

HIGH FLIGHT



LAKEWAY AIRPARK AUGUST 2005



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi everyone!

It seems the summer heat is here, luckily we have been given a short respite with a few rain showers. We had a great dinner last month with about 20 attending even though Big Dave's chose to close their doors after the newsletter went out! Bonnie did a great job and sent out an email to the group and moved the dinner to the Boat House Grill - a little warm but really good company!

We had a good meeting last month and accomplished a lot at the workday. It's been great having a place to meet that will hold the Board and all the visitors. Come join us this month and see what it's like. Keller Bradfield has volunteered to be the Maintenance Officer for the Airpark - thanks! His job is to coordinate and organize the workdays and make sure we have the supplies necessary to keep the Airpark safe and looking good. Please let him know if you can help keep our facilities in good shape.

If you see Jeff Klaas around, thank him for not only being our Secretary but also doing the ramp checks for July. We need some more volunteers to do this nightly duty - it nets us about \$300 a month - a nice income and it helps to have someone check the Airpark nightly for problems and issues - Thanks Jeff!!

Terry Priestap has graciously volunteered to coordinate a Young Eagles meeting and possibly start working on Safety Meetings in the near future. If you are an EAA member and would like

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Joe Bain
Airpark President

AIRPARK WORKDAY
SATURDAY—AUG 13—8:30 AM
BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS

AIRPARK DINNER
THURSDAY—AUG 11—6:30 PM
IGUANA GRILL



GIVING A HELPING HAND

Transient aircraft are very appreciative when they receive a helping hand from our airpark members. Pictured above, Joe Bain is helping a lady push her aircraft back after refueling.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A plane was born to the proud parents of

Phil and Jean Thompson on July 16th.

Birth date - July 16th

Time- 10:00 AM

Weight- 1,178 lbs

Length- 20' 4"

Span- 25" 0"

Height- 5" 10"

Experimental N267RV took to the air on Saturday July 16th from 77T (Kittie Hill) airport in Leander Texas. First Flight was to plan with the only exception being a faulty flap motor that made for a rather fast landing on the rough turf of Kittie Hill. Plane and Pilot are doing fine and 267RV is now residing in it's new home at 3R9 (Lakeway Airpark). Many thanks to all of you for your support and interest during the long build process.



CHICKEN WINGS™

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER





LIVING ON THE RUNWAY

By Julianne DeBower

Living on the Runway-Flight School

We were busy watching the planes fly in and out of the airpark last month when we noticed some rather frantic activity just to the left of our taxiway. Our Purple Martin House, crowded with Purple Martins (and a few pushy sparrows), had become a flying school for the very young--- birds, that is. Over the next few weeks, we spent more time watching the fledglings than the runway, and it was fascinating.

Some of the babies were fearless, brave, and bold and almost strutted out to the rails on their little house to take their first flights. Others, more bashful, could barely be coaxed out of their tiny "apartment" nests. One timid soul went back and forth, looking over the rail, then quickly rushing back inside where I could see him peer out from time to time. Another would perch on the rail each day, rocking back and forth, hovering like a bungee jumper, trying to get up the nerve to let go and soar. Near him, his mother or father, twittered and cooed trying to encourage him to take that first leap. It took a good week for him to try it, and when he did, I was almost as scared as he was.

Surprisingly enough, baby birds do not start out as good aviators. Usually, they take off and tumble down ---to the top of the golf cart, a wheel of the tractor or onto the grass itself. A few are initially afraid to get very far off the ground. Hopping from place to place the young learners try to figure out exactly what they are supposed to do. Flying around them in fits and starts, obviously trying to give instruction, the older ones, parents or friends, do their best to teach them the basics.

One afternoon while Ken was reading and smoking one of his cigars, he was startled to hear a loud thump. Quite close to him on the hangar floor was a dazed young bird looking up at the Bonanza as if to say, "Where did that come from?" Sadly, the noise of the crash attracted the attention of our cat, Hello. That little Martin got away safely, but to protect the others, Ken kept a hugely offended Hello shut up in the storeroom until Flight School was ended.



