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**Serving the owners and tenants of  
Hicks Airfield, Fort Worth, Texas (Tango 67) July 2021**

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## Lack of Quorum Delays HAPA Business

The July 8 HAPA board of directors meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute because there were only three board members present.

Directors Tom Boback, Jeff Allred and Marlin Klotz were unavailable but had notified other members they would not attend. Director Tim Bero did not show up and had not notified the Board he would be absent. Directors Jeff Sheets, John Unangst and Roy Geer were present, as well as president Steve Grace.

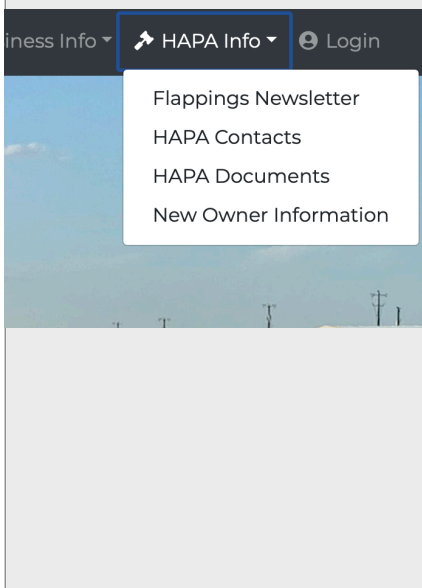
As a result, HAPA business scheduled to be taken care of at the meeting had to be put on hold until a future meeting. Since about 30 HAPA property owners showed up expecting a meeting, the Board used the time to update owners on some ongoing issues.

## HAPA Records

Board member Tim Bero is currently in possession of HAPA records he agreed to house in his hangar for purposes of making digital scans of the records. Several months ago the HAPA hangar was cleaned up and around 50 boxes of records were transferred to Bero. The Board purchased shelving and new boxes to house the records. Just before the May Board meeting, Bero said he needed money to hire someone to digitize the records.

"We learned that Tim wanted to hire this project out to an outside scanning firm. Minimum cost estimate to scan each box is \$115 and we have 52 boxes which equates to almost \$6,000. Since we don't have the money in the budget, this project will be delayed indefinitely," (From the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes)

Bero says he wants to be sure the records are preserved and



available to any HAPA member who wishes to review them. He has some specific requests that need to be fulfilled before he will return the records. He has retained an attorney who will be working with HAPA attorney Dave Coker to negotiate terms under which the records will be returned.

## Lawsuits Update

Attorney Coker answered questions from property owners who attended the July 8 informational session. He said he conducted his first deposition of north gate lawsuit plaintiff Howard Cox and plans to depose Tom Martin later in July.

Property owner Tom Martin had earlier sent a letter to some HAPA owners, inviting them to a meeting with north gate lawsuit plaintiff Howard Cox to discuss the reasons why Cox has filed suit. The meeting took place right after the informational session with the Board. Board members were not invited to the meeting with Cox and Martin, and the editor of this newsletter was asked not to attend.

## Coker To Take Over South Gate Lawsuit

One of the things Board members were scheduled to do at the July 8 meeting was to discuss and decide whether to vote to allow Coker to take over as attorney for the south gate lawsuit. If approved by the Board, "(Dave) will take over the number one seat in the south gate lawsuit as soon as we can do business. So far he's saved us tens of thousands of dollars," said president Steve Grace. That is because Coker is working pro bono (not charging for his professional services).

## No Poll About The South Gate, For Now

Board members also told property owners the poll about whether to make the south gate accessible by only remote clicker or passcode is on hold at Coker's request. Coker said he needs time to become familiar with the south gate lawsuit issues. "It's on me (stopping the poll). I need to have some time to get my head around the south gate and review the evidence and until we have a quorum (of board members who can conduct business) I am very limited." Coker supports a poll, just not at this time.

## Runway and Taxiways

During the informational session on July 8, Director John Unangst said he and Director Tom Boback have been meeting with several companies regarding repairs to the runway. He says they are also discussing ways to get some more life out of the taxiways. "(The companies) have several products that they can use that would get us additional years of service out of our taxiways and we are getting bids from these companies to do this," Unangst said.

He says so far, all the companies have had positive things to say about the state of the runway. "Overall the runway looks to be in good shape but needs to be crack filled and sealed now so that we can get another 10 years of life out of it," Unangst said.

## Rio Concho Aviation Ramp Changes

Property owner Victor Forseth posted on the [t67.org](https://t67.org) Forum he was looking for a lot to park his pilot school planes in during the day. He had been parking by the former Beacon Cafe.

"We were parking in transient parking temporarily between students so we don't have to block the taxiway. Barbie Brunson advised us that the parking at the Beacon and around the fuel pumps will not be available for transient parking due to another client that will be opening the Beacon as another business," said Forseth.

