



Lakeway Airpark Newsletter

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The next Airpark social dinner will be held at **Tuggs BBQ** (used to be Big Dave's Dam Saloon) on 620. Day: Thursday, Dec 8. Time: 6:30 p.m. Let us know so we can tell them how many. You can email Angie or me.

Angie's information is 512.748.6939 or angieinthehills@gmail.com.

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



President's Letter

Things seemed very quiet this month till I think about how little time I spent just sitting around. What I thought was going to be an almost simple plane annual turned into quite a learning experience. I am now intimately familiar with the innards of a Bonanza main gear strut and all the associated hardware. The bird has a brand new right leg to go with the pretty engine compartment. Only two more gear legs and the rest of the plane left to go, then I will have a new 50+ year old plane. I figure with all the crud getting cleaned out that it is getting lighter and faster with each repair.



Last month's trip was to Marfa. We were supposed to go to Big Bend State park and meet a bunch of folks for a 4 day camping adventure, but the plane was busted and we did not go. Those who heard the off-road experience with the Prius will know why we aborted. So we talked Neil and Jane Olufsen into an overnight to the Piasano Hotel to meet the camping survivors. The campers all made it back out of the wilderness, but I now have serious airplane equipment envy. I realize that I do not have to have a big callous on my right elbow when the right equipment is installed.

It has been quiet around the Airpark, mostly because of foul weather the last two weekends. The fuel system now has a new key pad, just in time for the Turkey day weekend. Fuel prices have remained low. Other than that, things have been routine. There are a few upcoming work items. The picnic bench out under the trees needs a good scrape down and repaint, as does the swing. There are several places along the west runway to prune cedars and brush. The flower beds are in need of replanting, but that will wait till spring.

The lawsuit is not done. On the advice of our attorney, I am not talking about it any more. The mediation efforts appear to be making some progress. The board will be drafting a statement about the status in the near future.

That is about it for this month. Thanks to Phil Thompson and Terry Priestap for helping with ramp checks.

As I write this, we have 3 weeks till Christmas. After this next cold spell, I will be in the proper spirit. Have happy holidays.

- 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.

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

Editor's Note: 2011 was a tough year at the Thompson household and I can tell you that both Phil and I look forward to 2012. It has to be better. Unfortunately in the aviation community, we have also had to say good-bye to some old friends and colleagues.

It has been my pleasure to be the newsletter editor for Lakeway Airpark. Again I ask each of you to help me in the production of this newsletter by sending me photos of your travels to air shows, updates on your home-built projects, an updated bio of you and your airplane (I will be asking new members to participate, so don't cringe when I come knocking), and anything else that is in the spirit of the airpark community.

Phil and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and may you have a wonderful New Year. We love living on the airpark and enjoying the friendship and comradery of fellow pilots and non-pilots. As always, may you have safe travels, blue skies and the wind at your back - and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Jean Thompson
Newsletter Editor

“Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.”

Anyone who has heard those words, spoken by President Franklin Roosevelt, will never forget them. December 7, 2011, is the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Over 2,400 men lost their lives that day - more than were lost in all of World War I. Please take a moment to reflect and remember of all of our men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice and died for their country, and also our men and women who are currently serving and spending the holidays away from their loved ones.



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I hope you enjoy this issue!

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Next BOD meeting is Sat, Dec 10, 2011. Café Lago 7:30; workday 8:30; meeting 9:30