



HIGH FLIGHT Newsletter
Lakeway Airpark, Inc.
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A Word from the Lakeway Airpark Board

The speed with which another year comes to an end can make one's head spin. Yet that is indeed the case: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 2nd, at 6:30 PM** at the **Lakeway Activity Center**. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Through the much appreciated efforts of Bill and Bonnie Thompson, all Members should have already received statements for Airpark dues. If we can receive these payments prior to the meeting, the evening will flow much more smoothly and quickly. Please submit these payments early.

Spring is here and the flying traffic is picking up. This also means maintenance is once again a priority. We look forward to many volunteers participating around the Airpark grounds on our work days.

In other news, there is little change. The project to build a fifth hangar proceeds, the maintenance officer continues to investigate repaving of the parking ramp, and the new shack fund drive continues.

We wish you all safe and happy flying!

The Lakeway Airpark Board
 Ken DeBower, President

KEEPING YOUR PLANE CLEAN

Like any profitable business, the folks at Shell are always trying to come up with more ways to target market and make more money. This time it's something you might be truly interested in. They're calling their new line "Flight Jacket", a "full line of appearance care products developed specifically to protect your aircraft's interior and exterior". New products include polish, Plexicoat (R), interior cleaner, interior conditioner (for leather and vinyl), oil and exhaust remover, and "Touch & Go" (R) for spot cleaning between full clean up jobs. Shell claims these products and their special applicators are everything you need to "keep your aircraft properly cleaned, detailed and protected". For full descriptions and even online ordering, visit www.aeroshell.com. It *would* be nice to have one-stop shopping for all those aircraft cleaning needs for a change. Maybe AeroShell has the answer...



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

As recently reported, a nice start has been made toward the FBO Building Fund. Of course, we need a lot more. It would sure be nice to accomplish the goal of upgrading the FBO (or actually, starting from scratch!) without having to levy any type of assessment. That's why we need your voluntary contributions now. The goal is to have \$50,000 in the Building Fund by June, 2003.



Bill Thompson wants to remind everyone that plans and legal documents for the new building will be presented at the meeting on Saturday, April 12 (9:30 a.m., after work day) by Keller Bradfield. Come hear what he's got to say!

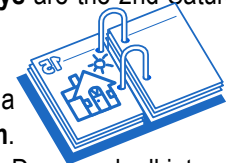
The golf tournament at Lajitas is still in the works, though details are not yet finalized. Thanks to Horst Stratmann (motor glider rides for \$100 donation - call 512-266-7823) and Robert White (Citabria excursions to grass and sand landing areas for \$100 and \$200 - call 512-914-6682) for their offers to help generate funds.

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

Of course, we'll still be happy to 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

Regular **Airpark work days** are the 2nd Saturday of each month. The next two will be **April 12** and **May 10**, at **8:30 am**.



The more, the merrier! As always, a **Board meeting** follows at **9:30 am**.

Help is *always* needed for the Work Days, and all interested Airpark Members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings.

Other dates to keep in mind are **April 12**, the **Burnet AirShow**, and **May 3-4**, the **Central Texas AirShow** in Temple (formerly the Georgetown AirShow). Go support these air shows, and have fun!

*Please Note: The Thursday "Dinner at Rosie's" has been cancelled for the time being. **If you have an idea for a new and different Thursday dinner site, please let us hear from you!***

WHAT A BRIGHT IDEA!

The California Car Cover Company has an illuminating idea for you: the "Forever FlashLight". Designed to operate using the Faraday Principle of electromagnetic electronics and a super bright LED, it provides up to 5 minutes of light, visible up to 1 mile. Waterproof and buoyant, it uses no batteries or bulbs. There are 2 handy sizes, both of which would probably fit neatly in your flight bag. For more info, see www.calcarcover.com or contact 818-998-2100.



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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?

If you've been around aviation for a while, no doubt you "remember when" there was an airpark or air field or airport somewhere that there isn't one now (Austin Executive, anyone?). To take a tour of the United States' abandoned air strips, this web site is recommended:

http://members.tripod.com/airfields_freeman/

Pilot Paul Freeman constructed the web site of "information on abandoned airfields (most of them former military), little-known airfields with unusual histories, and little-known airfields with mysterious purposes." It is an interesting trip down memory lane for some, and a discovery flight for others. Check it out and see what surprises you find.

NOTAM ON NOTAMS

Keeping up with all the changes in NOTAMS, TFRs and other annoyances for general aviation can be difficult. You will be glad to know the FAA is actually trying to make it a little easier, believe it or not. For both written and graphical descriptions of NOTAMS, you might want to take a look at:

<http://www1.faa.gov/specialnotams/SpecialNotamListing.htm>

Though far from perfect, this web site does a really good job of staying updated and giving accurate descriptions and depictions using actual charts. And though all too often we tend to think of the FAA as a four-letter word, they really do come through from time to time, as this helpful site proves.

MAD ABOUT MEIGS

If you're unhappy about the way Mayor Daley handled the closure of historic Meigs Field, you might want to join the fray. Check the AOPA web site (www.aopa.org) or <http://meigsaction.net> for the latest information on this travesty.

EDITOR'S CORNER

One of the nifty ideas Bill Thompson had to help encourage donations for our FBO Building project is to put donors names on a permanent plaque once the building is finished. I like that idea. I may not accomplish much during my short life span, but it's nice to know that somewhere, my name will be on something that should be here for a while. This project is a pretty important one, and if you haven't donated yet, I sure hope you'll consider it.

To get even more value for your donation dollar, call up Horst Stratmann or Robert White to take advantage of their generous aviation offers (see front page). What a great way to maximize your aviation allowance dollars!

Speaking of dollars, you might have noticed that your Membership Dues invoice showed a due date of the 15th, but that's actually the date they were printed. Lakeway Airpark Membership Dues are due and payable June 1 each year, but we do appreciate receiving them in advance.

The Burnet AirShow is this weekend, and I hope that many of you will come on out to visit us and see the show -- after the work day and Board Meeting are concluded, of course. The weather is supposed to cooperate, and there will be 60-some-odd (some odder than others) aircraft on display and/or flying.

This newsletter is a tad short, but I realized that if I follow my usual pattern, there actually wouldn't be another one until May. But it's almost finished now, so here you have it. I will do another before the upcoming **Annual Meeting on June 2**, which I know you are all planning to attend. I hope to see many of you there!

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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