

HIGH FLIGHT

LAKEWAY AIRPARK DECEMBER 2008



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The holiday season snuck up on me. Donna and I took the Bonanza to St Louis for a family visit. The trip there was one of those rare perfect days - clear, smooth, and a good tailwind. The return trip was delayed two days. Low ceilings and icy clouds kept all but the big turbines on the ground till it cleared. The ride back was another very nice clear day, but a bit windy. We rewarded ourselves with a stop at Idabel OK and got some cheap gas - \$3.02 per gallon. I did not get any information about the cheap price. Add Idabel to your list of cheap fuel stops. They also have a courtesy car.



Jeff Klaas
Airpark President

The open hangar got a new roof and trim painting. Recent roof repairs looked like they would hold for another year but the winds continued to remove shingles. The dark trim was peeling badly. Thanks to Keith for coordinating the work. Insurance renewals are the business topic for this month. So far the prices are roughly the same as last year.

The green park bench with rotted wood is in my hangar for restoration. The replacement wood has been acquired and cut to fit. Remaining work is to weatherproof the wood then assemble with stainless hardware. I hope to have it complete in a week or so.

The membership database is now cleaned up. A new roster will be out before year end. A few email addresses are missing.

The Quick Books system now produces a report that is easy to reformat into a roster. I intend to send roster updates as needed.

Thanks to Wayne Wagner and Erik Mulloy for ramp checking last month.

The next workday/meeting is December 13th, starting at 8:30am.

Jeff

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AIRPARK WORKDAY

Saturday—December 13—8:30 AM

Board Meeting Will

Immediately Follow Workday

**Please join us at Café Lago
for breakfast at 7:30
before the meeting if you would like.**



**Check out the Aeronautical Version to
“Twas The Night Before Christmas”
On pages 2 & 3**

AERONAUTICAL VERSION

"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

**Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.
The aircraft were fastened to tie downs with care
In hopes that come morning, they all still be there**

**The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,
While peak guests from three two zero reached 39 knots,
I sank behind the fuel desk, now finally caught up,
And settled down comfortably upon my butt.**

**When over the radio, there arose such a clatter,
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.
A voice clearly heard over the static and snow,
Asked for clearance to land at the airport below.**

**He barked out his transmission so lively and quick,
I could have sworn that the call sign he used was St. Nick.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Sure that it was only Horizon's late Dash.**

**Then he called his position, and there could be no denial,
This is St. Nicholas One and I'm turning on final.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
A Rutan sleigh and eight Rotax Reindeer.**

**Cleared for the ILS down the glideslopes he came,
As he passed all fixes, he called then by name;
Now Ringo!, Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!
On Comet! On Cupid! What pills was he takin?**

**Those last couple of fixes left the controllers confused,
They called down to the office to give me the news.
The message they left was both urgent and dour:
When Santa lands, could he please call the tower?**

**He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,
Then I heard Exit at Charlie, and Taxi to parking.
He slowed to a taxi and exited Three-Two,
As he came down the taxiway the sleigh bells jingle grew.**

**He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,
I had run out to him with my best set of chocks.
He was dressed all in fur, which was covered in frost,
And his beard was all blackened from Rotax Reindeer exhaust.
His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale**

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AERONAUTICAL VERSION
"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"
(Continued from Page #2)

His cheeks were rosy and joggled like jelly,
His boots were as black as a cropdusters belly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old fool,
And he kindly informed me that he needed some fuel.

A wink of his eye and twist of his toes,
Led me to know he was desperate to power his nose.
I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.

He came out of the restroom with a sigh of relief,
And then picked up a phone for a flight service brief.
And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,
That with Rudolph, he could land in eight-mile fog.

Next, he completed his preflight, from front to rear,
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell Clear!
And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,
He called up the tower for his clearance and squawk.

After departure fly heading three two zero, the tower called forth,
And watch for a Jet-link inbound from the North.
Then I heard him exclaim, as he climbed in the night,
Merry Christmas to all, I have traffic in sight.



**Sunday
Dec 7**

**Lakeway Sing Alongs
Christmas Show Benefiting
Green Santa
Lakeway Activity Center
2 Shows - 2:00 & 4:30
Admission is unwrapped gift for child**

AIRPARK SOCIAL

The Airpark social has been
cancelled for December . We'll
pick it up again on January 8th.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

