

WINGTIPS

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TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS (TFR) ARE A FULL TIME JOB

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TxDOT Aviation

The President of the United States has a ranch . . . so do a lot of lucky Texans. What makes President Bush and his ranch unique to pilots are the Secret Service and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) when the President is in residence.

Why is this important to pilots??? Because the airspace around President Bush's ranch is prohibited airspace, specifically P-49, meaning aircraft must avoid. To date, 60 pilots have been cited for violating this protected airspace. The FAA has issued citations to the pilots involved in these intrusions of up to 60 days suspension of their pilots' licenses.

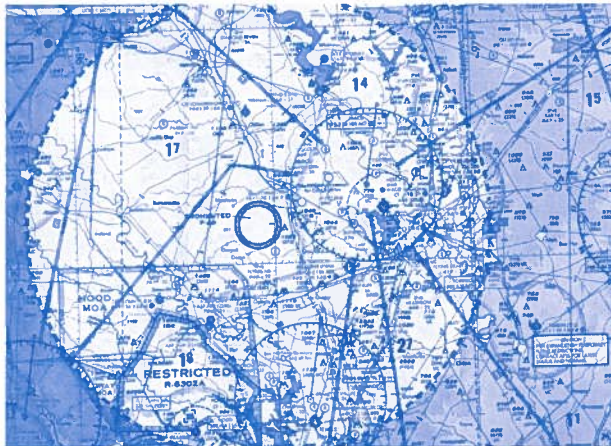
Prohibited Area P-49, which is six nautical miles (NM) across and from the surface to 5,000 feet mean sea level (MSL), is depicted on sectional and low Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) charts. Prohibited areas, including P-49, do not permit general civil flight operations at any time. TFRs may or may not permit limited flight operations, depending on the situation. TFRs are manifested in several federal aviation regulations, from 91.137 to 91.145, as well as 99.7. TFRs are published in Notice to Airmen or NOTAMS. There are three types of NOTAMS:

- Local (L) NOTAMS "Nice to Know" – local in that only the Flight Service Station (FSS) servicing that area holds that an L NOTAM is informational in nature, not safety-related or regulatory. Grass mowing between the runways would be an example of an L NOTAM.
- Distant (D) NOTAMS are "Important to Know" – these are safety-related and are sent to all FSS hourly. D NOTAMS are safety of flight-related but not regulatory. A runway or taxiway temporary closure would be an example of a D NOTAM.
- Finally, Flight Data Center NOTAMS (FDC) – these are "Have to Know" because they do affect safety of flight and are regulatory.

How do you get NOTAMS? Several sources – call FSS at 1-800-WX BRIEF and ask for NOTAMS. Be sure you ask for FDC NOTAMS. Dial up Digital User Access Terminal (DUAT) www.duat.com or www.duats.com and select a full weather briefing or NOTAMS only. You

will receive all D and FDC NOTAMS as part of a standard weather briefing. Private weather services will provide NOTAMS just as DUAT will.

Other good sources for pictures of the TFRs include www.eaa.org and www.aopa.org. You do not need to be an EAA or AOPA member to access the excellent information available. Also, you can go directly to the source – www.faa.gov/NTAP. This is the FAA site for the Notice to Airman Publication (NTAP), a paper and electronic listing of all FDC NOTAMS on file. The NTAP is revised every 28 days, but this web site will show day to day changes in the FDC NOTAMS, including TFRs.



The prohibited area and accompanying TFR around the presidential ranch in Crawford work as follows: the six NM wide, 5,000 foot MSL high P-49 may not be entered. The TFR, from the outer edge of P-49 to 30 NM surface to 18,000 feet MSL is activated by FDC NOTAM at the discretion of federal authorities, generally when the president is in residence. The dimensions of the TFR could vary in the future. In the past, pilots were permitted into the TFR only when in radio contact with Waco

Approach Control and with a discreet transponder code. Limits were placed on training at airports within the TFR.

The November 28, 2002 issue of the San Antonio aviation sectional chart includes a new depiction of the TFR dimensions, shown as the white area within the dashed blue rim. Note this depiction does not mean the TFR is active, rather the dimensions are shown to assist pilots when the TFR is activated by NOTAM.

Pilots would be wise to contact Gray Approach Control when south and west of P-49 on 120.075, 118.45, or 118.0. Contact Waco Approach on 135.2, 127.65, or 126.12 when north or east of P-49.

