



HIGH FLIGHT *Newsletter*

Lakeway Airpark, Inc.

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A Word From Your Airpark Board

Our terrific Texas fall weather is upon us, and that means more folks out flying on these mild days. Be sure to relentlessly practice your "see and avoid" skills both on the ground and in the air. Our Airpark is only as safe as its pilots!

Although the Golf Tournament at Live Oak in Lakeway didn't have as many participants as we would have liked, everyone had a good time. Including entry fees and other donations, it looks like we netted about \$1400 for our Terminal Building Fund.

Along those same lines, Treasurer Bill Thompson reports that if you haven't taken advantage of the Citabria flight with Robert White, you don't know what you're missing. For a \$100 or \$200 donation to the Building Fund, you, too, can do off airport landings with Robert. According to Bill, "it's a hoot!".

Treasurer Thompson also reports that, AT LAST, all Lakeway Airpark memberships, tie downs and leases are paid up for 2003. Thanks to everyone for getting your dues and other payments in. It sure makes the Treasurer's job a lot easier.

Don't forget the next Social Gathering at the "new" Buster's location on the 9th, and the Work Day on the 11th. Hope to see you there.

The Lakeway Airpark Board
Joe Byrd, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next regular **Airpark Work Days** (2nd Saturday of each month) are **Oct. 11** and **Nov. 8** at **8:30 am**. Come on out and lend a hand! Help is *always* needed -- and appreciated--



for Work Days. As always, an **Airpark Board of Meeting** follows at **9:30**. All Airpark Members are encouraged to attend.

Other Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 9** - Thursday-Before-the-Work Day Social Gathering - the "new" Busters (formerly VFW Post on 620 near Hwy 71) 6:30 pm
- Oct. 18-19** - Wings Over Houston AirShow - Ellington Field (EFD)
- Oct. 25** - Highland Lakes Squadron CAF Hangar Dinner/Dance in Burnet, Texas (BMQ) - 512-756-2226
- Nov. 8** - CenTex Squadron CAF Hangar Dinner/Dance at San Marcos (HYI)



EXPAND YOUR FLIGHT HORIZONS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Part of the fun of aviation is flying different types of aircraft and learning new things. For a nominal donation to the Lakeway Airpark Terminal Building Fund, you can experience off-airport landings in a Citabria or go on a motor glider flight.

How are your unpaved runway landings? Ever land on a beach? To check out these maneuvers, contact Robert White (512-914-6682). Bill Thompson, who recently took Robert up on the offer, describes it as "a real hoot". Doesn't that just make you want to find out why?

Do you have any idea how quiet it is when a motor glider's engine is silenced and it's just you, the plane, and Mother Nature? Make your Building Fund donation do double duty by calling Horst Stratmann (512-266-7823) to schedule your glider experience.

Of course, we'd appreciate other fund raising ideas, too. If you have one (or more), please don't hesitate to give Bill Thompson a call (512-266-3227).

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

There were approximately 13 players signed up for the Lakeway Airpark Terminal Building Benefit Golf Tournament held on Saturday, September 20. There were also a number of non-players who showed up, and everybody had a lot of fun. When the bills were paid and the bank deposit was finished, the Building Fund was upped by \$1,440. This included not only Tournament entry fees, but other donations as well.



The Fund is slowly inching upward, but we still need more contributions before we can consider breaking ground on this ambitious project. If you haven't already done so, we hope you will consider making a donation for the betterment of *your* Airpark and its facilities. Thank you.

REPORT FROM JOE BAIN

There were some 16-odd folks (some odder than others) at the dinner at The Oasis, and, as usual, everyone had a great time. Don't miss out on the next "dinner before work day" on **Thursday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the new location of Buster's BBQ. They're in the old VFW Hall on 620.

There's no change in fuel prices at this time, but with consumption slightly up and prices coming down, we're hoping for a better price on the next load of av gas. Watch this space for news on that front!

WHAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE?

If you're an instrument-rated pilot, you know you don't always get "as filed". To help simplify your flight planning somewhat, the FAA now has its "preferred route" database available online. See <http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp> for the details.

So while you may not always get what you *want* in your flight planning, at least you can know what to *expect* in many IFR scenarios.



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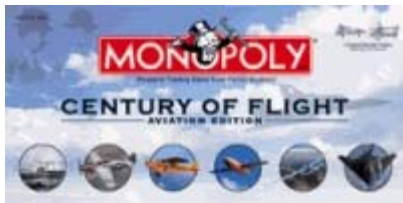
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A MONOPOLY ON AVIATION

Don't look now, but it's almost time to start checking off "naughty and nice" names on your holiday gift list. If you're stumped on gift ideas for the aviation enthusiast in your life, you



might consider the recently released board game, "Monopoly: Century of Flight Aviation Edition". Instead of the real estate of the

traditional version, players can buy, sell and trade a century's worth of historical aircraft. Playing pieces include a balloon, airship, monoplane, jet fighter, and helicopter, and you add hangars and airports rather than houses and hotels to improve your property. Priced at \$35.95, you can get it from www.waistore.org. Or, if you want something a little more interesting, www.dickrutan.org offers a copy of the game that has been autographed by Dick and Burt Rutan for \$50. There now, bet you can cross off a name or two with that!

KEEP IT CLEAN

Sometimes, it seems like the biggest problem in keeping your aircraft clean is getting the bugsto stay out of your way. Since that's not likely, here is quite possibly the next best thing: "That Bug Stuff" bug remover. According to the manufacturer, this is formulated to remove insect residue without damaging wax or paint. It was invented and made in the USA, "That Bug Stuff" includes a money-back guarantee from the manufacturer. The bug remover is marketed by AvShop. Check it out at www.AvShop.com or call AvShop at 866-9AVSHOP, where a 32 ounce bottle can be had for \$14.95.



EDITOR'S CORNER

- There's more to an aviation community than flying. Come out to **Buster's BBQ on RR 620** (the old VFW Hall) on **October 9** to see what we mean...

- Thanks to those of you who participated in our Benefit Golf Tournament. It will be exciting to see the new FBO or Terminal Building get started in the near future.

- I hope many of you will consider visiting Burnet on **October 25** for the CAF Highland Lakes Squadron's **Annual Hangar Dance**. Big band music, a dance contest, silent auction, and barbeque dinner are just part of the evening's features. A WWII re-enactment Unit of the 101st Airborne will also be stopping by, as will some just-returned-from Iraq soldiers from Ft. Hood. It's sure to be a good time. Call 512-756-2226 for tickets or more information, or contact me.

- This will most likely be my last issue as Editor of *High Flight*, as commitments and priorities have shifted quite a bit over the past few months. However, rest assured that you can't get rid of me quite so easily: I plan to be a fairly regular contributor to future issues. As soon as the new Editor is named, we'll be sure to let you know. Until then, you can still send any articles to me as usual.

Here's to tailwinds both ways!

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