



Lakeway Airpark Newsletter

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President's Letter

The holidays are here and boy did they come up fast! It has been a hot, dry year for our area but this season has changed that. As I write this we have a winter storm advisory for snow. The lake is slowly on the rise and so seems the economy. I hope both will continue to improve. It seems the weather lately has not been very favorable for flying on the weekends. It was good to see the airplanes and pilots out flying last Sunday, though, followed by an impromptu cocktail party. I enjoy a good cold morning and a hot cup of coffee with great climb performance.

The airpark has been busy obtaining vendor quotes for improving our drainage, primarily on the runway. We have been removing shrubs ourselves in an effort to improve the situation and save money. We installed a new, bright and shiny air compressor at the last work day. The red portable air tank is located in the terminal if anyone needs to use it. You can't miss it - it has a big label on it that reads, "Stolen from the Lakeway Airpark."

The Board has been debating a variance request to a City ordinance that affects the Airpark. We have a local member who wants to operate their personal aircraft that is over the current weight limit of certified 12,500 pounds. There is a technicality in the language of the ordinance written by the City that excludes this type aircraft even though it operates under 12,500 pounds. The personal phone call I received from the Mayor of Lakeway shows the City does care about our operations. We are working very hard to maintain a positive public perception of the airport. It takes the Board of Directors and all of its members to accomplish this. I have had private conversations with both pilots and non pilots alike in an effort to educate them on the importance of safety and general airport operations. There is a direct correlation between the way an aircraft operates and the number of phone calls I receive in the complaint department.

Reflecting back on 2009, I am very pleased with the airport's attitude, membership growth and financial well-being. For me it has been a very rewarding experience volunteering and serving the Airpark with my fellow board members. The Airpark's membership is what makes the airport strong and the City of Lakeway a fun place to live. I have never had so many good friends in my life and it brings a smile to my face to be a part of such a team.

Jesse Beckett

Due to everyone's holiday schedules, **THERE WILL NOT BE A DECEMBER AIRPARK DINNER.**

Have you been to the **Rough Hollow Grill**? Erik & I have run into several Airpark friends there and just love the convenience of staying in Lakeway for a nice dinner! The ambiance is beautiful and the food is superb. They have nice variety of menu items and the service has been wonderful. I thought it might be fun to organize a wine tasting for the monthly Airpark gathering. We reserved a block of seats for everyone to gather **January 7th, 2010. Seating starts at 6:00 and we plan to arrive around 5:30.**

The wine tasting cost \$10; which will be applied to your check should you decide to stay for dinner.

<http://www.grilleatroughhollow.com/page/events>

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