

HIGH FLIGHT



LAKEWAY AIRPARK March 2005



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

February is almost gone and I for one am glad to see it go! Not only has the weather been terrible, but I have enjoyed the flu for what seems like most of the month. I'm finally starting to believe I'll live!



Joe Bain
Airpark President

Don't forget the gear!!! We had our second gear up landing in about 6 months time. Two pilots both thought the other had put down the gear I'm told—and neither did. See the photo of what it takes to lift a Cessna up to lower the gear. Looks expensive to me.

The terminal is slowly coming together. Electrical and plumbing are done and sheetrock will be next. Maybe another 30-45 days to move in!

We had a good turn out at workday this month. I would also like to thank Steve Bangs and Bill Strawn for volunteering to do the ramp checks! It netted both of them a free dinner on Thursday March 10th for their trouble—Thanks!

Thanks again to all the volunteers!

Joe Bain

GEAR UP LANDING AT OUR AIRPARK LAST MONTH



Cessna RG after gear up landing awaiting lift to put the gear down



Crain lifting airplane into the air to enable gear to be extended



After extending gear and receiving new prop transient aircraft departed back to it's home base



AIRPARK SOCIALS

By Bonnie Thompson
MARCH 10, 2005

Things are getting fishy at the airpark. That's right, we are going to Springhill for dinner. Mark your calendar for March 10, 2005 @ 6:30 PM.

In April we are going to China Pacific..... More info to follow!

MEET BOB SIDDON'S

One of my father's good friends, Ralph Janes, got him involved in flying in the mid 1950's. With that exposure and access to a Cessa 182, I took up flying after my freshman year at the University of Texas. I took my first lesson the first day of June 1961 and completed by check ride the 30th day of July.

Our insurance business has always been centered around Highway Contractors' insurance and surety needs all over the state of Texas. I estimate that my 2000+ hours of flying have saved me a half million road miles and 5000 hours of windshield time.

My wife, Bonnie, and I came to Lakeway on our honeymoon in 1964. We bought the house we still live in from Jim Gribble in 1970. We moved in with our first two sons who were the first young children (2yrs. and 3 mos. old) to call Lakeway home.

We hangered our plane at Ragsdale Aviation and then Signature until the airport moved to ABI. That worked OK because our offices were always downtown, but in 1999 we built our own building and moved our offices to the LakePoint Center in Bee Caves. I was very fortunate to get on the list for one of the hangers at Lakeway. It has been nice having my office, home and airplane all close together. I don't miss the commute to Austin one bit.

One of the highlites of my flying career was to tour the Beechcraft Plant in Wichita, Kansas in 1978 and take delivery of my A-36 Bonanza 24192, which I keep here at Lakeway.

Bob Siddons

Vigilante Air Force Combats Illegal Immigrants



A California man has assembled a vigilante air force and army to patrol an area of the Mexican border used frequently by illegal immigrants. James Gilchrist says that so far 16 pilots have offered themselves and their aircraft to help out the Minuteman Project, which he hopes will embarrass the government into stopping "the endless mob of illegal aliens streaming across our borders like a tsunami." The aircraft and up to 400 volunteers will patrol an area south of Tucson that is considered particularly prone to border jumping. Gilchrist said the volunteers will use binoculars, telescopes and night-vision gear to spot the aliens and report them to immigration officials. They won't try to turn them

back themselves. Still, the project's Web site does offer "an enthusiastic invitation" to those with military or law-enforcement experience, particularly those who did tours as reconnaissance and intelligence personnel. Meanwhile, U.S. Border Patrol personnel seem less worried about embarrassment and more concerned about the welfare of the volunteers. "It doesn't take a lot of imagination to picture what could happen," Chief Michael Nicely told The Associated Press. He said alien smugglers are often armed and not shy about confronting even his well-trained and heavily armed officers. "It could be a very [volatile] situation, one that reasonable people ought to avoid."

HONG KONG AIRPORT

Until just a few years ago the Hong Kong airport was located downtown Hong Kong and making a landing took a lot of concentration.

