

HIGH FLIGHT



LAKEWAY AIRPARK OCTOBER 2005



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi everyone!

September has been a busy month for the Airpark! Not only have some of our members been working hard for Katrina victims but we had a pretty big scare of our own with Rita. We were lucky - the storm as you know went East - we could have used some rain though! Thanks to all those that helped get the Airpark ready in case the storm came this way.



Joe Bain
Airpark President

September 25th started out with a bang when a Bell 206 helicopter from Boise, Idaho landed. Seems they needed to get some water to a plant in Galena Park and decided to stage here. I'm glad we were able to help them and hopefully they will safely complete their mission.

Our meeting will be October 8th this month with the Airpark dinner on the 6th at the Lazy Fork. I hope to see everyone there, it's a neat place and should be a lot of fun. We hope to add Kim Clonts to the Board at the meeting, she has agreed to serve and it will be great to have a full Board again. Thanks Kim!

I'm told it will be 105 degrees today (September 26) and to expect it to cool down Thursday - can't wait! I think I'll find a nice cool spot until then!

See you on the ramp!

Joe Bain



LAKEWAY AIRPARK STAGING POINT FOR HURRICANE RELIEF



With the order to evacuate the path of Hurricane Rita, the employees of Rohm and Haas Company (a chemical company), obeyed the order, but left a skeleton crew behind to monitor the facility.

Heather Granzin and Patty Dynan, Procurement Officers with the company evacuated to Austin, but that didn't stop them from doing their jobs. They were in constant contact with the plant and soon discovered that their employees were running low on water and supplies.

They chartered a helicopter from Boise, Idaho to fly the necessary supplies into the plant and used Lakeway Airpark as the loading spot. It was reported that FEMA had already secured all of the helicopters that were closer to our area. Also,

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TOMCAT ON LAST TOUR

The F-14 Tomcat is going down fighting. The last operational deployment of the big swing-wing fighter began earlier this week with the last remaining squadrons VF-31 Tomcatters and VF-213 (Blacklions) flying aboard the carrier Theodore Roosevelt for a tour to the Persian Gulf. "Epic, historic, I'm looking for words," said Cmdr. Rick "Twig" LaBranche as he led the pilots and crew aboard the Roosevelt. "They understand that being the last Tomcat squadron is a historic event." The F-14 first saw service in the early 1970s and has seen action in all major conflicts since. Described by LaBranche as the Harley Davidson of fighter aircraft, it is giving way to the leaner and more efficient FA/18 Super Hornet. For every flight hour, an F-14 needed up to 60 hours of maintenance. The Super Hornet gets by on 10 to 15 hours and takes up a lot less room, with wingspan a full 20 feet shorter than the Tomcat's.

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 tink we's pretty close to where we crashed last year."



REFUELING AT LAKEWAY AIRPARK



Lakeway Airpark saw many transient airplanes coming in for fuel on their way back to the Hurricane area.

Airline Crew Fakes Emergency To Make Soccer Kickoff

The pilots of a chartered Lockheed L-1011 were headed for Lima, Peru, last Tuesday when they told air traffic control they were low on fuel and would have to divert to the northern coastal city of Piura. Emergency crews were scrambled, and the jet landed safely ... just in time for the 300 Gambians on board to make it to the nearby soccer match where their home team was competing. "It truly was a scam," Betty Maldonado, a spokeswoman for Peru's aviation authority, told The Associated Press. "They tricked the control tower." The Air Rum jet had been chartered by Gambian President Yahya Jammeh. The passengers were allowed to attend the game, but the jet was held pending a decision by the authorities on what penalties they would levy against the charter operator.

And the Big Hand Is On the...

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

**LAKEWAY STREET DANCE
LET'S GET AN AIRPARK
TABLE TOGETHER**

The Lakeway Street Dance is scheduled for Saturday night, October 8th. Starts at 6:00 in the new City Hall parking lot with a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings from Popeyes. Doc & The Cruisers will be providing music under for our dancing and listening pleasure.

Let's get a table together with Airpark people. To make a reservation, please call Joann at 261-3313 before October 5th. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children under 10.

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their key production manager, Sheila Donnelly had to evacuate to Oklahoma and couldn't get back to the plant, so they made arrangements to bring her to Lakeway Airpark so she could catch a ride on the helicopter flying in the supplies.

WRONG NUMBER = FALSE ALARM

Pilot Harry Butler wondered why more than a dozen law-enforcement officers surrounded his Cessna Citation 501 after he landed at Georgetown County Airport in South Carolina on Thursday morning. He'd lost his radios en route and returned to have them checked out, but that hardly seemed to explain it. It turned out that when he had asked his co-pilot to change the transponder code to 7600 to alert controllers that he'd lost the radios, it was set accidentally to the code for a hijacking.

**WARM SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT
LAKEWAY AIRPARK**

As shown in the pictures below, people like to drop by the Airpark just to socialize and watch the airplanes.



AIRPARK SOCIALS

By Bonnie Thompson



The October dinner will be held on October 6th at the Lazy Fork at 6:30PM. The Lazy Fork is the old Alpenhof located on Hamilton Pool Road and is now a Bar BQ Restaurant.

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

Bonnie

**AIRPARK WORKDAY
SATURDAY—OCT 8TH—8:30
BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORK DAY**