



**HIGH FLIGHT *Newsletter***  
**Lakeway Airpark, Inc.**  
**July 2003**

**A Word from your Lakeway Airpark Board**

We had a great Annual Meeting on June 2. The Members present at the meeting elected to the Board of Directors Joe Byrd, John Reinschmidt, Robert White, Jimmy Anderson, and Bill Thompson. Ed Ragan and Ken DeBower also continue to serve on the Board.

After the meeting, the Board met to elect officers. Your President is Ken DeBower, Vice President is Joe Byrd, Treasurer is Bill Thompson, and Secretary is John Reinschmidt.

Many thanks to the Members who attended the meeting. Especially, thanks to these new Board Members for donating their time to keep our Airpark successfully functioning.

Response to the proposed new terminal building was very favorable. The project is continuing as the plans undergo evolution. The challenge is, as always, to limit the spending while addressing everyone's needs and desires. I know the end result will be a genuine asset to the Airpark.

There is no news to report on the lawsuit. As I said at our Annual Meeting, all parties have verbally agreed to a settlement, but there has been no response to the paperwork. I hope to report progress soon.

This time of year is somewhat quieter around the Airpark as people head out of town. Remember that the density altitude increases greatly on these hot summer days.

We wish you all safe and happy flying.

The Lakeway Airpark Board  
 Ken DeBower, President

**TERMINAL BUILDING PROJECT CONTINUES**

At the Lakeway Airpark Annual Meeting on June 2, a vote of confidence was given to support and encourage Bill Thompson to continue fund raising efforts toward a new terminal building. Those in attendance viewed model plans of the proposed building and discussed available funding alternatives. To date, the fund has collected over \$22,000. At least that much more is needed in order to begin construction.



Assistance is also needed in contacting Lakeway area businesses for donations and sponsorships. If you know any local contacts who might be interested in helping out, please give the referral to Bill Thompson (512-266-3227), or better yet, consider sending a letter or making a call yourself.

Don't forget to take advantage of the motor glider flights (call Horst Stratmann 512-266-7823) and Citabria off-airport landings (call Robert White 512-914-6682) being offered in conjunction with donations to the cause.

**SEND IT IN!**

The last issue of High Flight included a Member Information Update form. The forms were also available at the Annual Meeting. In his duties as Treasurer, Bill Thompson has come across many phone numbers that are incorrect or no longer working. Our Membership database hasn't been specifically updated in *over two years*, so if you've had any changes in address, phone number, vehicle, or aircraft during that time, it's important that we get that information.

Print a version of the Form off of the Airpark web site ([www.3r9.org](http://www.3r9.org)) or request one from the Editor ([ginger@3r9.org](mailto:ginger@3r9.org)) via email. Send your completed form to Lakeway Airpark, 115 Flying Scot, Lakeway, TX 78734. Thanks for your help!

**MARK IT DOWN**



The next regular **Airpark work day** (the 2nd Saturday of each month) is **July 12 at 8:30 am**. Come on out and lend a hand to help keep the Airpark running smoothly and looking good. Help is *always* needed -- and appreciated -- for the Work Days. As always, an Airpark **Board meeting** follows at **9:30 am**. All Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Other Dates to Remember:**

**Sun., June 29, 10:30 am** - Fly Out to Galveston - Brunch at The Hotel Galvez

**Thrs., July 10, 6:30 pm** - Lakeway Airpark Social Gathering - Shades on the Lake

**Thrs., Aug. 7, 6:30 pm** - Lakeway Airpark Social Gathering - Big Dave's Dam Saloon off of 620

**You read it right: The Thursday Before the Workday Dinner is BACK!** Thanks to Bonnie Thompson for setting these up. Watch this space for additional venues and then show up!