Below are just a few shots to give you an idea of what the pilots had to deal with.

They now have a new airport on an adjacent island that is much safer.



THANKS TO

STEVE BANGS & BILL STRAWN

Steve Bangs and Bill Strawn have both stepped up to help the airpark out by doing the ramp checks each night. We want both of you guys to know that you are greatly appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN

BY DETAILING YOUR AIRPLANE

John Garr will be in Austin at the Lakeway airport the week of March 6-12. He is running a special until March 31. You take \$25.00 off the regular price of a detail.

Single engine airplane (Cessna 172-210, Beech Bonanza, Piper Saratoga type aircraft \$150.)
Twin engine airplane (Beech Baron type aircraft \$175.00)

Larger aircraft please call for pricing. Leather cleaning and conditioning, carpet and fabric deep cleaning extra.

He will clean and polish with the Wash Wax All products which is approved by Boeing for aircraft use. The products are environmentally friendly.

Please give him a call if interested...

Dr. Ed Ragan and Mike Scott have used him and been very happy....

Bill Thompson is on the schedule. You can either call Bill @ 266-3227 or John Garr @ 979-245-4245 or fax him @ 979-245-7189

LET'S KEEP THE AIRPARK LOOKING GOOD

Bonnie Thompson



JOE BAIN

RECEIVED SEA PLANE RATING

Pictured above is Joe Bain with a Cessna 206 Amphibian that he recently used to completed his sea plane rating.

**THE TWO ARTICLES BELOW
WERE SUBMITTED TO HIGH FLIGHT BY
GINGER BALDWIN**

**Finding That "Perfect Part"
Just Got Easier**

*If you've ever had to try to find an approved airplane part, chances are you've spent a lot of time talking on the phone and/or emailing to shops, mechanics, friends - ANYBODY - who might be able to help you locate what you're looking for. Well, chalk up another one for the world wide web. It's now easier than ever to make sure you're getting FAA approved parts by using Inventory Locator Service's (ILS) online FAA Part Manufacturer Approval system cross-referenced database that lists over FIVE BILLION FAA approved aircraft parts. Subscribers can now search for a specific part number to locate suppliers who list either the OEM or the PMA part numbers, giving manufacturers and suppliers wider exposure and offering buyers additional resources. In addition to showing PMA parts suppliers, this feature shows the name and address of the PMA holder, approval dates and aircraft model eligibility. For more details and all the specifics, please visit Inventory Locator Service on the web at <http://www.ilsmart.com/>.

New offering from FAA Safety.gov

*FAA Safety.gov now offers you the ability to receive Unapproved Parts Notices (UPNs) from the FAA's Suspected Unapproved Parts Program Office AVS-20. UPNs are advisory alerts regarding unapproved parts that may pose a safety threat to the aviation community. Links to two current UPNs are below. If you do not wish to receive these notices, no action is required. You will not receive them in the future. If you would like to receive these notices (10 to 15 per year), please do the following:

*Click on "e-mail preferences" at the bottom of this message. Or, go to FAA Safety.gov. Log in. Select "Preferences" under Standard Options on the left column if you are not on the Preferences page already. Place a check mark in the box next to "Unapproved Parts Notification". Log out. You will now receive UPNs as they are issued. Remember, you may always return to the "Preferences" page and uncheck this option in the future.

Current UPNs.....

*This UPN involves West Coast Cylinder Works of Santa Fe Springs, CA. They improperly maintained R-1820 engine cylinders. The affected cylinders were either sold as spare parts or installed on engines subsequently overhauled and approved for return to service by Airpower, Inc., of Lakeport, CA.

*Here is a link to unapproved parts notification (UPN) #2004-00210. http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/notices/2005-Feb/16_UPN_2004-00210.doc

*This UPN involves Falcon Aircraft Accessories (FLAC) of Mesa, AZ. FLAC performed improper maintenance on aircraft alternators, generators, and starters.

