



Lakeway Airpark Newsletter

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The airpark social dinner this month will be at Los Cucos on Bee Caves Road, just before you get to Hwy 71 in the Galleria area.

Please let Angie Thielemans or Jean Thompson know if you can attend. Angie's information is 512.748.6939 or angela.thielemans@realmanage.com.

Please send event pictures or potential articles and interview suggestions to jeanthompson74@yahoo.com



President's Letter

The holidays are behind us and a long grind with few days off is ahead. The good part is baseball season and Sun-N-Fun are coming up fast. So we will suffer a couple more months with cooler and wetter weather. This is a good time to knock out some indoor projects and do some garden planning. Oh yeah, we have till the end of the month to get the Oak trimming done.



Thanks to all who helped with the landscape trimming along the runway west side. Things look much better along there. There are no major workday projects on the horizon. I would like to mention that the ramp checking duties have been neglected recently, but I guess I should lead by example there!

As we launch into the new year, we will have two hits on the bank account. All the insurance policies are being renewed. We applied to the City of Lakeway for a permit to cleanup the erosion problem behind 108 and 110 Scorpion. This will involve hauling in a bunch of topsoil, matting and seeding it. We will be hiring a contractor to complete this project, as this job is just a bit much for the volunteers to hammer out in a couple weekends.

No news on the lawsuit. I guess that is a good thing. I will be happy to answer any questions about it.

If you have any questions on the notice below, please contact me or any other board member.

Thanks to Phil Thompson for replacing the trash can at the fuel pump. Thanks to Erik Mulloy for handling the insurance renewals.

If the hangar door is up, stop by! See you at Thursday dinner.

- Jeff

NOTICE:

The taxiway on the east side of the airport between the south end of the runway and the hangers is to be used for aircraft **ONLY**. All vehicular traffic should cease and desist. This is a taxiway, not a road. Thank you for your cooperation.

This year's Sun-N-Fun fly-in in Lakeland, Florida, will be held from March 29 thru April 3rd. In the past several years, we have had a great migration of airplanes and folks from Lakeway Airpark attending. This year, the Blue Angels will be performing.

For 2011, we once again plan to head to Florida for the air show on Wednesday, March 30th. Most aircraft will make a fuel stop in Bay Minette, Alabama - even the airplanes not needing fuel. For those of you not familiar with Bay Minette, check out this web site. www.bayminetteaviation.com - Home.

Maybe you want to stop also!

We stay at [La Quinta Inn & Suites Tampa Brandon Regency Park](#), 310 Grand Regency Blvd in Brandon, Florida 33510. Phone: 813-643-0574. Today's rate is \$79. Brandon is east of Tampa and west of Lakeland. Brandon has a great selection of eateries with my own favorite being Cody's Roadhouse, which has a two for one fajita special on Wednesdays.

The hotel has a great outdoor pool area, where we have air show debriefings in the evenings under huge palm trees. We bring our own coolers, cigars, etc. Sometimes we even bring grandma along, but that is another story.

Brandon is approximately a 20 minute drive to the Lakeland Airport; so your own transportation is required.

There are numerous airports available for airplane parking, including Lakeland itself. (LAL) Jane, Erik and I usually go to Signature at St. Petersburg/Clearwater (PIE).

In the past, we have stayed 3 or 4 nights in Brandon. However this year, some of us will leave Florida on Friday, April 1st, and head to New Orleans for two nights there on the way home. Accommodations for New Orleans have not yet been determined. You can contact me later if you are interested in the New Orleans adventure.

Happy New Year. Fly Safe, See you around the fuel pump

Neil Olufsen

Congratulations to Guy and Sue Knolle who recently took possession of their v-tail Bonanza! Guy had this to say - - "Here is a photo Sue took as I entered our taxiway last Sunday with our "new" 1978 turbonormalized, air-conditioned, V35B Bonanza on my return from Albuquerque, New Mexico. We bought the airplane from an individual in Albuquerque who recently acquired a Beechcraft Duke. Incidentally, he is having the Duke painted and a new interior installed by Mike and Pam Van Sickland at Tejas Aero Services in San Marcos. I am delighted with the new Bonanza and look forward to taking Sue for her first ride soon."



Join our Airpark community! To learn more about the Lakeway Airpark, call any of the board members listed below.

Giving Back -

The airpark hosted a birthday party last weekend for a local boy, who was turning four. His mother contacted us by email and said, "...he insists on almost daily visits to the airpark". At this young age, he has already developed a passion for flight. The birthday boy and I share a few things in common. I celebrated a birthday this weekend, too (47); and my wife would tell you that I also insist on almost daily visits to the airpark. It's hard to explain the passion for flight to those that don't share it or understand it. It's important for us to think of ways we can share the passion with others in the Lakeway community.

I was returning to 3R9 on Saturday afternoon from Kerrville and could see a crowd gathered around the Pilot Shack - many of which were airpark volunteers who had stepped up to help out with this lucky child's birthday party. One thing I have learned about the 3R9 family is that there is a strong willingness to get involved in the community.

In the past several months, we have talked about ways that the board could raise community awareness of the airpark to create goodwill this year. Our plans are to schedule quarterly dates for the EAA Young Eagles program for 2011 and ask for your help as volunteer pilots. We also have plans to host a barbecue for the Fire and Police departments this year. Additionally, I would like to recruit some 3R9 members for the Grace Flights program to provide volunteer air transportation for veterans and medical patients in need. I have a good friend who recently completed his 100th flight with Grace Flights and says it is one of the most rewarding things he has done as a pilot. You can find more information about these programs at www.young eagles.org and www.graceflights.org. We will announce details of scheduled events soon.

The Lakeway Airpark is an island in the middle of a thriving residential community and our successful co-existence depends on us being good neighbors and being known for positive things that we do as an organization. If you have a good idea, share it. You can email me at russ.norwood@gmail.com.

Russ Norwood



Deadline for publication is the 28th of each month.
I hope you enjoy this issue!
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