General Aviation flying has changed. Pilots now must check NOTAMS, in some cases just to fly touch and go landing at their home airport! Check before you fly!



TEXAS SLIPSTREAMS...

Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park - New air park director, Jim Little, 3200 Rickabaugh Drive, Big Spring, TX 77972, 915/264-2362.

[The] Carter Memorial Airport - New address, P. O. Box 630, Luling, TX 78648

Cisco Municipal Airport - New city/airport manager, Nathan Davis, P.O. Box 110, Cisco, TX 76437.

Coleman Municipal Airport - New address, 503 Airport Lane, Coleman, TX 76834.

Giddings-Lee County Airport - New airport manager, Robin Clark, 1164 CR 206, Giddings, TX 78942, 979/542-6237, Fax 979/542-2269, E-mail: Bats88@Bats.org.

Lampasas Airport - New address, 2541 Hwy. 281 N., Lampasas, TX 76550.

Laredo International Airport - New address, Jose L. Flores, Airport Director, 5210 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78041, 956/795-2000, Fax 956/795-2572, E-mail: jlflores@ci.laredo.tx.us.

Panola County-Sharpe Field - Correct address, 1305 Hwy. 79 N., Carthage, TX 75633.

Rio Grande City Municipal Airport - Rio Grande City is now the owner/operator of the airport.

Sugar Land Municipal Airport/Hull Field, Houston - New airport name, Sugar Land Regional Airport.

New Members Appointed to the Texas Aviation Advisory Committee

Recently, two new members were appointed to a three-year term on the Texas Aviation Advisory Committee. They are: Jim Schwertner Jr. of Austin and Gordon Richardson of Caldwell.

Jim Schwertner is President and Chief Executive Officer of Schwertner Farms, Inc. and Capitol Land and Livestock in Schwertner, Texas. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Schwertner State Bank, Schwertner, Texas. Jim, who has a multiengine pilot's license with instrument rating, operates three aircraft for both business and pleasure, a Rockwell Turbo Commander, a Husky, and a Piper Cub. In 1987, he established a world speed record in a Piper Navajo.

Gordon Richardson, owner of Gordon Richardson Insurance Associates in Caldwell, Texas has been involved in aviation since 1971. A pilot with over 3000 flight hours, Gordon is active in the Commemorative Air Force, the EAA Warbird community, and the Seaplane Pilots Association. He has contributed to his community by serving on several boards of non-profit organizations and has been District Governor of the Lions Club. Gordon flies a J-3 Cub, a Super Cub on Whip amphibious floats, a Beech Bonanza and airshows with a North American T-28C.

We welcome each of these gentlemen and know that they will make a significant contribution to our efforts to improve aviation throughout Texas.

Members of the Texas Aviation Advisory Committee provide valuable input to the Texas Department of Transportation on our aviation development programs and serve as your representatives to the department on aviation matters. Committee members also work with members of the Texas Legislature on a variety of aviation issues.

We also want to extend our gratitude to Clyde Barton of Lake Jackson and Mark Huffstutler of Uvalde for their service on the Texas Aviation Advisory Committee. We greatly appreciate their time and effort in contributing substantially toward improving aviation in our state.



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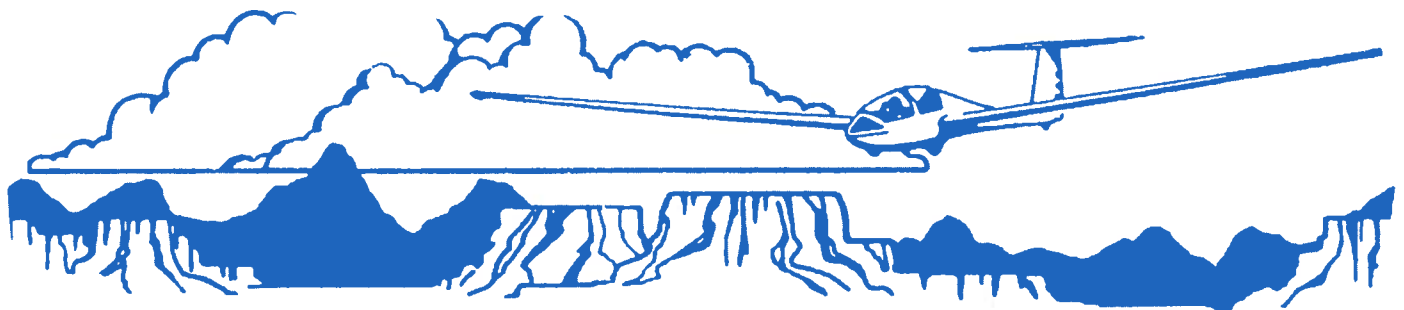
MEA CULPA

