



Southwest Bonanza Society

June 2019 Newsletter

SWBS TYLER FLY IN

by
Rich & Nancy Faust



Several years ago, when we owned a Cessna 170B, we went to a lunch fly-in at the Tyler Pounds airport restaurant, the Skyline Café. We thought, "Why not have a fly-in there for the SWBS?" A couple of phone calls and it was set. They cater to just this type of event. The food was great as was the service. The Historic Aviation Memorial Museum is in the same building.



They even gave us a discount on admission. This was the first SWBS event for which the new website was used for registration. It worked out great. There was a bit of a learning curve for both members and fly-in hosts, but it easy enough and we've noted a few items to try to improve the registration experience for all concerned.



The weather at KTYR required an instrument approach at 9:00 a.m. when the Clements, Fausts and John Whitehead arrived to get the registration and giveaway tables set up for the fly-in. The broken clouds lifted as more and more members began to

trickle in. Jim Clement and Mike Watson did a great job of tracking inbound aircraft. Everyone arrived in time for lunch at 11:30. We had a great turnout: 39 people and 19 planes, including Mike Montefusco's recently completed autogyro, and a car or two.



Thank you, Bill Smith, for bringing a nice young couple that want to become new members to SWBS. ABS not only gave us many nice items – pens, bags, cups, eyeglass cleaning cloths, flashlights, etc. – but donated our grand door prize, a gift certificate for an ABS Service Clinic, a \$300 value! John Kleber won the service clinic which was good timing since he recently purchased an F33A and is looking forward to it getting a thorough inspection and learning more about his new plane.



SWBS provided other prizes. Tom Allen's ticket was drawn for a one weekend night stay at the Hangar Hotel in Fredericksburg, TX, a \$200 value. He and his wife Sheila will soon be celebrating their anniversary in Fredericksburg.



A gift basket of wine, Belgian chocolates and caramels, and an Evelyn & Crabtree gift set valued at \$60 was donated by Lisa and Jim Clement and won by Ron Bindas, though it went straight to his wife, Catherine.



4 shirts and 4 hats, all embroidered with the SWBS logo, were also given to the winning tickets held by Bill Keller, Jon Taylor, Anita Watson, John Wisdom, Mike Watson, Rich Faust, Dan Drew, and Rob Funk. Thanks to Jay Burris for ordering these items. And last but certainly not least, SWBS bought dessert for everyone who cared to indulge. Most people chose a generous bowl of ice cream, cookies, and chocolate sauce.



We collected \$209 in donations for the ABS Air Safety Foundation to show our appreciation for ABS' support of our fly-in and the ongoing ASF missions of safety and education. Our thanks to all who contributed.

Our thanks to everyone for joining us in Tyler. We had great support from all the airport, restaurant, FBO and museum staff. Congratulations to all the prize winners, and thanks to the SWBS board for so generously kicking off our 2019 fly-in calendar. Old friendships were renewed, we think some new friendships were formed, and it seemed a good time was had by all. We had a great time and are looking forward to the next opportunity to share in the fun of an aviation and social event with our SWBS friends. Nancy and Rich Faust 😊



Cathrine Bindas. Kacie Taylor. Nina Proctor



Nancy, Lisa, Jim, Anita



Dan Drew



Ron Bindas & Mike Watson



Scott Gunter



Anita & Mike Watson



Jack & Kacie Taylor



Jim & Lisa Clement



John Whitehead & Mike Watson



John Whitehead



Jim Clement & John Whitehead



Rich & Nancy Faust



Shelia & Tom Allen



Bill Keller



Guests from Conroe



Jon, Kacie, & Jack Taylor



Rob & Bob Funk



Shirley Roberts & Chris Pressley



Les Norton, Bonnie & Glenn Beavers, Scott Gunter



Annette Worthington & John Kleber



Ron & Catherine Bindas



Lynn Yellott



Bill Smith & new guests



Nina & Boyd Proctor



Anita won a cap but traded it for a tee shirt



Jon Taylor won a tee shirt



Bill Keller won a tee shirt



Luke Hart & John Wisdom



Anita Watson won a tee shirt



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PREZ SEZ

This is my first newsletter after becoming President in May at the annual meeting. I would like to thank Cam Gulley for all his hard work and dedication to our organization. Cam remains a director on our board. A special thank you to John Whitehead for all the great events he sponsored during his tenure on our board as Vice President. Mike Watson takes over these duties and is very actively looking for fly-in venues to excite the membership. The board of directors goal is to increase the membership and create more events to promote our mission of camaraderie and a passion for flying our Beechcraft aircraft.

