



# NEWSLETTER

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## First Outdoor Event (with) Barbecue Sandwiches

**This Saturday evening – May 18, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.**

Bring your choice of side dishes to go with barbecue and join in the fun. Jim Snyder is bringing the barbecue and Don Hughes is bringing the buns. (Don't be late!)

## **DUES ARE STILL DUE FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS**

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, get right on it and write a check for \$15.00 payable to HCAA and mail to Wilma Winings, 2685 S County Road 300 E, Danville IN 46122. You will feel much better after you have taken care of this!

## **Board Meeting News**

Your HCAA Board met on May 14 with attendance as follows: Don Hughes, Jim Snyder, John Rothrock, Amy Hills, Dallas and Phyllis Harding, Rick Princell, Darrell Arnett, Mike Hoover and Wilma Winings.

Under Old Business the subject of planning for our Lunch at the Airport was discussed. Jim mentioned that we are unsure as to how much space we will have available for setting up displays and booths. We will need that information in order to know how many organizations we can accommodate. John Rothrock will get in touch with the Airport Authority to see if they know when work may begin on the new terminal building as that will eliminate much of the space we have used in the past. He will report to the board. There was a suggestion, that if necessary, we might use one of the west side hangars for space to do the cooking of hamburgers etc. and have the tent with the tables and chairs located west of that where the helicopter has landed in the past. The helicopter will not be at the LATA this year. Amy mentioned she could get in touch with the person who has the hot air balloon to see if he would tether it for display. This will also depend on space available. Amy also asked about putting information on the internet about our LATA but will wait to see how much space we expect to have available to accommodate a big crowd

Last year we had only two planes fly in. One was on instruments due to the weather. With hopes of good weather, it was suggested we might offer a free lunch for the pilot who flies his plane in as that brought quite a few in one other time. This also may depend on space.

Wilma reported that Ted Bock had made the necessary contacts to have our LATA sign hung over US 36 in Danville again this year.

### Board Meeting News - Continued

John and Rick talked about how to go about preparing to move our building and its contents and where to put all our supplies, grills, tables, chairs, etc. Several indicated there was some space in their hangars where items could be stored for a while.

John Rothrock furnished the following information for the newsletter at the request of the editor:

"Jim Graham asked HCAA to discuss Swift Fuel at our board meeting which we did. Swift Fuels is an Indiana company working on lead-free fuels for general aviation piston engines. They are developing a 100LL replacement now but already produce another fuel, 94UL, which is a 94 octane lead-free FAA-approved fuel that meets all aviation specs and can be used in any airplane whose engine was originally certified on fuel of 94 octane or less. This would include all the small Continental engines and the lower compression Lycoming engines (150 hp O-320, for instance), and old radials, Franklins, and so on. No paperwork is required to use these fuels in such an airplane.

The Airport Authority wanted to know if HCAA would be likely to use the fuel. Swift has offered to clean out the tank currently used for auto fuel and stock it with 94UL at a price the same as or slightly lower than the current 100LL. The main advantage of this fuel is that there would be no sparkplug fouling due to lead as we have now with 100LL.

The HCAA board agreed that we would like to see this fuel available at Hendricks County Airport. This result was transmitted back to Jim Graham."

### NEW BUSINESS

Jim asked Don to give a report on his mission trip. Don related he and a friend were in his Grumman Tiger on their way to Georgia and were close to the Knoxville airport when he noticed the oil pressure had gone to zero. He radioed an emergency and was preparing to return to the airport when the engine seized up and the prop quit turning. He said this was like putting on the brakes and he radioed he would not be able to make it to the airport. There was a 4-lane highway close by with very little traffic and he made a successful landing on the highway and pulled off onto the grassy edge. Emergency vehicles appeared within minutes and saw that all was well with nobody injured and the airplane intact except for the engine. Don and his friend obtained a rental car and drove on to Georgia and completed their mission work there. The plane is still at Knoxville awaiting a decision about the engine. Don was congratulated on an emergency landing well done. And everyone was thankful that the engine was the only casualty.

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### THE SIGNS ARE THAT WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR.

*NOTICE IN A HEALTH FOOD SHOP WINDOW: Closed due to illness*

*OUTSIDE A SECONDHAND SHOP: We exchange anything – bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?*

*DID I READ THAT SIGN RIGHT? Toilet out of order, please use floor below.*

*SEEN DURING A CONFERENCE: For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the first floor.*

*IN A LAUNDROMAT: Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.*