- Dave's Hangar, Sep-Oct 2002 - AVOID THOSE PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED AREAS, an additional source of information on restricted areas is included on the front page of this issue.
- Recent Aviation Capsules, Sep-Oct 2002 - Correct title should have read: TEXAS PILOTS HOST U.S. PILOTS ASSOCIATION (USPA).

GRANTS RECEIVED

AIRPORT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Greenville Municipal Airport	\$3,524,900	The construction work at Greenville Municipal Airport consists of reconstructing the parallel taxiway; rehabilitating, overlaying, and reconstructing general aviation hangar access taxiways; installing drainage; installing signage to GA terminal area; and installing PAPI-4 at RW 17 end.
Mesquite Metro Airport	\$5,720,211	The work at Mesquite Metro Airport consists of constructing an apron expansion & hangar access taxiways; RW 17 RSA improvements; and miscellaneous electrical work; and hangar access taxiway reconstruction.
Lancaster Municipal Airport	\$1,416,070	The work at the Lancaster Municipal Airport consists of rehabilitating and marking Runway 13-31, including taxiway and terminal apron; constructing hangar access taxiways; constructing drainage improvements; installing retro-reflective taxiway centerline markers; installing medium intensity taxiway lights (MITL); installing a precision approach path indicator (PAPI) unit and runway end identifier lights (REIL) on RW 13; installing new electrical vault, regulator, and radio controller; and installing a new beacon tower with a refurbished beacon light.
Cleburne Municipal Airport	\$1,185,050	The work at Cleburne Municipal Airport consists of rehabilitating and marking RW 15-33; rehabilitating parallel & cross taxiways; overlaying apron; rehabilitating hangar access taxiways; upgrading runway signage; overlaying cross taxiway "C"; constructing apron expansion; installing erosion and sedimentation controls; and reconstructing diagonal TW.
AWOS Systems for Various Airports	\$86,037 per Airport	The work consists of site preparation and license registration; installing an Automated Weather Observation Systems III and yearly AWOS maintenance, including the NADIN Interface of Automated Weather Observation System III Precipitation and Thunderstorm Alert (AWOS PT). <i>Designated Airport Locations:</i> County of Edwards (Rocksprings), City of Gilmer, City of Port Aransas, City of Sonora, County of Wood (Mineola/Quitman); City of Gatesville/County of Coryell, City of Cleburne, City of Comanche/County of Comanche, County of Houston (Crockett), City of Llano.
Stephens County Airport	\$682,590	The work at Stephens County Airport consists of applying slurry seal, striping, and marking RW 17-35, taxiways A, B, C, D, E, west taxilane, and aprons 1, 2 and 3; reconstructing/constructing aprons 2 and 3; reconstructing the north taxilane; constructing stub taxiway and concrete flume; installing coal-tar sealer; drainage improvements; upgrading taxiway guidance signage, installing PAPI-2 systems for Runway 17 and 35 ends; and other miscellaneous items.

Source: TxDot Aviation Division



TxDOT AVIATION ALERT E-MAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Any city, county, or private airport owner and public law enforcement departments that would like to be included in our TxDOT Aviation Alert E-Mail notification system should send their E-Mail address to Allison Martin:

E-mail - amartin3@dot.state.tx.us

Fax - 512/416-4510 or

Phone: 512/416-4512.

This system is available to airport owners and law enforcement departments for transmission of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) alerts regarding security issues that are pertinent to airports.

