

# HIGH FLIGHT

## LAKEWAY AIRPARK

December 2004



Hi members!

It has been an interesting November to say the least! The good news is that we have a complete roof on the new building and can move along with construction. If you haven't been to the Airpark lately, come by and see our roof and doors. During our next rain - from what I hear I won't have to wait long - I will check for leaks! We had a good turnout at work day and accomplished more than expected - note the new wind socks at the ramp and North end.



Joe Bain  
Airpark President

Gas sales are down, probably from the rain and the price. Avgas is slowly going down in price along with auto gas. It's down to where I bought it last time and looks like it will go further. Hopefully we will see fuel below the \$2.00 mark this year, however I wouldn't hold my breath.

A lot of construction is going on as you are reading this. We have one home on the Airpark that is 75% complete and another about to start. Robert White is clearing his land in preparation for his new home also. Rene Arredondo has submitted plans for the 7 acre tract at the Southeast end of the runway. We aren't sure yet what his plans are exactly but the Board will keep an eye on what's going on. Hopefully it will turn out to be a nice addition to the area.

Because of Spam issues, I have changed the email address for the Board of Directors to Directors@3r9.org from bod@3r9.org. Please change your address books. The web page has been updated to reflect this.

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### CHRISTMAS SING ALONG SUNDAY—DEC 5--4:00pm



The Lakeway Sing Alongs are supporting the Hudson Bend Fire Department Green Santa Program with a Christmas Sing Along at the Lakeway Activity Center.

Several of your fellow airpark members will be appearing in this production that promises to be very entertaining. There are many special numbers and skits and also audience participation.

The only charge is an unwrapped present for a child up to age 17 that can be placed in the Green Santa bag and will be distributed to area families at Christmas time by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hudson Bend Fire Department.

Refreshments will be provided at the end of the show.

Hope to see more of you at the monthly dinners! It's great fun and you get to see your neighbors! Because December is so busy we are not meeting, but come out and join us in January.

See you on the ramp!  
Joe Bain



# MEET PAUL STARKEY

New Lakeway resident Paul Starkey definitely has a passion for flying. Now into his fifth decade as a commercial and private pilot, he continues to log hours monthly.

As a teenager, Paul fondly recalls many



summers spent flying a Grum-

Paul & Patty Starkey and his Grumman Tiger

man Goose with his father giving him dual, using instruments and Morse code to navigate the Radio Range Airways to land on lakes and rivers in Alaska. Having received his license at 17, he took the family's Cessna 120 with him to college. He left college with a degree and had ratings for commercial, instructor, instrument, multi-engine, and instrument instructor.

In 1969 he returned to Sagwon, Alaska, and flew turbo Beavers and 180's on skis in the Artic North Slope. Subsequent flying in the 50<sup>th</sup> state included getting an ATP in a DC-3, a year of being 3<sup>rd</sup> pilot (GIB) on a 737 for Wein Air Alaska, and flying out of Fairbanks to drop smoke jumpers.

When a call came from Western Airlines in 1972, Paul was ready to move south and begin his airline career. While living in Los Angeles, he met his wife, Patty. As new positions became available, they moved to Minneapolis and Salt Lake City. When Delta Air Lines bought Western in 1987, the family moved to Dallas. During his airline career, Paul has flown the 720B, 707, 727, 737, DC-10, MD-88/90, 757, and is currently flying the 767-300ER to Europe from Atlanta.

Once again in 1993, Paul came home with another family plane. This time he adopted N28778, the 1978 Grumman Tiger owned by his parents. As Grumman owners, Paul and Patty, and sometimes their son Austin, have spent many vacations in the Tiger traveling the country to visit friends, family, and attend fly-ins. In recent years they've taken some interesting detours on flying trips so Patty can conduct on-site genealogical research.

Knowing that Paul will be retiring from Delta in 2006, the Starkeys sold their North Texas home and became Lakeway residents in August. When he's not traveling back and forth to Atlanta for work, Paul enjoys flying his Grumman Tiger in and out of 3R9.

Paul is planning a return trip to Alaska in summer, 2007, to see how things have changed in over thirty years. Anyone interested in forming up for that adventure?

With the plane currently being hangared at Spicewood, both Paul and Patty look forward to a time when the Tiger's home base will be the Lakeway Airpark.



## LIVING ON THE RUNWAY

By Julianne DeBower

It was late in December, and all through the hangars,  
A gaggle of pilots were glued to their scanners.  
From the North Pole to Texas stretched a fog to be hated  
For neither Santa nor his reindeer were instrument rated.

Thinking of children and grandchildren, too,  
They fretted and fumed, asking, "What can we do?  
Has the sleigh had its Annual? Does it have a de-icer?  
Is its transponder working? Would a GPS be nicer?"

Weather reports, one after the other,  
Were checked and rechecked in hopes they'd discover  
The fog was abating and opening a pathway,  
But the ceiling just sat like a grinch on the runway.

Now pilots know engines and all things electrical,  
And also the moment you need to get practical,  
So they got out their charts, they plotted and planned,  
And radioed their fellows to light up the land.

From the North Pole to Texas, their course they did lay  
And plane after plane taxied out to a runway.  
They fired up their engines and lit up the night,  
To make Santa and his reindeer a skyway of light.

All the way down to Texas, to Lakeway, in fact,  
Santa dashed to and fro as he emptied his sack.  
He pushed on through the fog and made every stop,  
And, back in his sleigh, paused on the last rooftop.

The fog was still heavy, but, oh, what a sight!  
As he looked down that skyway of planes in the night,  
And he called to the pilots as he flew home by their light,

"Happy Christmas, you all, and to all a Good Flight!"

## RUSTY ALLEN CRASH

Rusty Allen Jr. (son of Rusty Allen, former mayor of Lago Vista and for whom the airport was named) was killed in the crash of a Piper Super Cub in Phoenix last month. He was participating in an air show and giving rides for a money making project when he crashed his Super Cub.

Allen was also a pilot for SW Airlines.

Dec 4th—BBQ Fly-in—Fayette Regional Air Center (3T5)  
La Grange—10:00 am—1:00 pm

**AIRPARK WORKDAY**  
**SATURDAY—DEC 4TH—8:30 AM**  
**WORKDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

## AIRPARK SOCIALS

By Bonnie Thompson



Due to everyone's busy schedules during the holiday's we will not be having a Thursday night dinner in December. See everyone in 2005! Have a safe and happy holiday!

You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.

## RAY CHARLES' AIRPLANE TO BE RESTORED

It seems the world just can't stop lovin' Ray Charles, to borrow a phrase from one of his hits. His RPM International headquarters in Los Angeles, home to Ray Charles Enterprises, has already been designated a historic landmark by the city. Now, his first aircraft, a Cessna 310, has been found in New Braunfels, Texas. Present owner Larry Phillips, owner of Leather Tech at the New Braunfels Municipal Airport, said he intends to restore the original paint scheme that includes "Ray Charles Enterprises" on the side. Charles eventually owned four aircraft. He purchased the airplane in 1958, the year before his career hit the fast track. Phillips said his Charles' blindness made travel by a small aircraft a necessity and got him into small airports closer to his concerts. After restoration, Phillips plans to fly the aircraft to shows for exhibition, and then offer it to a museum. The aircraft sat outside for years and will need considerable work.

## THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

The term "the whole nine yards," came from WW1 fighter pilots in the Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage or wings. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole nine yards."

