



# NEWSLETTER

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## March 2020 Issue

### This Saturday Evening – March 14 - 5:00 p.m.

We will be celebrating National Pi Day (3.14159265359) with Pizza Pie and Pie. So get in the kitchen and bake a pie to bring or bring something to complement pizza such as a salad of some sort or other delicacy of your choice. This is not a competition and no awards will be made but it is a chance to sample many different pies from many different cooks as well as enjoy various kinds of pizza. So come at 5:00 p.m. We will order the pizzas after the crowd has gathered.

### BOARD MEETING NOTES

Attendance at our first meeting of the year on March 10 included Don Hughes, John Rothrock, Reed Blair, Amy Hills, Mike Hoover, Ted Bock, Vern Sullenger and Wilma Winings.

Vern Sullenger's treasurer's report indicated we have a bank balance of \$4,853.75 with \$105 to deposit plus some change. Mention was made of a theft of funds from the container in the refrigerator. This was quite a disappointment to everyone.

Comments regarding the past year's events including Lunch at the Airport and the Christmas Dinner were solicited. It was the consensus that the year went well with no complaints reported.

John Rothrock gave a report of a meeting with the Hendricks County Airport Advisory Committee which he attended. The complete report is included on pages 2 and 3.

Ted Bock indicated it will be necessary to update our website and he will take care of that. We will stay with the same provider as it has been a good one for us.

A schedule was set up for the year which can be found on page 4. Please mark the dates and events on your calendar so you won't miss any of these activities.

The 2020 Lunch at the Airport was discussed. We should be able to use our present facilities as the construction of the new terminal building has been delayed. The same members will again make contact with the various organizations to invite them to have a display at the event. Pilots who fly their plane in will be offered a free lunch as was done last year. The number of free rides (helicopter and plane) will be decided after we make contact with Freedom Helicopters. The price of the lunch will remain the same as last year -- \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 7 to 12 and under 7 free. Hours will also remain the same: Open House 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Lunch served 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Same menu as 2019.

John Rothrock reported that the Boy Scouts have a tent they rent out and if construction is underway on the new terminal in 2021 we could probably rent a tent from them if needed.

**Board Meeting Notes (Contd.)**

Additional group activities were discussed. We will contact Robert Obma who has offered a tour of the Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Tower. He is an air traffic controller and a member of HCAA. We hope to get a date between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July. We will participate in the roadside cleanup program (on a date of our choice) and perhaps in a food drive for donation to a food pantry.

Inviting speakers was briefly discussed but nothing is planned until we have better facilities.

Amy Hills reported that April 18 will be EAA Saturday at the Purdue Airport from 11:00 – 4:00.

Vern Sullenger invited all pilots to join him in flying to breakfast at Greencastle on Saturdays. In the past many of our members flew there for breakfast and had a great meal and a great time. So fire up your engines and join him. You will be glad you did!

Don Hughes asked the Board if it would be appropriate to begin our meetings with prayer and everyone agreed that it would.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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**Following is John's report of the meeting he attended.**

Hendricks County Airport Advisory Committee

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Meeting 11:30 am

John Rothrock

I accompanied Jim Graham to this meeting, because he is having difficulty making them these days and wanted a replacement. The meeting was held in the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership building, which is a small office-type structure way in the back of the complex at the northwest corner of US 36 and County Road 525 East.

Jim Graham was already there and led me into the conference room, which was set up with sandwiches, chips, cookies, and iced tea for lunch (I had wondered why the meeting was at noon). Other attendees filtered in afterward. I didn't get all of their names, so here is a partial list. Al Bennett chairs the meetings. Al has recently retired as the Hendricks County representative on the Indianapolis Airport Authority board. Kent Ebbing, head of IZone at the big airport, was there substituting for Dena Marietta. From IAA engineering was Kevin Forbes. Mary Jane Glasby was the clerk taking minutes of the meeting. There were others, I presume from the airport authority, in attendance whose names I did not catch. It was mentioned that Dave Clark, who represents EAA here and is also a member of HCAA, was not present because of a knee replacement performed the previous week. This surgical operation was said to have gone well.