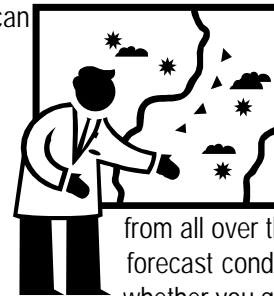
For additional information on other aviation goings on in the State of Texas, please explore the following web site: <http://www.txdot.state.tx.us/AVN/calendarofevents.htm>

**SUPER COMPUTER OFFERS BETTER FORECASTS**

**AvWeb Flash - June 9, 2003**

We can look forward to more accurate, longer-range weather forecasting if the **National Weather Service's** new computer system lives up to its billing.

IBM has clustered 44 servers together to create a byte-crunching monster that can do 7.3 trillion calculations per second. Its ultimate capacity is expected to be 100 trillion calculations per math adds take second. All that up to a system that can project them forward to and days ahead. And, whether you get your weather from DUATS or over your cell phone in the cockpit, it should mean a better, more accurate picture.



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**SUPER COMPUTER - continued**

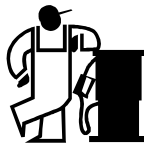
Of course, weather forecasting isn't just for aviation. One of the big pluses of the new system is its theoretical ability to provide five-day hurricane forecasts that will allow for better preparation by the communities that might be hit by the storms. Currently, a three-day forecast is available and that's not always enough to get people and property out of harm's way.

The new computer is housed in a special IBM facility in Gaithersburg, Md., and data is transferred to the weather service over high-speed lines.

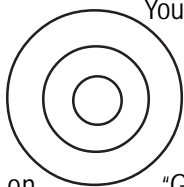
**LAKEWAY FUEL FACTS**

- Joe Bain

Concerned about the high price of fuel? Try this on for size: If you are an AOPA Member and use the AOPA MasterCard or Visa when you purchase fuel at Lakeway, you get an additional 5% off the price (up to \$250 per year). That brings the price of our av gas to \$1.89 a gallon, not not bad compared to other prices around the U.S. lately. Remember, you must use the AOPA credit card, and the rebate is paid by the bank (check out [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org) and click on Member Benefits for the full details on the rebate program). There are other benefits to having and using an AOPA credit card, too, but if you buy our fuel, you also help *support your Airpark!*



**GRAPHIC TFRs AVAILABLE ONLINE**



You've probably already heard about this -- you may have even heard it here! -- but the FAA is working diligently with Jeppesen to provide graphic representations of TFRs on the internet. They appear on [www2.faa.gov](http://www2.faa.gov) (click on "Graphic TFRs" near the top of the page). They are accompanied by an admonition that pilots should always obtain a thorough pre-flight briefing, but it's still a great way to get a good idea of what a TFR in your area looks like, especially if it's a recent one that's not on your chart or sectional.

**GOOD TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

If you don't know about this, you should: You can call Austin ATIS and AWOS on the telephone to check on weather conditions at AUS. **ATIS** (updated every hour at approximately 53 minutes past the hour, or more often if severe weather conditions prevail) is **512-369-7867** and **AWOS** (updated continuously) is **512-369-7881**. Additionally, a current issue of the appropriate AFD (Airport Facilities Directory) or the AOPA Airport Directory lists a land line to every airport that has that capability for their ATIS, AWOS or ASOS services.

**EDITOR'S CORNER**

- Congratulations and a big "thank you" go out to our new Board of Directors and Officers. Their time and efforts are sincerely appreciated, and help to keep our Airpark running.
  - If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to complete and return a copy of the **Lakeway Airpark Member Information Form**. It will sure be a big help to us in keeping track of our Members. We use this information to send you notices, newsletters, dues statements and much more.
  - The **Terminal Building Fund** continues to grow, slowly but surely. However, we still *need additional \$\$* before we break ground on this project. We need all the financial assistance possible to realize our ideal goal of building the new terminal without borrowing any -- or at least very little -- money.
  - I was delighted to meet and visit with so many of you at the potluck Hangar Party at the Wagner's on June 1 and at the Annual Meeting on June 2. It's always a pleasure to be able to put names off of the email list or mailing list with real, live people. I hope I'll get to meet many more of you at our upcoming Thursday Dinners.
  - As always, if you have a contribution for a future issue of *High Flight*, please let me know! See you on the ramp!
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