We just completed our 1st event of the year in Tyler, Texas. Special thanks go to Rich & Nancy Faust for sponsoring this fun event. We plan to have an informal gathering at Oshkosh on Monday, July 22nd at the B2OSH tent in the North40. Time and details will be posted on the website soon. August 17th is the next fly-in at Pecan Plantation with a pancake breakfast, hangar tours and shopping on the square in Granbury. Memphis, TN on September 6-8 is in the planning stages for a fun filled weekend of food, fun & friendship. October brings Tullahoma for the Beech party. Many of our members will be attending this great event. Don't forget to wear your name tag to identify yourself as a SWBS member.

This year's Christmas celebration is scheduled for December 6-8. Nancy Faust and Kathy Burris are hard at work planning this event. More details will be on the website as they become finalized. Please go to our website to keep up to date on events and to register for all the fun. www.swbonanza.org Soon our store will have shirts and hats which can be ordered at cost. Our name tags are already in the store if you have lost yours or just need a new one. We have already ordered more than 40 name tags since the end of May.

We encourage you all to become ambassadors for the SWBS in inviting new members to join our organization. We all meet other Bonanza owners at many venues in our region. Mike Watson has created SWBS identifying signs for our aircraft with our names and the SWBS emblem. Hang them in your plane with pride and start the conversation with other Beechcraft pilots to join in on the fun!! Hope to see you all at one of our upcoming events!

Fly Safe,
Lisa Clement, President
Southwest Bonanza Society

Pecan Plantation Breakfast Fly-In August 17th

- When: August 17, 2019 9:00 AM, CDT
- Where: OTX1 - Pecan Plantation Airport
- Will you be attending?

[Register](#)

[Not attending](#)

• EVENT DETAILS:

- August 17 Fly-In at Pecan Plantation (OTX1)
- NOTE for a proper head count please register yourself and your companion individually. You can bring up to two
 - SWBS Fly-In
 - OTX1 - Pecan Plantation Airport
 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - The fly-in will be hosted by Mike and Anita Watson.
- Breakfast will be served from 9:00 am-11:00 am and light snacks after 12:00 pm.
- Following breakfast there will be tours of various hangers as well as transportation to Granbury Square for lunch or shopping.
 - Frequencies For OTX1
 - OTX1 Unicom 122.975
 - KGDJ AWOS 118.925
 - FTW CNTR 127.15
 - Mike Watson
 - Best regards,
[Southwest Bonanza Society](#)

Watch for the registration announcement email **coming soon**

Upcoming Event September 6,7,8th 2019

REPLY to this email any let Mike Watson know if you plan to attend!

Southwest Bonanza Society Fly-In to Memphis Tennessee, September 6-8 General Dewitt Spain Airport (M01) Hotel accommodations will be the Big Cypress Lodge located in the Bass Pro Pyramid.

Dinners to include; The Lookout at the Pyramid and Dinner/Music Cruise aboard the Memphis Queen.

Possible Tours to include: Elvis Presley's Graceland, FEDEX Sort Facility, St Jude Hospital, Beale Street.

More details and itinerary to follow.

Please email Mike Watson (mikewatson85@gmail.com) with your commitment to attend so he can plan accordingly.

Formal event registration is coming soon!

General info on Big Cypress Lodge [Memphis 2019 - Big Cypress Lodge flyer.pdf](#)

Thank You

Mike Watson

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Aug 17 Pancake Breakfast Pecan Plantation
Sept 6-8 Memphis weekend
Oct 10-12 Tullahoma Beech Party
Dec 6-8 Christmas Party Location TBD

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Thanks to Rich Faust, John Whitehead, Lisa Clement, and Boyd Proctor for all the nice photos.



Lunch at the Skyline Café



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THAT'S ALL FOLKS