

# HIGH FLIGHT

## LAKEWAY AIRPARK

JUNE 2007



### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

When I was a kid, I did not believe the older folks tales of how time goes faster the older you get. Now I say, Holy Cow, where did the last year go. I must have missed something! It certainly does not seem a year since I took this job. A large part of the rapid pace of time is all the activities we have in our lives and the busy schedules we keep. Things are good though – the fun stuff has vastly overwhelmed the others.



Jeff Klaas  
Airpark President

Which brings me to the cookout on May 10<sup>th</sup> – what a splendid gathering. I will not attempt to describe the event as things were really going fast. Thanks to Bonnie and Jesse and everyone who brought goodies. There were several cameras snapping around that likely captured the fun. The party was almost ruined by the crash of the C180 south of the field. Thankfully a skilled pilot and lots of luck got the craft on the ground with no injuries, except for the C180.

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### CESSNA 180 CRASHES AT FLINTROCK FALLS



On May 10th, around 6:45pm, a Cessna 180 flying from Roswell, New Mexico to the Lakeway Airpark had engine problems and crashed near the Number 5 Tee Box at the Flintrock Falls Golf Course. The pilot, a neurosurgeon from Flagstaff, Arizona, was enroute to Austin to visit family members. No one on board the aircraft was injured in the mishap.

The pilot stated as he was turning on to final approach into Lakeway, the engine began to sputter then quit. Since the aircraft was at a low altitude, there was not very much time to react. He managed to attempt another engine start but the engine quit again while lining up to land on the #5 fairway. Unfortunately, the plane ran out of altitude a little short of the intended landing point and clipped a tree, spinning the aircraft on the ground to a stop.

The aircraft was removed from the golf course late Thursday evening and placed at the Lakeway Airpark for FAA and NTSB investigators. Cause of the engine failure is under investigation.

The wreckage was hauled off for salvage Saturday morning. Also, the pilot did an excellent job getting the aircraft down without injuries.

### IN MEMORANDUM STEVE BANGS

Steve Bangs passed away on May 17th after a short illness. There will be a “Celebration of Life” service somewhere around the 3rd week of June. A notice will be mailed to the 3r9 email list when the final arrangements have been made.



Memorial contributions can be made to Lakeway Airpark, c/o The Steve Bangs Memorial Fund and the funds will be used for a worthwhile project.

## HAMBURGER COOKOUT

By Bonnie Thompson

Thursday, Maya 10 was perfect weather for the hamburger cook out at the airpark. What a group!! Jesse Beckett brought his unbelievable smoker and with that he and Bill Thompson were able to cook over 50 hamburgers....in no time!!! Keith Duri was the French fry cooker...and man those were terrific....

A big thank yu to everyone that brought all the goodies to make this successful...Thank you to all that helped set up and requests to do this again...

Anytime you have a suggestion for the monthly get together, please let me know...I'm open for new ideas.

It is so good to meet all the new people at the airpark.

Bonnie



**JUNE SOCIAL  
ANGELS ICE HOUSE  
21815 W. Hwy 71**

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 7TH—6:30**

**Karoke starts at 8:00 if you'd  
like to stay a little later.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **June 4th—**

**Annual meeting 6:00 at  
Lakeway Activity Center**

#### **June 7th—**

**Airpark Social at Angels  
Ice House at 6:30**

#### **June 9th—**

**Airpark Work Day at  
8:00. Board meeting  
Immediately afterwards**

#### **June 25th —**

**Newsletter deadline**





**STEARMAN PASSING THROUGH  
LAKEWAY AIRPARK LAST WEEK.**

**AVIATION TRUISMS**

**An old pilot is one who can remember when flying was dangerous and sex was safe.**

**Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.**

**If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins.**

**ROCKY & NITA PEEBLES**

Rocky & Nita Peebles recently sold their Lakeway Airpark home and moved to Marble Falls. Nita has some health issues that have come up and they would both love to hear from their Lakeway friends. You can write or send a card to them at: 2121 County Road 402, Marble Falls, Texas 78654.

**ANNUAL AIRPARK MEETING  
MONDAY—JUNE 4TH  
Lakeway Activity Center**

**JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
Please have articles in by June 25th

**Airpark Workday  
Saturday  
June 9—8:30 AM  
Board Meeting will immediately  
follow workday**

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT  
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The board meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> was a non-event. We did not have a quorum so no official business was conducted. However, that did not suppress the discussion. Several issues bubbled up for consideration at the next meeting. These were hangar shelter maintenance, Ercoupe cleaning, and runway repair. There were probably more notable issues, but since this was not a formal meeting, I did not have control of the crowd.

The Airpark and community lost another one of our members. This will be old news by the time you read this, but Steve Bangs passed away Thursday, May 17th. Steve was a terrific Airpark supporter, most recently being the self appointed custodian and guardian of the Terminal building. He kept it clean and in tip-top shape, and was the ambassador of good will to all visitors.

The annual meeting is set for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Center. Doors open at 6pm so we can visit before getting the meeting started around 6:30. Thanks to all of you who got your membership payments in early. The nominees for the vacant board positions are Clint Beacham, Keith Durio, and Jeff Klaas.

Thanks to Terry Priestap, Clint Beacham, Ken DeBower, and Chip Freitag for doing ramp checks the last month.

And finally, Donna had her back surgery. The procedure went very well and she is recovering on schedule. She will be out of action, or at least moving slowly, for the next month or so.

My calendar says the next workday/meeting is June 9th. See you there.

Jeff

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