

HIGH FLIGHT



LAKEWAY AIRPARK JULY 2005



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What a GREAT year! Our fiscal year ended May 31, 2005 and we started a new year with a great Board and a lot of success under our belts. If you weren't at the 10 year anniversary you missed a really great party. We had 130+ attend, Rod Lee played and sang for us and everyone I've talked to had a good time. We had new members, old members, the City Council, Mayor and plenty of Rudy's BBQ to go around. Thanks to all for our success!



Joe Bain
Airpark President

If you haven't seen the new Terminal yet, take some time to look around. It's something you can all be proud of and enjoy for many years to come. If you haven't sent in your application yet, you probably won't get the door code - so get the app. in right away. Please be sure to let Steve know if you change your address or email.

Steve Bangs has hit the ground running as your new Treasurer. He has already purified the records in QuickBooks and we now have a means to update the email lists, the newsletter lists, and if the membership wants, we can develop a directory of members! Thanks Steve!

All the Directors have shown an interest in becoming involved with the ongoing business of running the Airpark. Thanks to all of them for their help - if you see them, thank them for their efforts!

I am looking forward to another great year. Let's plan to get together more often this year and utilize the new facilities, you deserve it!

Thanks for all the support!

Joe Bain

2005-2006 LAKEWAY AIRPARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pictured above are the newly elected Lakeway Airpark Board of Directors for 2005-2006. Seated are Steve Bangs and Keller Bradfield. Standing are Jim Anderson, Paul Starkey, Jeff Klaas, and Joe Bain.

Not pictured is Robert White



Jim Anderson, Joe Bain and Robert White inside the new terminal building standing by the conference table where the board meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

THUNDERBIRDS' FIRST FEMALE PILOT ANNOUNCED WITH NEW 2006 PILOTS

06/16/2005 - **NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (ACCNS)** - The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "[Thunderbirds](#)," have announced their new pilots for the 2006 demonstration season which includes the first female demonstration pilot in the 52 year history of the Thunderbirds.

Joining the Thunderbirds in the no. 3 right wing position will be Capt. Nicole Malachowski, currently assigned to the 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom. Captain Malachowski will turn a new page in history as the first female demonstration pilot on a U.S. military high performance jet team.



The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit comprised of eight pilots (including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, four civilians and about 120 enlisted Airmen performing in more than 29 career specialties.

A Thunderbirds' demonstration is a mix of six aircraft, performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The team's first performance was June 8, 1953 at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Since then, the Thunderbirds have flown before more than 310 million people at 3,944 air demonstrations in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries.

The Opps List

By Nellie & Bob Abresch



The Passing Of Curtis Pitts

The man whose nimble little biplane spawned a whole segment of aviation design, competition and just plain fun passed away last month. Curtis Pitts, whose Pitts Special became the standard for sport aviation for 60 years, was 89. He died in the hospital from complications resulting from a heart valve replacement.

Pitts designed the airplane from the ground up to be an aerobatic performer, with fast roll rates and crisp handling. In 1966, Bob Herendeen won the U.S. National Aerobatics Championships in a Pitts.

T-34 UPDATE

After several months on the ground, the T-34 Mentor fleet is slowly finding its way back into the air. Thanks to a Herculean effort by the T-34 Association Inc., the FAA quietly granted owners a one-time 60-hour period to fly their Mentors, pending a permanent fix for the latest bout of spar cracking. Recall that a T-34 crashed in Texas on Dec. 7 after a center section spar gave way. Both occupants were killed. The FAA immediately grounded the fleet and the T-34 group went to work on a fix. To qualify for flight, each owner was required to compile a detailed history of the airplane and to inspect the center spar section for cracks around certain fasteners. Once approved, the flight envelope will be restricted to zero through 2.5 Gs and 152 knots.



AIRPARK WORKDAY
SATURDAY—JULY 9—8:30 AM
BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS

AIRPARK DINNER
THURSDAY—JULY 7—6:30 PM
BIG DAVES

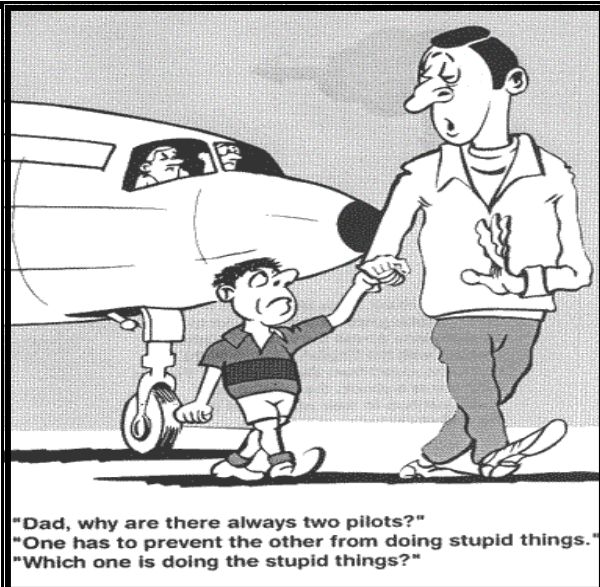
AIRPARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We had over 130 people come to our 10th Anniversary Celebration on June 10th. Below are a sampling of pictures taken. There are too many pictures to print in this newsletter, so more will be coming in future newsletters.



RUNWAY STOP LIGHTS PROVE USEFUL AT DFW

It seems like a simple enough idea ... place lights at runway intersections that glow red when it's unsafe to cross. And it seems to be working, in an experimental installation at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. In a three-month study concluding this week, there was only one minor incursion, compared to three incursions in the previous five months. "But as long as we're still having one [incursion], we need to focus on improving the system," FAA spokesman Paul Erway told The Dallas Morning News. The Runway Status Lights are embedded into the pavement along the centerline on 14 taxiways. The system works by illuminating the five red lights when the runway is unsafe to cross. The lights work independently of air traffic control, by processing surveillance data from sensors on the airport surface. There is no green light ... the red lights click off when the coast is clear. Pilots still must contact ATC to be cleared onto the runway. The system cost \$1.2 million. A similar system, using different surveillance technology, is planned to go into operation at the San Diego Airport next year.



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AIRPARK SOCIALS

By Bonnie Thompson



We will all be meeting at Big Daves Saloon for our Airpark dinner on Thursday, July 7th 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.