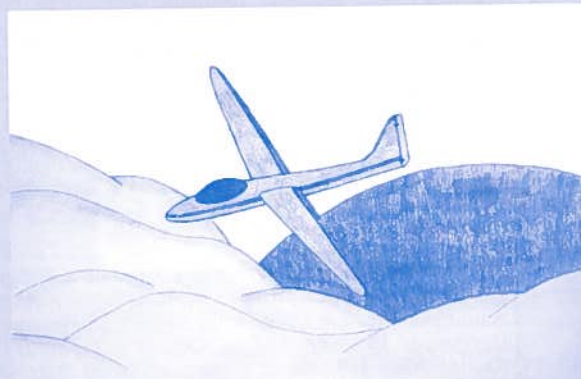
2002 AVIATION ART CONTEST



**2nd Place, State
Category I (Age 6-9)**
Pierre Garcia, 9 years, Hanna
Springs Intermediate School
Lampasas, Texas



**2nd Place, State
Category II (Age 10-13)**
Victoria Wheeler, 13 years,
Henderson Middle School
China, Texas



2nd Place, State, Category III (Age 14-17)
Carl Williams, 16 years, East Bernard High School
East Bernard, Texas

**3rd Place, State
Category I (Age 6-9)**
Colton Boddy, 9 years,
Princeton Elementary
School
Princeton, Texas



**3rd Place, State
Category III (Age 14-17)**
Bobby Shriver, 14 years,
Henderson Middle
School
China, Texas



**3rd Place, State
Category II (Age 10-13)**
Kelly Nightingale, 13 years,
Henderson Middle School
China, Texas

2003 TEXAS AVIATION CONFERENCE

Sponsored by...

The Texas Department of Transportation
&
Texas Airport Management Association



Location and Date

The 2003 Texas Aviation Conference will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 6505 I-35 North, Austin. The dates are March 19, 20, 21, 2003.

Conference Registration

Pre-registration is recommended and will help us in planning and preparing a better conference. If you pre-register, your name tag and program packet will be ready when you arrive at the hotel. The fee is \$90 in advance or \$100 at the door. You are encouraged to register online **OR** you may choose to complete the registration form (one form per registrant; photocopy if necessary) and return it with payment to the TTI-ITEC Office of Conference Management Services (OCMS) to the address listed on the form by March 12. Only cancellations received in writing by OCMS by March 6, 2003 will be refunded, less \$25 handling fee. No refunds will be issued after this date. You may pay your registration fee by check, money order, or credit card. If you have any questions or need additional registration material, please contact the Aviation Division at 1-800-68-PILOT. **Registration fee covers conference handouts, break refreshments, Thursday evening activities, including the awards banquet.**

Hotel Reservations

The DoubleTree is holding a block of rooms for our use at the nightly rate of \$116 for single and \$126 for double occupancy. We encourage everyone needing a room to call immediately since we anticipate the rooms will be booked quickly. Deadline: March 6, 2003. After this date rooms are subject to availability and may be at a higher rate. To receive this rate, please call the DoubleTree at 512/454-3737 or 800-222-8733. Remember to ask for reservations for the Texas Aviation Conference to receive special rates on rooms. **THERE WILL NOT BE A CHARGE TO PARK IN THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL GARAGE. YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PARKING TICKET VALIDATED AT THE TAC REGISTRATION DESK.**

Special Activities

On Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., a golf tournament is scheduled at the Bluebonnet Hill Golf Club. Sign up early - limited to first 40 participants. **All golfers must be registered to attend the conference.** If you are interested in playing, please contact our office at 1-800-68-PILOT, for further information. A get acquainted reception is planned for Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Casino Night and music by a professional DJ will take place immediately following the Awards Banquet on Thursday evening.

Shuttle Service

If you need transportation from Austin Bergstrom International Airport, there is a **Super Shuttle** available. Upon arrival proceed to the lower level and collect your luggage, check in with the Super Shuttle agent at the counter located next to the baggage claim area. Tickets can be purchased one-way or round trip.

Special Needs

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting OCMS by phone: 979/862-1219, toll free 888-550-5577, or fax 979/862-1225, at least five working days prior to the conference.

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2003 Tentative Conference Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

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- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Golf Tournament (Bluebonnet Golf Course)**
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Set-up**
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Registration/Check-in**
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Get Acquainted Reception Hosted by Sponsors (in Exhibit Hall)**
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **Pool Tournament**