Rio Concho Aviation's Barbie Brunson says this about the change: "Our current rates for the ramp area or grassy lot are \$5 a day. We do offer a monthly rate of \$85 should someone need to stay longer with us."

She did not comment on what new business may be coming to the Beacon Cafe site.

## President's Message

While not all believe that this Board is working in your best interest, I believe recent decisions brings positive news.

Your elected Board and I have been diligently working to bring Hicks back to a top-notch private airport community. Over the past seven months, we have managed to almost eliminate legal fees concerning the north gate issue. We will extend these savings to the south gate as soon as possible. Please be patient as this will take some time.

As the airport manager, I am the liaison with the FAA and I plan to have them visit us to evaluate, assess, and suggest improvements to our security and safety procedures.

Please mark your calendar for the next HAPA board meeting on August 12, at 1900 hours, hangar 137. I plan to post a meeting agenda one week prior to the meeting on [t67.org](https://t67.org). There will be a sign-up sheet if you wish to address the Board while attending the meeting. Please sign in with your name, hangar number, and the topic you wish to be discussed.

There are many other things in the works and I will bring you that information when able.

Stephen Grace

HAPA President & Airport Manager



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## *Safety Rules and Regulations*

1. Airport access is limited to airport owners, tenants, pilots, and guests. All parties entering the airport who are not owners or pilots must receive safety instructions from the property owner prior to entry. Safety instructions should include, but are not limited to, the rules contained below.
2. Gate codes may be distributed to guests only after a complete safety briefing has been given and an understanding has been expressed by the guest. If gate codes are distributed without associated safety instructions, the offender's code will be removed from the database. The offender will not be entitled to a new code until any associated fines are paid in full.
3. No person or vehicle, other than lawfully operated aircraft, shall enter the runway or runway safety zones. Runway safety zones include the grass areas surrounding the runway.
4. All automobiles must yield to aircraft. Automobiles in the path of an aircraft shall immediately pull off of the taxiway into the nearest apron until the aircraft has passed. If this is not possible, the automobile should turn around and depart the path of the aircraft.
5. The maximum permissible speed is 15 mph throughout the entirety of the property.
6. Taxiways must remain unobstructed within 30 feet of the taxiway centerline.
7. Persons must not approach an aircraft under power. An aircraft which is not under power must not be touched without the consent of the aircraft owner.

### HAPA DIRECTORY INFO

The HAPA membership directory is now online. To access the directory, go to [www.t67.org](http://www.t67.org) and log into your account. From here, you can also manage your privacy settings.

Creating an account gives the board an opportunity to contact you should there be an emergency at your hangar, an ELT signal related to your aircraft, a flight plan that was not closed, or other need for contacting you.

- If you haven't yet provided created an account at [www.t67.org](http://www.t67.org), please do! We would like to be able to contact as many **HAPA** members as possible via email.
- This is YOUR newsletter. Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to the newsletter publisher.
- If you have an issue and would like to address the HAPA BOD during a Board meeting, Please contact the HAPA President to be put on the agenda.
- For South Gate Directory Changes contact Morry Anderson at [morry.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:morry.anderson@gmail.com) or login to [www.t67.org](http://www.t67.org) and choose "Gate Codes".
- For **Emergency** South Gate Issues, call Marlin Klotz at 817-412-8786

# Septic Field Information

Check out the info below and see if you are up to speed!

## *Do's & Don'ts*

**Do** use environmentally friendly liquid detergents for washing machines and dishwashers.

**Don't** use liquid fabric softener.

**Do** use dryer sheets.

**Don't** pour grease into drains. Grease won't break down and will solidify in your system.

**Do** dispose of it in the garbage as solid waste.

**Don't** use garbage disposals as a trash can. Garbage disposals are to be used for table food scraps. (ex: No corn husks, paper, meat bones)

**Don't** wait until the weekend to do the whole weeks' worth of laundry.

**Do** spread out the laundry over the course of the week, so you don't over work your drain field.

**Do** use bleach in moderation. Large amounts of chlorine kills the good bacteria needed to maintain a healthy septic system.

**Don't** flush anything that is not septic safe toilet paper or waste down the toilet. (ex: feminine products and baby wipes)

**Do** remember, if it's toxic to you... it is also toxic to the septic system.

## Don't Flush It

Homeowners wanting to take good care of their septic systems should make note of the following items that should never be flushed down the drain or toilet. These items can overtax or destroy the biological digestion taking place within the system or clog pumps and pipes.

Take care not to flush the following:

- hair combings, coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, or kitty litter,
- sanitary napkins, tampons, cigarette butts, or condoms, gauze bandages, fat, grease, or oil, paper towels, shop towels and **NEVER** flush chemicals that could contaminate surface and groundwater, such as: paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oils, photographic solutions, or pesticides.