*Here is a link to unapproved parts notification (UPN) #2004-00076. http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/notices/2005-Feb/16_UPN_2004-00076.doc

*We hope this service will be of service to the aviation community.

Kevin L. Clover National Safety Program Manager

**GENERAL TIBBETS
TO COMMEMORATE
ALLIED MISSION**

On his 90th birthday, Gen. Paul Tibbets will once again return to the skies and take the controls of a B-17 to commemorate a massive transatlantic crossing of military aircraft during World War II. Code named Mission Bolero, the operation began on June 15, 1942, and involved 49 B-17s, 80 P-38s, and 52 C-47 aircraft to provide significant air support in England. Tibbets, who was then a major, flew a B-17 to help lead the P-38s that lacked the long-range navigational equipment for the mission. Later this month, on February 18 and 19, Tibbets will be reunited with the four original members of his crew at Atlanta's Dekalb-Peachtree Airport and fly formation with a P-38 christened Glacier Girl. In 1992 the P-38 was pulled from the ice in Greenland and later restored to flying condition.

**STANFORD UNIV SEEKS
PILOTS FOR AGING STUDY**

With the age-60 rule back in play, how would you like to contribute to scientific research, while getting free simulator time, earning a few extra bucks and attaining that goal of attending Stanford U. (sort of)? The Palo Alto, Calif., school is studying age-related changes in aviator performance. Volunteers must be 50 to 67 years old, have a current and active pilot certificate and a current FAA medical certificate, and must have logged between 300 and 15,000 hours. Volunteers will fly a Frasca 141 simulator. After an initial training period, they are asked to come back for four annual visits, so their performance over time can be evaluated. For more information, please contact Annie Lademan aboyd@stanford.edu or Katy Castile kcastile@stanford.edu at (650) 852-3457

**AIRPARK WORKDAY
SAT—MAR 12— 8:30 AM**

(Board Meeting Immediately Following)

Overheard last April near Miami, Florida, just as Sun n' Fun was kicking in...

Pilot: ...request VFR flight following to Lakeland.

ATC: N123, unable at this time...

Pilot: Roger, unable. Any idea when can I expect it?

ATC: Try again ... this time next week.



PILOT WANTED TO WORK WITH BOY SCOUTS

I am looking for someone who would enjoy taking a little time and teaching 8-10 Boy Scouts aged 11-16 the aviation merit badge. I think the best way would be for them to come to our weekly meeting on Monday night at Crestview Methodist Church in north Austin (Anderson Lane and Burnet Road) maybe 2 or 3 times and give some basic instructions on how an airplane actually works and basic ground school.

I would then like to take them up for a short flight on a Saturday.

Our troop is fairly small and we like to try to give the boys some experiences that they would not be able to do on their own, and I think that this is something that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jim Dawson 512-619-5460

THANKS TO HOSKINS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Our thanks go out to Hoskins Electric Company for doing the electrical work for the Airpark on our new terminal.

If you need any electrical work done in the future—you may want to remember Hoskins Electric Company



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Owner Fred W. Hoskins

6th Annual Bi-Planes & Taildraggers Event—March 19-20
Heritage Airfield (Near San Antonio)
New Berlin, TX Runway: 3100' Bermuda
Warbird Digest magazine will be at the event to cover the large gathering of "Fighter Aces" attending this year. On hand will also be some AVG "Flying Tigers", WASP and WACs from WWII
For more info: 210-834-9790

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ANY AWOS

A new service called Any AWOS is now available. You dial 1-877-any awos (1-877-269-2967) and you are prompted for the airport identifier.

When you put that in, it connects you to the AWOS at that airport for weather. Toll free - but you have to listen to a short ad.

**AIRPARK WORKDAY
SATURDAY
MARCH 12—8:30 AM
BOARD MEETING
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWS WORKDAY**

**AIRPARK MONTHLY DINNER
FOR MARCH WILL BE AT
SPRINGHILL
MARCH 10—6:30
(Please come and join us)**

NEED AIRPARK MEMBERS TO FEATURE IN OUR NEWSLETTER
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