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:20 a.m. **Continental Breakfast (in Exhibit Hall)**
- 8:20 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Opening Music**
- 8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. **Welcoming Address**
- 8:40 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. **Words From the Sponsors**
Dave Fulton, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Jose Flores, Airport Manager, Laredo International Airport and
President of Texas Airport Management Association (TAMA)
- 8:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Introduction of Aviation Advisory Committee Members**
Dave Fulton, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. **State of Aviation Division**
Dave Fulton, TxDOT, Aviation Division
- 9:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. **Coffee Break (in Exhibit Hall)**
- 9:40 a.m. -10:10 a.m. **What's Ahead for the Airline Industry?**
Gordon M. Bethune, Chairman & CEO, Continental Airlines, Inc.
- 10:10 a.m.-11:00 a.m. **Hangar Development, Airport Financing and Hangar Leases**
Randy Kirk, Vice President-Sales, Erect-A-Tube
Frank Ringer & Associates
Joe Washington, Manager, Safety and Standards Branch, FAA
- 11:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. **TBA**
- 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon **The Economic Impact Study of Texas Airports**
Scott Sanders, Wilbur Smith & Associates
- 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. **Texas Aviation Advisory Committee Meeting**
- 12 noon - 1:45 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Workshops**
- 1) **Annual and Monthly Physical Inspection of Airport Pavement**
Tracy Cumby, TxDOT, Lubbock District
Megan Caffall, TxDOT, Aviation Division
 - 2) **Airport Security Legal Issues at General Aviation Airports**
Aviation Law Section, State Bar of Texas

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Conference Program

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2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break in Exhibit Hall

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Workshops

3) Airport Operation

Mark Nelson, Airport Manager, Denton Municipal Airport
What New Airport Managers Should Know
Hangar Location Problems
Airport Services/Courtesy Vehicles

4) Annual and Monthly Physical Inspection of Airport Pavement

Tracy Cumby, TxDOT, Lubbock District
Megan Caffall, TxDOT, Aviation Division

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Texas Airport Management Association (TAMA) Meeting

- Approval of minutes from previous meeting
- Election of 2003 Officers
- TAMA Goals for 2003
- General Discussion

5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Awards Banquet

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Casino Night & DJ Music

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Exhibits Open

7:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Area)

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Hangar Hotel, Gillespie County Airport, Fredericksburg, Texas
Development of Airport 40s Diner & Hotel Conference Center-WWII Hangar Style
Richard Estenson, Owner

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Insurance
Steven Whitlock, Sr. Vice President, Aero Insurance, Addison, TX

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans Rules Update and
Construction General Permit Update
Ann Marie Callery, Compliance Specialist
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Check-out Break (Exhibits Breakdown)

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. TBA

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. TXDOT/DOT-FAA AIP PROGRAM and Listening Session
Dave Fulton, TxDOT
FAA Airports Development Office, SW Region
Questions & Answers

11:30 a.m. Conference Closes

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REGISTRATION FORM

Register on-line at <http://tti.tamu.edu/conferences>

To register for this conference, complete this form below and return with \$90 check made payable to: TTI-Aviation, and send to ITEC Office of Conference Management Services, Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University System, 3135 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-3135. Phone: 979/862-1219 and Fax 979/862-1225. NO PURCHASE ORDERS ACCEPTED. ONLY VISA, MASTER CARD AND DISCOVER CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ONLY CHECKS FROM U.S. BANKS ARE ACCEPTED. TxDOT employees are exempt from the registration fee, but you must fax a copy of this form to 979/862-1225 or register on line.

You may also choose to register on-line at <http://tti.tamu.edu/conferences>. If paying by check or money order, you may register on-line and then mail your payment. You must register by March 12, 2003. Only cancellations received in writing to OCMS by 5 p.m. on March 6, 2003 will be refunded less the \$25 handling fee.

Name _____

Month/Day of birth* (i.e. 08/12) _____ Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____

Title _____ Company/Organization _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code _____

Day Phone Number _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

* This information will be used to verify your record and will assist you with any future on-line conference registration.

___ I have enclosed my check or money order **OR** ___ I would prefer to pay with credit card (circle one) Visa M/C Discover

_____ Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Amount _____

I will be attending the following functions during the conference:

Circle One

Wednesday	Golf Tournament	Yes	No
Wednesday	Get-Acquainted	Yes	No
Thursday	Awards Banquet	Yes	No
Thursday	Evening Social	Yes	No

For TTI Use Only:

Check Number _____

Check Amount _____

Receipt Number _____

NOTE: If you are taking a guest to the awards banquet who is not registered please include an additional \$16.



MOUNT PLEASANT REGIONAL AIRPORT - New terminal building dedicated last fall.

LEST WE FORGET...

