



# Southwest Bonanza Society

## May 2021 Newsletter

### SWBS ANNUAL MEETING FLY-IN

May 8, 2021

by  
Lisa Clement



The weather was looking promising for our Annual meeting scheduled for May 8th at our home at Bourland Field (50F) in Cresson, Texas. Sunny and warm but the winds were not as kind to us. Sustained winds 20-30 with gusts to 40 kept some of our members from flying in for our first in person Annual meeting in 2 years. We did have 12 planes arrive and many members drove in for our gathering.



Bob & MJ Butt guided our members who flew in to the flight line parking area. Jim Clement along with Bourland Field Neighbors transported members to the Clement hangar & home. Rich Faust checked members in as they arrived at the hangar.



Rich Faust

All were asked if they wished to donate their registration fees to the Air Safety Foundation of ABS & we had 100% participation. We had a total of 40 members attend. We had 4 members attend for the 1st time, Mike Stone, Jay Simms and Scott & Dana Perdue. We also added a new member from Bourland Field Estates, Mark Crumblish with his V35B.

At 11:30, Rooster's BBQ of Cresson delivered our meal to the hangar which included Brisket, Ribs, beans, potato Salad and all the traditional sides. We had an additional treat, Nancy Faust brought of her fabulous Pecan Bars for dessert. All seemed to get their fill of all the great food. After lunch and a little clean-up assisted by Randy Starbuck, we were set to start our Annual meeting.



Randy Starbuck

Our first order of business was to thank all the members who helped make the day run smoothly. We recognized our existing board of directors and thanked our two outgoing directors, Shirley Roberts and Chuck Fronce for their years of service to our organization. In saying that we also welcomed our two newest directors Mike Parrish and Randy Starbuck to the board. It was also announced the Lisa Clement was stepping down as President after 2 years in that role.

We announced our new Lifetime Membership opportunity as well. Individual-\$250 and Individual plus companion- \$375. There is also a new badge that comes with the new level that denotes Lifetime Member. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Lifetime members are Mike & Anita Watson. Events for the balance of 2021 were discussed and new ideas were contributed by members.



As events are planned there will be emails to each member with the opportunity to sign-up. The next event being lunch and a board of directors meeting at the new Gate 12 in College Station on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The dates for the Christmas gathering were also announced, November 19-21. As we have more information on this it will be communicated out to all the members. As is tradition we ended the meeting with our group picture with the banner. It was a very enjoyable day and seemed to go by very quickly. Members were transported back to their aircraft when they were ready to depart. Thanks to all who joined us and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. 😊



MJ & Bob Butt, Konnie & Joe Sasser, Leldon & Mary Locke, Anne & Michael Parrish



Konnie Sasser, Leldon & Mary Locke, Anne & Michael Parrish, MJ & Bob Butt



Sandra Simmons, Sue & Ray Lewis, Jay Simms



Ron Bindas, Rick Fulton, Gail & Dan Drew, Dana Perdue



Shirley Roberts, Jon & Kacie Taylor, Karen & Chuck Fronce, Steve Dishman, Catherine Bindis



SWBS officers including in going and out going  
Konnie, Ron, Chuck, Michael, Mike, Lisa, Randy, Rich, Shirley



Mike Watson checking the roster



The Clement hangar set up and ready for the meeting





SWBS Annual meeting May 8, 2021, Clement hangar, Cresson, Texas

## ***PREZ SEZ***

I want to first say thank you to the two outgoing board members: Shirley Roberts and Chuck Fronce. They have been invaluable in directing SWBS thru the hurdles of Fly-Ins, Zoom meetings and especially the "Covid Year". I'd also like to welcome the two incoming members, Mike Parrish and Randy Starbuck.

When you take a new position in the Military or Civilian world you always look to who your predecessor was and how they led and worked with those around them. Serving as Vice President to Lisa Clement has been an eye-opening experience. She has handled difficult decisions with ease and grace putting the membership at the forefront of where SWBS is going. These are going to be some big shoes to fill.

As I assume the role of President, I want to assure you that we will continue the "What's best for the member" philosophy in all our financial and organizational decisions. We will be working to organize events that better fit our members placing a focus on increasing the one-day Fly-Ins and continue to stream line the registration process, giving clear and ample time on procedures and deadlines to make your attendance decision easier. Check the website often, as that will be the first place events and information will be posted.

I'm excited to be working with a great group of people as your SWBS board navigates thru the ever-changing world of aviation.

Mike Watson

President SWBS

## **LETTER TO ABS**

For several years now, the Southwest Bonanza Society (SWBS) has required members to register and pay in advance for the meal we cater the day of our annual meeting. The registration fee is refunded if a member attends the annual meeting, otherwise we keep those funds. It's a small inducement to encourage members to attend while mitigating the risk of SWBS paying for a lot of food that goes uneaten if members are unable to attend. I had never seen an arrangement like this prior to joining SWBS, but it seems to work well for us.

This year we decided to do something different: the board discussed and agreed to encourage members to donate their refund to the Air Safety Foundation. Our annual meeting was held in the hangar of Jim and Lisa Clement at Bourland Field (50F) in Cresson, TX. As treasurer, I had a card table set up at the door everyone used to enter the hangar. We had an "ASF Donation" jar which I seeded with the cash refunds donated in advance of the meeting by several board members. As members entered the hangar, I reminded them of our refund process, pointed to the jar and told them, "The board suggests you consider donating your refund to ASF, and so far we've had 100% participation." Each and every member agreed with the suggestion and then I would have them sign our sign-in sheet so we had a written record that they designated their refund be contributed to ASF. Several members who had not yet paid their registration fee contributed more than was due because they liked the idea of supporting ASF. A non-member guest, who happens to fly a Mooney, also contributed \$20.

It's my great pleasure to inform you that our campaign was a resounding success with 100% participation by members who attended our annual meeting: we collected \$848 to benefit the Air Safety Foundation and its important mission. I'll be logging into the ASF site tomorrow and contributing that amount.\*

I understand you're looking for content for the ABS magazine. Would you be interested in including a short article about our fundraising campaign in the next available ABS issue? If so, please advise the deadline and I'll pull something together for you. We (the SWBS board) would like to use that article to challenge the other regional societies to show their support for ASF. It's the kind of friendly competition that would benefit all of us.

Many thanks for the fine work you do to promote the safe exercise of our flying privileges.

Best regards and on behalf of the SWBS board,

Rich Faust  
Treasurer, SWBS

## **Fly-in for Lunch & BOD meeting**

College Station (KCLL)

FBO, Astin Aviation

Landing fee waived for Av gas or restaurant purchase

**Gate 12 Bar & Grill**

Noon-3

This is a casual get together for anyone who would like to get together for lunch.

Everyone is on their own. Just thought it would be fun to try a new place.

We would like a tentative head count to give the restaurant.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!



### **Beech Party 2021, Tullahoma, TN (KTHA) - Non-SEBS**

- Start **October 13, 2021**
- End October 16, 2021
- Location Beechcraft Heritage Museum Tullahoma, TN

Annual Beech Party at the Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma, TN. This is a non-SEBS event although many SEBS members attend because it is in our region!

Registration is via the museum's event web site. For more information and to register, go to [Beech Party web site](#).

We hope to see you there!



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## ***FUTURE FLY INS***

June 12, Lunch and BOD meeting Gate 12 College Sta  
July 26, Gathering at B2OSH tent, Oskosh North 40  
Oct 13-16 Tullahoma Beech Party  
Nov 19-21 Annual Christmas Party--To be announced

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**That's All Folks**