

**NEWSLETTER**  
**RUSTY ALLEN AIRPORT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**October 2, 1997**

**AIRPORT ACTION PLAN**

Your board has recently had several meetings with TxDOT Aviation Division which represents the FAA regarding our airport getting federal and state dollars for improvements. This has been going very well but very slow. The Airport Action Plan which is the planning document and the source reference for these FAA and state funds for us will probably be finished by year end. The first draft has been reviewed and the City of Lago Vista as sponsor and airport owner has also been very involved with your board. This first document is about 2" thick. So copies are not abundant. If you would like to review it, please contact one of your board members.

**AROUND THE AIRPORT**

There is a new windsock on the west airport side near the fuel tank. Pedernales Electric Cooperative was kind enough to provide us a crew with one of their bucket trucks in order to put it on the pole. Also, Tony Deden and Raymond Randolph have put a new windsock on top of their hangar on the east side at about mid field. (Thanks guys). The City's water well housing building, also near the fuel tank, has been straightened up, repaired and painted and now look pretty good. Art Koehn and George Eeds did that. (Thanks guys). Joe Ischy, a long time resident of Lago Vista and a semi-retired construction contractor, is mowing the runway area now for us on a need be basis. He is doing that for \$175.00 each time. Joe also have mowed several private properties. If you need some mowing, Joe's telephone number is 267-1728.

**TEXAS ROUTINE AIRPORT  
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM - (RAMP)**

The VASI which we were able to buy at 50% of cost via the RAMP program is in. It is in Carl Vernon's hanger. Shortly several members will do a work party to dig a ditch for a buried electric line for separate electric service to it. It should be in service on Runway 15 by the end of October. The VASI will be a tremendous aid for

landings most especially at night. We will put a VASI on Runway 33 with next years monies.

**NEW HANGER CONSTRUCTION**

Gil Hawkins, a senior captain with Delta Airlines has submitted and received approval to build a new hanger on his lot number 38A or four lots south from Ken Wickham's aircraft hanger on the airport's southeast side. Dr. Robert Abernathy is planning a 60' x 125' new hanger on his lot number 11 on the east side. Jim Wood is finishing plans for a hanger on his lot number 3 on the east side. Lloyd Morris will be under construction with an office and hanger on his lot number 44 on the southeast side this year.

**FLY INS AND FLY OUTS**

Last Saturday our airport received a lot of attention from the Austin hanger of the "Quiet Birdmen". That is a private club of aviators who enjoy flying and meet monthly. There were 16 very nice aircraft and vintage aircraft which flew in with the "Quiet Birdmen" and there were 63 members of that group who attended their event on Saturday from 11:00 to 3:00 which included their program and a bar-b-que lunch. Rusty Allen hosted the "Quiet Birdmen" in his hanger.

On Saturday, October 11, 1997 we will have a "fly out". Arrangements have been made for a tour of the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant in Brenham. Transportation from the Brenham Airport to the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant are arranged. Yes... it is a yellow school bus again. A bar-b-que cafe in Brenham (Big Tex BBQ) will do a lunch for us on the picnic grounds at the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant. We will gaggle up at 10:30 at Rusty Allen's hanger on that Saturday and then all fly out. The slow planes leave first -- Rusty!!! We need a head count on this. Please call in and leave a message with George Eeds at 346-2076 or fax 346-8859. Last May we had 13 planes and 31 people on the fly out to Luling and it was a hoot. So, don't miss this one.

--FLY SAFELY