Before the meeting I was chatting with Kent Ebbing and he wondered how we were going to handle our August event if we are in a construction zone at that time. I told him that we had discussed this possibility last year and had planned to rent a large tent to shelter diners. Kent told me that Boy Scout Troop 301 of Danville (the ones that have the big ham sale every year) had a large tent that they would rent out to other groups. He gave me a contact telephone number for that (317-886-0301). They meet Tuesday evenings at St. Augustine's.

## John Rothrock Report – (Contd.)

Al Bennett opened the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions. I asked about the runway – when it was patched last year we heard that a real repaving would occur in 3 years or so. Kevin Forbes said that repaving the runway was something they intended to do someday, but there was no schedule for it.

Al Bennett wanted to know the status of the new terminal building. Kevin Forbes spoke up on this. Originally, the terminal building budget was \$850,000. Last year they put their design (a rendering of which has appeared in this Newsletter) out for bids. They received five bids from Indianapolis and Terre Haute firms, all of which exceeded the budget. The lowest bid was 38% high and the highest was 54% high. They were able to get a bit more budget from the Airport Authority to the tune of \$891,000 and went out again for bids in January, 2020. At that point no firm made a bid, as they were all booked up completely for this year already. Currently the engineering group is reviewing last year's bids line by line to see what drove the price up. Then they may make design changes to lower the price, possibly ask for more money again, and then go out for bids. They hope to get on the list for the construction firms early enough that they are not already booked for 2021.

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In summary, they have put the building out for bids twice and will do it again. They still want a terminal building at Gordon Graham Field, and they still want it to be outstandingly good looking. Al Bennett asked them to have a review of the terminal building design and project prepared for the next Advisory Board meeting on May 4, which they agreed to do. My thought is that we won't see a new building in 2020, or even see construction begin this year.

Concerning hangars, they are 100% rented and the waiting list has 36 people on it. I asked if they had any plans to add hangars at 2R2 and they answer that the need for hangars is more acute at Metro and Eagle Creek airports and these will be addressed first. New hangars at Hendricks County would then be in the plan somewhere if demand continues.

100 low lead fuel sales in 2019 was 49,313 gallons, up 2.4% over 2018. Mogas sales dropped in 2019 55% from the level in 2018. There is nothing in the schedule to get Jet A at this airport.

Kent Ebbing had sent out Requests for Proposal for an FBO at 2R2 twice over the years and he is going to do it again this spring, although he is not expecting anything to happen because there is no turbine aircraft traffic at Hendricks County.

Jim Graham asked about the status of renaming the entry road at the airport for Jim and Wilma Winings and an important-looking guy (in a nice black suit) spoke up and said that the Airport Authority staff had no objections to it. Al Bennett asked them to get the issue before the Airport Authority Board and this person said it was too late for February and they would try to get it on the agenda in March.

After this the meeting adjourned.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – 2020

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

March 14	5:00 p.m.	Pi Day (with Pie)	August 15 (or) 16	LUNCH AT THE AIRPORT
April 18	5:30 p.m.	Barbecue	Sept. 19	5:30 p.m. Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs
May 16	5:30 p.m.	Fried Chicken	Oct. 24	5:30 pm. Chili Cook-Off
June 20	5:30 p.m.	Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs	Nov. 21	5:00 p.m. Game Night w/Pizza
July ____		Tour Indy Tower (Day TBA)	Dec. 4	6:00 p.m. Christmas at Martha's Orchard
July 20 – 26		AirVenture Oshkosh		

BOARD MEETINGS REMAIN 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.

## DUES REPORT

Since the last newsletter, dues payments have been received from the following members: Jeffrey Emmick, Glen Matejcek, Mike Mellinthin, Paul Moran, Tom Noyes, Jay Penner and Joeline Smith. Thanks to all who have paid their dues. However, dues are still unpaid from a few of our members and it would be good to get this taken care of. So why not sit down and write a check for the unbelievably small amount of \$15 payable to HCAA and send it to Wilma Winings, 2685 S County Road 300 E, Danville IN 46122. Then we will both be happy!!



Amy makes her goal.

CONGRATULATIONS to Amy Hills who has completed the exams and now has her Instrument Ground Instructor Certificate and her Advanced Ground Instructor Certificate!

Accomplishments like these take a LOT of study and preparation and she is to be admired for her perseverance.

Great job, Amy!!