Gus Briegleb

Gus Briegleb, noted sailplane designer, soaring advocate, and airport owner/operator, died on September 5 in El Mirage, California. He was 89. His family recalls that Briegleb's interest in aviation began when he took a ride in a DH-4 as a teenager. In 1928, at the tender age of 16, he built his first aircraft in the basement of his father's church in Los Angeles. Supposedly, the federal aviation authorities at the time told him he was too young to get a pilot's license, so he took the motor out of it and turned it into a glider. By 1939, Briegleb was selling glider kits to homebuilders. His design work extended into the 1960s and 1970s, when he helped develop the M2-F1 lifting body, which was a prototype for the space shuttle.

Paul Page Douglas

Paul Page Douglas, a retired Air Force brigadier general and Burnet County rancher, died on December 26 at Darnell Army Community Hospital at Fort Hood after a brief illness. He was 83. Douglas was commissioned as a second lieutenant five days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and flew a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter plane for the 8th Air Force on 136 combat missions over Europe. He was credited with shooting down eight Nazi aircraft, damaging two others in the air, and destroying 27 on the ground. On two occasions, he downed three enemy planes on one mission. After the war, he returned to his wartime 36th Fighter Wing as commander of one of its squadrons in occupied West Germany. Douglas later moved to jet fighters, flying the F-86 Sabre, the F-89 Scorpion, and, in combat missions over North Vietnam in 1968, the F-105 Thunderchief. Douglas retired from the Air Force in 1970; and worked for the University of Central Arkansas until 1983. Subsequently, in 1983 he retired to his ranch and farm near Bertram, west of Austin.

Joe Foss

Joe Foss, a World War II hero who shot down a record number of enemy planes as a Marine pilot and later became governor of South Dakota, died December 25. He was 87. Foss led a Marine unit known as Joe's Flying Circus that shot down 72 Japanese planes. He downed 26 planes himself, tying the U.S. aerial record Eddie Rickenbacker set in World War I. Foss also served as a colonel in the Air Force in the Korean War and was awarded the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Purple Heart. In 1984, he was enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

Roy LoPresti

Famed aircraft designer Roy LoPresti, who described himself first and foremost as an aviation enthusiast and whose motto was, "Life is short, fly fast," died in August, in Florida, after suffering an injury at home. He was 73. LoPresti began his career as a designer with Grumman and took great pride in his design and redesign involvement with several noteworthy general aviation airplanes, including the Grumman Tiger, the Mooney 201, and the SwiftFury. He served as chief engineer at both Mooney and Beech and later started a successful family aviation business, LoPresti Speed Merchants, specializing in speed mods for piston singles.

Fay G. Wells

Fay Gillis Wells, a pilot and journalist, who once bailed out of a disintegrating airplane over Long Island, covered wars and politics as a journalist, shared a New York apartment with a pet leopard, and traveled the world in search of adventure, died of pneumonia December 2 at the age of 94. She was a founding member of the Ninety-Nines in 1929. At her death, she was one of only four charter members still alive. She and her husband, Linton Wells covered the news around the world for 40 years before settling in Virginia in 1963. Although her pilot's license lapsed in the 1930s, she flew an airplane on her 92nd birthday, landing it at Elizabeth, New Jersey for her high school class's 75th reunion. It was her last flight!



AUSTIN BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - Barbara Jordan's 7-foot-tall bronze sculpture created by artist Bruce Wolf was unveiled last year in the terminal named after her. Jordan, the first black woman from the South to serve in Congress, died in 1996.

ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP) GRANTS

(State funded 50% of grant amount not to exceed \$30,000 state funds)

AIRPORT NAME Sponsor Name	GRANT AMOUNT	MAINTENANCE DESCRIPTION
Perry Lefors Field County of Gray	\$ 60,000	County to procure services to crack seal Runway 17-35 and part of taxiway; apply chemical vegetation control; and additional work to be determined.
Sunray City of Sunray	\$ 60,000	City to procure services to apply coal tar rejuvenator to Runway 17-35 and re-stripe pavement.
San Angelo Regional/Mathis Field City of San Angelo	\$100,000	City to procure services to construct a general aviation auto parking area.
Cuero Municipal City of Cuero	\$4,710	TxDOT forces to apply 2 cycles of chemical vegetation control; city to procure services to paint and repair hangar and terminal building waiting area; survey airport property for boundaries and install/repair fencing; city to crack seal, slurry seal, and mark airport pavements.
San Marcos Municipal City of San Marcos	\$6,000	TxDOT contracted for pavement markings on Runway 4-22.

