

HIGH FLIGHT

LAKEWAY AIRPARK

AUGUST 2007



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I just returned from 10 days visiting family in St. Louis. We covered a wedding, a funeral, a birth, and a 21st birthday party over a 4 day span - the full range of family action. The lousy weather through the mid-west encouraged me to make the trip ground bound. So daughter and I took the new car on a shake down cruise. We went through Wichita on the way back, the holy land of general aviation, and saw the Springfield Cardinals beat up the Wichita Wranglers 6 to 2.



Jeff Klaas
Airpark President

The work in progress with the Airpark board is moving along. I would like to get member input on a couple of things – creation of a picnic area and distribution of a membership list. Other issues in progress are runway maintenance, mowing and grounds keeping, the donor letter and Airpark improvements, and alteration of rules regarding jets and helicopters.

We kicked around a bunch of ideas for creating a picnic area and organizing the memorial benches for

runway viewing. The Steve Bangs memorial fund is accumulating enough cash to do some interesting things.

Several members have asked for a membership roster. I will have a draft version produced this month containing name, address, phone number, and email address. The intent is to distribute only to the paid membership. If you do not want to be on the roster, please contact me. I want to respect our privacy and not make the roster public.

Bill Gunn reports that the control tower at New Braunfels is active. The Georgetown control tower is complete but non-operational due to lack of funding for the controllers in this fiscal year. He expects the tower to be operational around November or December

Continued thanks to Robert White for spraying the runway and taxiway edges. We ran out of stuff on the first pass, and many areas did not respond to treatment. Thanks to Terry Priestap for ramp checking last month.

My calendar says the next workday/meeting is August 11th. See you there.

Jeff

LAKEWAY AIRPARK





FUEL PRICE AT LAKEWAY AIRPARK.

And we are still one of the least expensive in the area



LIVING ON THE RUNWAY

By Julianne DeBower



Life on the runway is heating up---and It's not just because it's summer. It is building, building everywhere....the City of Lakeway is filling up almost as fast as Lake Travis did this past month. And, as Lakeway fills up, so do the empty lots around the runway. I didn't know how many lots were still available until the latest building boom. A number of runway houses-from the Peebles to the Skinners to the Chatagniers' old homes- have changed owners lately, and there are at least two new hangar homes being built. If you drive past the southern end of the runway, you can see all the clearing going on down there, and the word is out that several large homes and hangars are slated to be built there in the near future. In addition, we hear that some folks are looking into the cost and feasibility of excavating the area behind Lefty's old house in order to build a hangar. We look forward to welcoming all these new neighbors into our community.

We have had a lot of changes occur in the past few years, and so many great things have been happening in our airpark community. We have a wonderful new building; our monthly dinners have swelled from eight or ten attendees to forty or more; and numerous non- flying Lakeway friends have joined the Airpark Association. Bonnie Thompson continues to do a great job planning our monthly dinners and special events-we were swamped at the "cook out" in May, and it was great!!! Isn't it nice to be able to share these events again in a spirit of fellowship and fun? By the way, if any of you know whether or not one of the remaining vacant lots with runway access on Dasher (or elsewhere) might be up for sale sometime soon, please give me a call. There are a lot of people interested in these lots. Thanks, and see you next month. Until then, don't leave home without your umbrella.

Airpark Workday
Saturday
August 11 —8:30 AM
Board Meeting will immediately follow workday

MONTHLY EAA FLYIN BBQ LUNCH
This information was shared with us by Airpark member Dennis Sneed
Hi! This BBQ luncheon is held on the first Saturday of every month all year round! I've been there several times and found it to be a fun little trip. On a good flying day, their ramp fills up with visiting airplanes! Why not let everyone know via the newsletter.
EAA Chapter 1347 Central Texas Squadron Monthly BBQ Luncheon
Fayette Regional Air Center (3T5)
LaGrange, Texas
TIME: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
AGENDA: Come out & see some airplanes, talk to some pilots & eat good BBQ!!
DONATION: \$5.00
(Donations benefit Aviation Scholarships to local youth.)
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AUGUST SOCIAL

THURSDAY AUG 9TH —6:30 PM

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Come & socialize with your
airpark friends

JULY AIRPARK OUTING WAS AT BUSTERS



AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles in by August 24th

Two planes arrived at flight control at exactly the same time. Flight control said, "Delta, Continental, you both arrived at the same time. Who wants to go first?"

The Continental pilot immediately heard, "Go ahead, Delta, I'll wait!"

Jimmy Anderson lowers the flag at the Airpark to half staff as a mark of respect for the memory of Lady Bird Johnson who passed away last month.



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"IN MEMORY OF STEVE BANGS"

A "special heartfelt" thanks to all of you who made a contribution in Steve's memory for a bench at the Lakeway Airpark.



STEVE BANGS WITH MOLLIE

Each and every day it was part of his routine to drive his bright yellow golfcart to the Airpark, accompanied by his companion, Mollie, the adorable white Bichon Frise. While there, the two of them would greet visitors and "police the bathrooms" making our facility a welcome stop for those passing through our area.

Steve also enjoyed spending his time watching and photographing airplanes land, refuel and take-off, which reminded him of his 20 year career as an Air Force Pilot.

I hope each of you, while sitting on his bench, will think of him and remember the contribution he made to the Lakeway Airpark which was a very important part of his retired years in our wonderful community.

Priscilla Bangs