



Lakeway Airpark Newsletter

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President's Letter

It was great to see a large turn-out for the annual meeting and so many members interested in the current State of the Airpark. I can't help think about the significant growth that I have seen over the last twenty years in Lakeway as a resident and in the past five years as a pilot and member of our aviation community. I also think about the progression of the Airpark growth and how the community has matured. The new development at Airpark South and proposed new condo hangar construction are both great initiatives that can have a positive impact on the future of our community. We have many bright opportunities in our future and our board is charged with identifying the



best opportunities for our focus this year, acknowledging dangers that we need to eliminate and building on the strengths that we already have as a community.

I believe we can make the greatest progress as a board if we stay focused on what is really important to our membership. We received a lot of encouraging feedback from our members since the annual meeting. Steve Zbranek also had very positive response to a great email with his thoughts about building the community. This is a great opportunity that deserves our attention. Steve is spot on; we need to unite our community of pilots and collectively share the commitment to our success.

One notable outcome of the annual meeting was a floor vote that was called about overhauling our bylaws and membership structure that was voted down almost unanimously by the members. I believe it's a very good sign that we have a united membership that supports a united community. This is a strength that we can build on. The founders of Lakeway Airpark and our past leadership have created a roadmap for our management that was well thought out over many years. Clarification and adjustments from time to time are inevitable but there are no plans to scrap our constitution. Our business is a simple one. We have to manage a runway and the operations of the Airpark and insure our long term financial strength. We have to maintain a safe environment so that we don't jeopardize the gift of flight granted by Lakeway so many years ago. Finally, we have to create an environment for fun.

Safety on our Airpark is one example of a danger that we plan to focus on. I have had ramp duty this week and the ramp is full. As the economy has recovered, so has GA in Central Texas. With an increase in traffic comes increased risk of an incident. We all have an obligation to do our part and do what we can to protect our community.

The 3R9 email list was never intended to be a discussion form. As part of the new website, we will be including a message board for open discussion among members. The board will be moderated to insure a respectful tone. The 3R9 email list is for requesting rides, notifying members of events and making announcements.

We are well prepared to tackle our objectives this year and have a great team. Having Bill, Neil, Erik, Mike, Ed and Jace on board will make the job look easy. Enlisting passionate members like Steve Zbranek and others for specific projects will be key. Through membership and involvement everyone makes an important contribution to our long term financial and environmental success.

We want to make sure that every member writes the check each year with joy in their heart. It's all about good days flying.

-Russ

Board of Directors Planning Meeting

At the last general meeting of the Airpark membership, the following individuals were elected to the board and subsequently voted to occupy the positions shown below:

President: Russ Norwood
 Vice President: Neil Olufsen
 Treasurer: Erik Mulloy
 Secretary: Ed LeBlanc
 Maintenance: Mike Collier/Bill Kulpa
 Public Relations: Jace Curtis

It is the goal of the board to include more members in the operation and maintenance of the airpark. The present monthly work day is helpful but does not allow everyone to participate as there are personal conflicts that prohibit participation. Much of the activities that need to be performed can be done from home or at an individual's discretion. Members do not need to be on the board to contribute to the operation and maintenance of the airpark. If someone has special talents and is willing to help, please step forward and volunteer.

This participation will take the form of committees where a member of the board will be a participant and provide input as appropriate. The following is a list of the proposed committees and is not complete but a first step. Some individuals have already volunteered for some of the positions but I'm sure they would appreciate additional assistance.

Committees:

Safety: Chairman: Neil Olufsen
 Finance: Chairman: Erik Mulloy
 Regulatory Compliance: Responsible for checking compliance with State and Federal laws governing Not for Profit corporations and insuring all the proper documents are filed and maintained.

Public Relations: Chairman: Jace Curtis
 Newsletter Publisher: Jean Thompson
 Newsletter Photographer: Phil Thompson

Social Chairman: Steve Zbranek

Members: Jean Thompson, Julie Mack, Kim Mulloy, Sally Scott, Angie Thielemans

There have been a number of requests for more airpark social gatherings like;

- 1) Hundred dollar hamburger fly outs
- 2) Pancake breakfasts
- 3) BBQ dinners

This committee is formed to propose activities and to enlist other airpark members to join in the planning and fun.

Maintenance: Co-Chairmen: Mike Collier / Bill Kulpa
 Fuel: Phil Thompson
 Weed Control: Robert White

There are some activities that should occur on a regular basis and a number that are onetime events. During our monthly work day we perform a FOD walk of the runway then fill in with other activities as needed.

There are some activities that have been discussed but little action taken to actually address.

- (1) Cedar removal and tree pruning
- (2) Landscaping around the airpark sign and line shack
- (3) Brush removal along the runway

There are some activities that need to be discussed and agreed upon by the membership;

- (1) Landscaping of unimproved sections between the runway and private property
- (2) Tree pruning to comply with FAA guidelines
- (3) General airpark appearance
- (4) Deer control

-Bill Kulpa

MEET THE BOARD

Each month, I will introduce a couple of the board members. I think we all know most of them, but I thought it would be nice to have more information about each of them in their own words.

