

HIGH FLIGHT



LAKEWAY AIRPARK
NOVEMBER 2003



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Things are running smoothly. We are still soliciting funds for the new building.



Joe Byrd

F.B.O. BUILDING FUND UPDATE

We now have a sign in front of the FBO that shows a chart on the progress of our building fund for the new FBO.



It is up to \$26,000. The golf tournament raised \$1440. The plans are being finalized and we are on the road to construction. All that is needed now are contributions. Horst Stratmann and Robert White have been giving rides for donations towards the building fund.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The weather couldn't have been nicer for those that came to workday and the Board Meeting in October. Next meeting will be after workday on Saturday, Nov 8th. Workday starts at 8:30 am and board meeting starts at 9:30. All are welcome.

LIGHTING SOCIETY INVESTIGATES LIGHTING UNIT AT LAKEWAY AIRPARK

On the evening of October 17, 2003, several members of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, Aviation Lighting Committee, met on the Lakeway Airpark runway for two hours to evaluate a new type of lighting unit. The unit is used to mark runway Hold Lines.

The original unit consists of two round red lenses approximately 3 inches in diameter in front of incandescent light bulbs, spaced about 12 inches apart, and mounted in a metal box of about 2 cubic feet. The lights flash alternately approximately once per second. This unit uses standard 120 volts power.

The new evaluation unit is made with LED's powered by a 12-volt battery, requiring a much smaller mounting box and providing greater reliability.

When viewed from 2000 feet lateral distance, the two units were virtually indistinguishable. The engineers seemed pleased with the new device and were very appreciative of the Airpark for providing a place to test.

Ken DeBower



MEET JOE BYRD



Joe Byrd with his Bonanza

Joe received his pilot's license in 1963 in Sugarland, Texas and now has SE, ME, and Instrument ratings. He has approximately 5000 hours total time. His primary flying time is for business with some pleasure.

He is involved in real estate development and grew up in Austin. He graduated from Austin high and UT and lived in Houston for 22 years and said that he "hated it". Joe has been in Lakeway since 1987 and has been landing at Lakeway Airpark since 1966.

Joe's goal is to make Lakeway Airpark a friendlier and nicer place for everyone.



New sign in front of Airpark that gives pertinent information to all those that come into our Airpark.

BIG BOY "TOYS"

Pictured is John Reinschmidt as he is leaving the October Airpark Board meeting. He just purchased his new set of wheels. (But where are the wings?)



**JOE BAIN AND JIM ANDERSON
RECEIVE AVIATION SAFETY
COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION**

Lakeway Airpark members Joe Bain and Jim Anderson recently completed a FAA Aviation Safety Counselor course in Fredericksburg and are now rated as Aviation Safety Counselors.

**ESTERS FOLLIES SCHEDULED FOR
JANUARY 8TH, 2004**

Have you ever been to Esters Follies in Austin? If not, you will have a chance to do it with the Airpark Group. If you've been there before, then you know what it is like and will surely want to go again.

If we make our reservations in advance, they will rope off a section for us. Please don't wait until the last minute to commit on this as we need to make your reservation early so we can have a reserved area and all be together

Tickets are \$18 each and you need to mail your check to Bonnie Thompson, 4704 Agari, Austin 78734.

**THOMPSONS & BAINS FLY TO
KANSAS TO VISIT BUNTENS**

On Oct 21st Bill & Bonnie Thompson and Joe & Nancy Bain flew up to Topeka, Kansas for a 2 day visit with Bill & Chuck Buntens..

They said that Topeka is about the size of town that Austin was 35 years ago. They had a wonderful time visiting, touring, and seeing the Buntens two 4 legged chickens.

Bill & Chuck said to please say hello to all of the Airpark Group.

**ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR
PROVIDING SERVICE FOR
LAKEWAY AIRPARK**

Enterprise Rent A Car is in the process of working out arrangements to be on the Airpark Web page and giving a discount to those that need their services. They are located in Oak Hill and have compact cars, mid size cars, sub's, trucks and even minivans. Arrangements can also be made for pickup at the Airpark.

**WATCH OUT FOR THOSE
RESTRICTED AREAS!**

If you violate or fly thru one of the temporary or permanent restricted areas like the one at Crawford, it is a mandatory 6 months suspension of your pilots license - No Questions Asked.