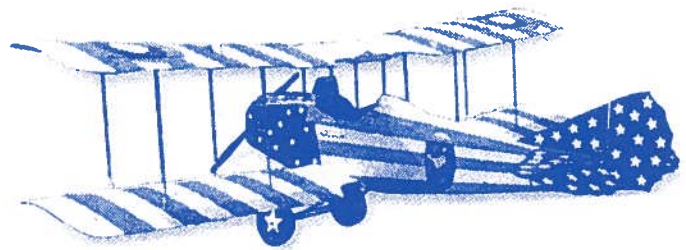
Source: TxDot Aviation Division



DENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - Workers were lifted up this summer to put the supports on the first wall of the new control tower. The tower is now in place and in operation.

RECENT AVIATION CAPSULES . . .

- ABILENE REGIONAL AIRPORT (ABI) - Chris Proctor-Cleveland, longtime public relations voice for Abilene Regional Medical Center, returned to her airline roots, joining ABI as its business development manager.
- AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ABIA) - In November, the unveiling of the Barbara Jordan Memorial Statue in the baggage claim area of ABIA took place. The 7-foot tall bronze sculpture was created by artist Bruce Wolfe. Jordan, the first black woman from the South to serve in Congress, died in 1996.
- AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ABIA) - received \$2.5 million from the Federal Aviation Administration to improve safety and security. The money is part of a \$36 million grant from the FAA to 15 Texas airports. ABIA will use its money to buy new security equipment and conduct a noise compatibility study.
- BIG SPRING VA MEDICAL CENTER - Workers are building a helicopter landing pad that is expected to make landings easier for emergency medical flights. The construction, which will include a stretcher walkway, is expected to be completed in April 2003.
- CAREERS IN AVIATION Web site - Thanks to Southwest Airlines, KLRN-TV, and the new AirFair Website www.CareerFest.net/AirFair, students can now access information about how to prepare for a career in aviation. AirFair provides a wealth of information about careers as a pilot, flight attendant, customer service agent, operations agent, reservations agent, ramp agent, provisioning, or mechanic, provided by actual employees from Southwest Airlines.
- CONGRATULATIONS! RECENT AVIATION ACTIVITIES, RE-UNIONS, DEDICATIONS, GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES:
 - Aransas County Airport, New Terminal Building and Historical Marker
 - Big Spring Webb Air Force Base Re-union
 - Brenham Airport, Terminal Building and Runway Improvements
 - Corpus Christi International Airport, New Terminal
 - Decatur Municipal Airport, Open House
 - Denison-Grayson Co. Airport, U.S. National Aerobatic Championships
 - Denton Municipal Airport, New Airport Control Tower
 - Laredo International Airport, Airport Service Board and Cargo Apron
 - Mount Pleasant Regional Airport, New Airport, 249-acre facility
 - Uvalde Garner Field, National Soaring Competition
- DALLAS LOVE FIELD - The long-awaited new Frontiers of Flight Museum recently broke ground on a 100,000 square-foot building in the airline terminal. Funded largely by a \$7.2 million grant from Texas Department of Transportation, the new museum is set for dedication on December 17, 2003. The building will have the capacity to display 25 full-size aircraft and will feature a 200-seat auditorium, an education center, and event rental space.
- DALLAS LOVE FIELD - received approximately \$8 million from the Federal Aviation Administration to improve the terminal building. The money is part of a \$36 million grant from the FAA to 15 Texas airports.
- DALLAS LOVE FIELD - was approved in December for a Texas Historical Marker according to the Texas Historical Commission. A ceremony to mark the dedication and placement of the marker is expected early this year. Love Field opened in 1917 as a World War I pilot training school under the aviation branch of the Army Signal Corps. It was named for Lt. Moss Lee Love of Virginia, a young pilot who died when his aircraft crashed in San Diego. Today, Love Field serves millions of commercial airline passengers annually and has a large corporate general aviation population.
- EASTERWOOD FIELD, College Station - In September, Continental Express, the commuter arm of Houston-based Continental Airlines, started to fly 50-passenger jets twice each day; the first flight out and the last flight in. For now, passengers at Easterwood will continue to get in and out of planes the old fashioned way, onto the tarmac. Two jetways, enclosed bridges connecting the terminal to the planes, are at least a year away and should cost about \$1 million, officials said.
- EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ELP) - The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) announced recently that two training instructors at Aviation Training Professionals (ATP) based at ELP renewed their Master Instructor's (Master CFI) designation. They are: Janet Marie Archibald, owner and chief flight instructor at ATP and serves as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Albuquerque Flight Standards District Office (FSDO); and Mark Richard Adams, owner and chief pilot at ATP, he also flies an Airbus A300 for FedEx and serves as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Albuquerque Flight Standards District Office (FSDO). Congratulations!