This month, meet Russ Norwood, Neil Olufsen and Ed LeBlanc.

Russ Norwood — Kelly and I moved to Lakeway 20 years ago and have been in Austin over 25 years. I have had an airplane based at 3R9 for five years and fly a 1982 Beech F33A Bonanza. I am a financial entrepreneur and a career investment advisor and have built a \$1 billion dollar investment business in the past 23 years with a great team of professionals at Merrill Lynch. I have been married to Kelly for 20 years and have two teenage daughters at LTHS, my oldest is graduating this week and going to Baylor in the fall.

Neil Olufsen — Thank you for including me on the 2014 airpark board. This is very exciting and I know that the airpark members and board will all work to keep Lakeway airpark as one of the premier, if not, “the” premier airpark in the country.

Jane and I have been at the airpark for 8 years and are planning many more parties, and many more years in Lakeway. Flying our little Piper J-3 Cub around lake Travis and Lakeway completes the enjoyment.

To keep Lakeway a great place for all of us we should continue to focus on two basic priorities - - keep the airpark safe, and keep our Lakeway neighbors happy. Keeping the airpark safe, includes good maintenance of the runway, ramp and other property such as terminal building, tie downs, grass areas, signage etc. Safety obviously also includes safe airplane practices. The summer heat, read density altitude, on our short runway with obstructions in both directions requires planning and good judgment. Good checklist practices are important, because our short runway does not allow much time to stop a Take-off roll first we have build up speed. A high and fast approach is even more critical on our short runway, I am not afraid to use the go-around option.

The more ways we can find to engage our Lakeway neighbors in the airpark is very beneficial. Maybe our neighbors can have family and friends fly in. Our Young Eagles events seem to always be a great hit with the community, and I think it's is fun for us!

Let's be careful not to give our neighbors a reason to talk about noise or other bad things, but instead keep them busy talking about interesting airplanes, Young Eagles flying events or good airpark BBQ's.

Ed LeBlanc — I, along with my wife Dori, have been residents of the Airpark since 2010 and fly a Piper Warrior. I am a Family Practice physician who first got my pilot's license while in medical school over 30 years ago. I served 24 years in the Air Force and retired as a Colonel in 2007 when we moved to the Austin area to work as a VP for Medical Affairs with the Seton Family of Hospitals. I have since transitioned to a role surveying hospitals across the country for the quality and safety of their patient care. We have been a part of the Cherokees to Oshkosh mass-arrival group since its start in 2010. Part of my Air Force time included being a Flight Surgeon for an F-16 squadron in Germany, where I was able to log over 60 hours as a back-seater – including some where I managed to keep my cookies down!



Board members from left, seated: Russ Norwood, Ed LeBlanc, Jace Curtis; standing: Bill Kulpa, Mike Collier, Erik Mulloy. Not pictured: Neil Olufsen

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

While there was not a board meeting during June due to travel schedules for several board members, a good sized group met at the airpark to do some maintenance. It ended up being needed, as the storm the few nights before, provided us with some needed repairs. The south windsock was finally relocated and replaced, a much needed FOD walk down the runway was performed, some planes were moved around, grass mowed and tires painted surrounding the new tie down area. As you can see on the 3rd photo, several of the quad-hangers have received some roof damage.

Attendees included: Neil Olufsen, Ed LeBlanc, Phil Thompson, Jeff Klaas, Wayne Wagner, Mike Collier, Chip Freitag, Mike Torbett, Bill Molloy and Bill Kulpa. Thanks to Phil Thompson for the photos.



"Seen on the Airpark" will be a collection of comings and going around the Airpark and, where possible, will include some background or history on the plane or event.

This month we were fortunate to have a U-10 Helio Courier visit and provide us with a couple of spectacular take off and landings that showed its capability as a premier STOL aircraft. The Helio Courier is a light C/STOL utility aircraft designed in 1949. Around 500 were manufactured in Pittsburg Kansas from 1954 until 1974 by the Helio Aircraft Company. The earlier models had geared engines (as was evident in shutdown of our visitor). Later the "troublesome geared engines were replaced with a more standard Lycoming. Through use of leading-edge slats, the Helio has a minimum control speed of 28mph. The military version (U-10) was a unsung hero in Vietnam. It was capable of takeoff and landing in remote hand built strips and used by the CIA to exfiltrate people from hostile territory and to support those still behind lines. These were true "Air America" haulers and I am sure there many stories behind their operations during the war. Hope you enjoyed this snippet on Aviation.

Keep the greasy side down,
(most of the time!)
Phil



Deadline for publication is the 30th of each month.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

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Next BOD meeting is Sat, July 12, 2014. Café Lago 7:30; workday 8:30; meeting 9:30