IT'S A BAD DAY WHEN.....

ANYBODY FOR PANCAKES?

August 6th 8:30-11am

EAA Chapter 59—Pancake Breakfast
McGregor Exec Airport — Waco Tex

August 7th 7-11am

20th Annual Fly-In Breakfast (Free)
Eggs & Sausage, Pancakes & Cantaloupe

(Cantaloupe Bombing Contest to
Celebrate Cantaloupe Harvest)

Pecos Municipal Airport
Pecos, Texas

CAJUN HUNTERS



Two Cajun hunters from Louisiana got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six.

As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose.

The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded.

However, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after take-off.

Climbing out of the wreck Boudreaux asked Thibodeaux, "Any idea where we are?"

"Yaaah I think we's pretty close to where we crashed last year."



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Visit www.wingsoverhouston.com
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**YOUR WEEKEND FUN TAKES OFF AT
THE WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW**

WHAT: The 21st annual Wings Over Houston Airshow presented by Ron Carter Dealerships takes flight with the Canadian Forces Snowbirds Jet Demonstration Team, F-18F Super Hornet, AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter, World War II air power reenactment of Tora!Tora!Tora! and A-10 Thunderbolt II ("The Warthog"), as well as with aerobatic performers John Klatt, Debbie Gary and Debby Rihn Harvey. Static displays include the B-52, C-5A Galaxy, WWII trainers, fighters and bombers, and a wide array of modern military aircraft. A new, modern military mass assault demo is also being planned with tanks, bombers, fighters, helicopters, gunship & lots of pyrotechnic explosions!

WHEN: Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9
Gates open at 8 a.m.
Flights begin at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Ellington Field

TICKETS: General Admission – advance tickets
\$15 for adults, \$4 for children age 6-11 and free for children under age 6

Reserved Prime View
\$40 per person

Eagle Squadron hospitality
\$125.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased at www.wingsoverhouston.com or by calling 713-266-4492. Tickets are also available at Kroger mid September and the gate the day of the event.

WHAT ELSE:

- ◆ M-4 simulator rides enable patrons to take a flight in a fighter aircraft.
- ◆ Kids of all ages will enjoy the children's carnival area with rock walls, power jumper and water wars.
- ◆ Wings Over Houston is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community event produced by an all-volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing and West Houston Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force. Proceeds from the event benefit the Wings Over Houston Scholarship Program, ACE Academy, Seaborne Challenge Corps and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs.

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FIGHTER PILOT - IMAX MOVIE

Here is a movie currently showing at the Bob Bullock Museum Imax Theater that you may want to see.

Hold onto your seat! Fighter Pilot takes you up into the skies for the true story of Captain John Stratton as he undergoes strenuous training at Nevada's Nellis Air Force Base.

He takes his F-15E Strike Eagle up, up and away to practice dog-fighting tactics, aerial acrobatics and perilous mid-air refueling maneuvers! But he's not alone — German Tornados, B-52 bombers, Israeli F-16s and other aircraft zoom through the skies, and at you!



OIL FOR SALE

The airpark is offering oil by the case to it's members.

AEROSHELL W100—SINGLE GRADE—\$35.00
AEROSHELL 15W50—\$54.00

Oil is at the Terminal in the Storeroom—make arrangements with any director to pick it up.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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to help Terry with the Young Eagles or if you just want to help with a safety meeting please call him! If we set up the safety meetings properly, it will count toward the FAA Wings program.

Thanks for all your help! Hope to see you on the ramp.

Joe Bain
President, Lakeway Airpark, Inc.

AIRPARK SOCIALS

By Bonnie Thompson



We will all be meeting at Iguana Grill for our Airpark dinner on Thursday, Aug 11th at 6:30. Please come and join us and we hope to see a lot of you there.

For more information give me a call at 266-3227.