Be sure and call 1-800-WXBRIEF before you get airborne to find the temporary flight restricted areas.

OCTOBER AIRPARK DINNER NIGHT



Pictured above are a group of Airpark members as they enjoy dinner at the new Busters Restaurant. The next outing will be held at the Lakeway Inn on Thursday, Nov 6th at 6:00 PM They have happy hour until 8:00 with half price drinks and a half price menu to go along with it.



Captain Mike Bannister, right, and Senior First Officer Jonathan Napier wave after Concorde touches down.



Party Speeds Across Atlantic to Say Cherio to Concorde

Above the Atlantic on board the Concorde on Oct 24th- Flight attendants waltzed down the aisle with glasses of champagne just as Concorde broke the sound barrier this morning. In the front cabin, Christie Brinkley leafed through Vogue. At the rear, corporate executives squeezed past each other to reach two tiny lavatories. It seemed at times as crowded as a third-class car on a night train to Calcutta.

That was how the era of supersonic air travel wound to an end - a meeting of the sublime and the banal, commercial aviation's golden past meeting its ragged present. Even the most well-heeled of passengers took off their shoes at the security checkpoint at Kennedy International Airport in New York and submitted on board to eating caviar and Scottish smoked salmon with plastic forks and knives.

But an undeniable thrill rippled through the 100-seat cabin as the London-bound British Airways flight took off from Kennedy at 7:38 a.m., its wings shuddering while golden light bathed the city behind it.

"That take-off was unbelievable, wasn't it?" said David Hayes, a businessman from Ohio who paid \$60,300 earlier this week in a charity auction for the last two tickets to the world's highest party. "It made your heart race. I started crying and my heart was racing at the same time. I held onto my wife and told her how much I loved her."

With the exception of Mr. Hayes, his wife Patty and one other man who paid for a seat, all the passengers today - including Sir David Frost and Joan Collins, both Concorde stalwarts - flew free, by invitation of British Airways.

Models, former actors, executives and journalists eagerly filed on board to take part in the paradox of the Concorde. It is the world's most technologically advanced commercial aircraft, capable of going twice the speed of sound and flying to heights where the blue sky begins to meld into the darkness of space. But it was also the last remnant from the era of luxury flight.

The end of the Concorde can be traced to 2000, when a crash outside Paris killed 113 people, raising safety fears and stopping flights for a time. Then, the economic downturn and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks further depressed air travel. Finally, British Airways and Air France said in April that the flights were no longer financially sustainable, even though it cost \$6,336 for a one-way trip between New York and London and about \$5,000 for a trip between New York and Paris. The last Air France flight to Paris was on May 30.

At their height, the airlines together had operated 14 Concorde jets, all built in the 1970's.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 8.....New Braunfels - Free pancakes & coffee with discount fuel
 Nov 9.....Galveston - 13th Annual Fly Day - gate opens 9:00 am & flying starts around noon
 Dec 6.....LaGrange - BBQ - 11:00-1:00
 Contributions for scholarships

WANT TO FLY OUT FOR LUNCH?

A good place to fly for lunch is the airport at Brenham (11R). They have a 50's diner on airport property with delicious hamburgers and chicken fried steak - all homemade food. The waitresses even carry out the theme with their "poodle" skirts and black & white saddle oxfords. Even a jukebox is available for all those 50's songs you remember. Good friendly service.

NEW LOOK ON NEWSLETTER???

You couldn't help but notice that the newsletter has a new look. After a 3 year break, I am back doing the newsletter for you again and went back to the old format that I used for 5 years.

I must give my thanks and gratitude to Ginger Baldwin for taking over this chore during my "extended vacation". Only Ginger and myself know what challenges go into putting this newsletter together.

The newsletter is only as good as the information that is received so we depend on all of you to help supply us with articles. I will appreciate any and all information that I can receive. My telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address will always be posted in the column next to this one for Board of Directors and Committees.

Joann Anderson

REMINDER

**NOVEMBER AIRPARK DINNER
 LAKEWAY INN - THURS - NOV 6 - 6:00 PM
 HALF PRICE DRINKS & FOOD**