- HARLINGEN VALLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - welcomed back in November Minnesota-based Sun Country Airlines to the Rio Grande Valley after a yearlong absence due to a combination of financial troubles, and the dismal state of the airlines industry following a decline in passenger boardings after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The airline has worked toward improving passenger service and now serves South Texas, Mexico, and other U.S. destinations.
- LAREDO POLICE DEPARTMENT - expects that one major investment will provide more security, and services to the city: a helicopter. The funds for the helicopter would come from the ASSET Forfeiture fund, which is recovered money from drug seizures. The department is estimating the cost of the helicopter to be between \$500,000 and \$600,000, but officials still need to calculate other costs such as maintenance and crew. The helicopter would be equipped with night vision, a camera, and other features specially designed for police use.
- LAREDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - welcomed Aeromar in September replacing Mexicana Airlines. Lower-than-expected demand forced Mexicana to pull out within four months of setting up shop. The Aeromar schedule gives people the whole weekend since the plane comes in on Friday from Mexico City and leaves on Sunday or Monday. The airline is also offering three-round trip flights during the week between Laredo and Mexico City (Sunday, Monday, and Friday).
- MID-WAY AIRPORT, Midlothian/Waxahachie - The airport board approved in August the addition of a self-serve fuel facility. The much-needed facility will provide aviation fuel (AvGas) for airport tenants and incoming aircraft; it will also provide 24-hour access to fuel. The proposed automated filling station should be in service early in 2003.
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY AIRPORT, Conroe - heralded the completion of a new taxiway and ramp in September. Located at the north end of the airport, the taxiway leads from the runway onto a 20-acre concrete ramp area adjacent to a new, privately owned aviation facility. Wing Aviation provides comprehensive aviation services for all mid and large-cabin corporate aircraft. More than \$2 million was spent on building the taxiway and ramp, which required 30,000 square yards of concrete.
- THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - introduced in October a new \$1.7 million helicopter that officers will use during drug-related incidents and emergency situations in the Rio Grande Valley. The white, black, and gold American Eurocopter A-Star B2—equipped with a powerful spotlight, a video camera and a thermal imaging device—will be housed at McAllen Miller International Airport.
- SAGINAW AIRPORT, Fort Worth - closed on November 4, 2002. After the final flight, the McNeill family placed a large "X" on the runway, officially closing the airport which was established in 1947.
- SKY CHEFS, Arlington - LSG Sky Chefs, the world's largest airline caterer, is making plans to relocate its Lamar Boulevard operations center to Irving in 2003, ending its 23-year presence in Arlington.
- TYLER POUNDS REGIONAL AIRPORT - a new plaque adorns the airport's terminal lobby; dedicated in November to Tyler's first native son, Army Air Corps Lt. Jack Pounds, who died in a plane crash. Pounds became Tyler's first casualty during WWII. Officials renamed the municipal airport in his honor in 1943. The plaque tells Pounds' story and shows appreciation to the men and women of Smith county who served their country.
- WASHINGTON, D.C. - In September 2002, the U.S. Senate confirmed Marion Blakely as administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, becoming the second woman to head the FAA. Blakely moved over to her job from her post as chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).



FAVORITE WEB SITES

Academy of Model Aeronautics
www.modelaircraft.org

Air Base 1 (AVN Directory)
www.airbase1.com

Aviation Safety Data Exchange
www.safetydata.com

Flight History
www.flight-history.com

Fly Away (Restaurants)
www.100dollarhamburger.com

Helicopter Association International
www.rotor.com

Safety Info to Airline Passengers
www.airsafe.com

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- Feb 9-11** International Heli Expo 2003
Dallas, Texas
- Mar 19** Texas Aviation Conference
Austin, Texas
- Mar 20** 14th Annual Intl. Women in Aviation
Cincinnati, Ohio
- Apr 12** Warbirds & Wildflowers, Burnet, Texas
- May 16** EAA Southwest Regional Fly-in
New Braunfels, Texas
- Jun 15** 45th Paris Air Show
Paris, FRANCE

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