the Space Shuttle Columbia was a most tragic end to an otherwise routine space mission. There has been much speculation about the "woulda, shoulda, coulda" aspects of the misfortune. To gain a better understanding about the re-entry phase of space flight from somebody who's "been there and done that", visit http://www.avweb.com/newswire/9_06a/leadnews/182585-1.html . This link will take you to a short article on just this subject by Astronaut Dr. Jay Apt.

The entire NASA Space Program is noted for numerous missions completed without incident or loss. This latest mission was not in vain. The Program will go on, better for this heartbreaking occurrence. To those who lost a family member, friend, or colleague, we extend the most sincere and heartfelt sympathy. To those who investigate the tragedy and carry on the work of the space program, we offer our gratitude and support.



Burnet CAF Squadron Acquires "New" C-47

After a lengthy search for just the right aircraft, and even more lengthy work on financing arrangements, the Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force in Burnet, Texas, has acquired a C-47 to restore and fly in air shows and educational exhibits. She has been dubbed the "Bluebonnet Belle" and will be introduced to the public at the Burnet AirShow scheduled for April 12. Immediately prior to her purchase by the Highland Lakes Squadron, she was used for flying freight out of Sinton, TX, but her military service record is being researched as well. The Belle is currently undergoing her return-to-service

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inspection and should be back flying in early March.

While Highland Lakes Squadron Members are hard at work getting her ready for her first public appearances, one can see the Bluebonnet Belle at the Squadron's hangar/museum in Burnet. In addition, the Squadron is mounting a fundraising campaign for the Belle to help pay off the note and speed up restoration projects. Anyone interested in learning more about aircraft sponsorship opportunities, Squadron Membership, or touring the Bluebonnet Belle, is encouraged to call the HLS hangar in Burnet at 512-756-2226.

Editor's Corner

Between the new "shack" FBO Building Project and the goings on at Burnet with the C-47, these are some pretty exciting days in Hill Country aviation. I can't encourage you enough to get involved with your local groups as much as possible. As the donations for the FBO come in and we near our goal, there will be many opportunities to help out with preparations for the actual groundbreaking and maintenance. The folks out at the Highland Lakes Squadron in Burnet (and, yes, that now includes me) are always happy to have visitors and new Members. If you're at all interested in WWII transport aircraft, you really owe it to yourself to make the drive or flight to Burnet. And as the weather gets progressively better, there are certainly more AirShows to attend. So, even if you can't fly yourself, you can still be engaged in all things aviation-related.

As always, if you have a story, joke, or article you'd like to see in a future issue of *High Flight*, please let me know! See you on the ramp! - Ginger S. Baldwin, Editor

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