



# Lakeway Airpark Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Yesterday morning I stepped outside to be greeted by 52 degrees. It's hard to believe it is almost June 1st. By the afternoon, the airspace above Lakeway was buzzing with planes. As we approach the Memorial Day weekend I expect that activity will pick up. It's truly a great time of year to be in Central Texas and we have had some great flying



weather.

This year has been productive, fun and, at times, very quiet. We are continuing to work on some longer term maintenance projects and planning to construct a memorial area to remember our fallen pilots. We have a steady flow of inquiries by pilots that are new to Lake Travis and are looking for a home for their aircraft. We hosted some great events for community visitors this year including Young Eagles and the Chamber of Commerce. The Flying Club has grown to almost 25 members, which is providing an opportunity for new pilots to get involved in Lakeway aviation. We have goals for more social activities for the new year.

We are near the end of our fiscal year and board terms end for several members. I am proud of the work we have done this year and believe we have done a good job keeping most of our revenue for meaningful projects both current and future.

I would like to thank those who have served on the board in the last year and all of the volunteers that have helped on our projects around the airport. The Annual Meeting is on June 10th. I look forward to seeing you all there and updating you on our current business.

Best,

-Russ

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

You are hereby notified of the annual meeting of the membership of Lakeway Airpark Association. The meeting will take place on Saturday, June 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lakeway Activity Center at 105 Cross Creed. All members in good standing are invited to attend.

The following is the agenda of the meeting:

- 1) Open meeting (Russ Norwood)
- 2) Introduction of Airpark Board nominees, request for candidates from the floor. (Mike Collier)
- 3) Presidents report – The year in review (Russ Norwood)
- 4) Approval of May meeting minutes (Terry Priestap)
- 5) Treasurer's Report (Erik Mulloy)
- 6) Social Committee/Community Relations report (Steve Zbranek)
- 7) Election Results (Russ Norwood)
- 8) Goals for next year (Russ Norwood)

Please be reminded that in order to cast a vote, all members will need to have your dues paid up and be in good standing. By Texas law, these dues will need to be paid to the Airpark treasurer on or before 30 days before the date of the meeting. Also needed by each member are an updated membership application or renewal, taxiway agreement for homeowners and annual dues.

We hope to see all members at the meeting.

### **From Steve the Board Member:**

This is my last article as an Airpark Board Member. I have enjoyed working with Russ and the team over that past two and a half years. It takes a lot to keep our little piece of heaven running and the board volunteers stay on it everyday it seems. In May, Airpark volunteers flew the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce Leadership graduating class again. This event is requested every year and we are never at a loss for volunteers to fly their group. For the last two years it has been rained out. This year with low ceilings (but still VFR), we made it happen for the Chamber group. This is a great community service event and we get good kudos that last all year long. Thanks again to those who helped, this year and in years past. As I leave the board of directors, I am joining Erik Mulloy to help grow the Lakeway Flying Club. Watch for club events coming soon that will include members and non-members as we plan to get our planes in the air more often.

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

**From Steve the CFI:**

I have received many nice comments about this article since I began adding it to the newsletter. Watch for something similar in the future. This week I want to focus on emergency landings. Specifically, planning and practicing for something we hope will never be needed. I am currently completing training for a physician who recently purchased a Turbo Saratoga. Before signing this pilot off to carry his family and passengers to fun places, I wanted to know that he had the skills to safely land his airplane in an emergency.

As part of the final syllabus, we broke down a simulated engine failure into three scenarios. First, losing an engine on downwind. We would pull the power and the pilot needed to land the plane (make the field) safely 3 out of 3 times in a row before we proceeded to the next level. Once accomplished, after much practice and several attempts, we moved to the next level. This time we flew directly over the field at 5000 feet and pulled the power. Same drill. Plan the pattern entry and make the field 3 out of 3 times in a row. The final scenario was to climb to 5000' and pull the power over random terrain. This time we need 3 out of 3 times to show that a safe off airport landing can be made. The Saratoga is a heavy, fast sinking airplane with no power. How about your bird?

Think about this: when I do a BFR for a pilot, I always have them do a power off on downwind landing. If they don't get it the first time, we do a few more until they know how to handle their plane with no power. Less than half of these pilots make it the first time. Most of us did these maneuvers to get our tickets, and in another plane. How sure are you that you can make a safe power off landing in your plane? How long does it take for the gear to come down and when do you lower it? Power off accident statistics show that some of us are not very good at this critical maneuver. With practice it's not hard, out of practice it can be 50/50. When a passenger climbs in our airplane, they expect that we can land them safely 100% of the time. Grab a CFI and tune up, in your plane.

Steve out..

Deadline for publication is the 30th of each month.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

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Next BOD meeting is Sat, Jun 10, 2017. Café Lago 7:30; workday 8:30; meeting 9:30