



Southwest Bonanza Society

June 2021 Newsletter

SWBS GATE 12 FLY IN

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by
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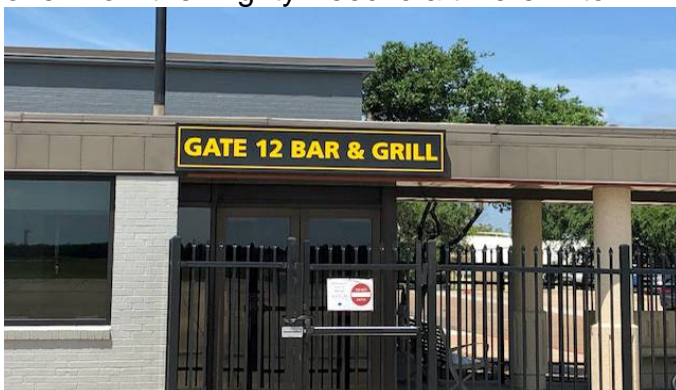
When I woke up Saturday morning, I could hear a faint sound coming from the south. As I stepped outside, I knew exactly what it was, **The Texas Aggies War Hymn**. Today was the day for our fly-in to College Station with lunch at Gate 12. I had been waiting for this since last February when the Arctic decided to visit Texas and we had to cancel because of the ridiculous cold temperatures.



No cold temperatures today, just overcast skies with 1700 ft ceiling at home and College Station.

We received our IFR clearance and took off, bound for the promise land, followed closely by Konnie and Joe Sasser. (It's always a tight race with Joe, he says he has a 550 but I think there might be a little something extra under the hood that he doesn't mention).

Anita and I, Joe and Konnie and Bill Keller were the first 3 airplanes to arrive with Chuck and Karen driving in. Plans had been made to park all the airplanes in front of Gate 12 to let every one know the mighty Beechcraft were in town.



We gathered at Astin Aviation, the local FBO to relax and catch up with everyone before our walk over for lunch.



Joshua, the Gate 12 manager and his staff greeted us with that infectious Aggie Spirit and said everything was ready and we could order as soon as we sat down.



The lunch menu was fantastic, from crab cakes, shrimp quesadillas to my grilled chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries and maple butter. (A side note, every time I looked away Anita would sneak some of those fries).

After lunch, we walked back to the FBO took our usual group picture, hugged everyone and said our good byes. This is always the disappointing part of the fly-ins, it goes by so fast and you realize you didn't get spend enough time with everyone.

As everyone was departing, the board moved into the conference room to conduct this month's meeting and to prepare for another SWBS adventure.

On my climb out and headed for home I could still hear that **Texas Aggies War Hymn**. (Amen to that! Editor) 😊



Mike Parrish, Ron Nelson, Rich Faust



Gordon Richardson, Joe Sasser, Jim Clement



BJ Whitehead, Konnie Sasser, Karen Fronce



Robert Macaluso, Sandra Simmons, Marty King



Anne Parrish, Catherine Bindas, Judy Richardson



Sharon Davis, Mike Stone



Ron Bindas, John Whitehead, Chuck Fronce



Kacie Taylor, Ron Nelson, Sharon Davis



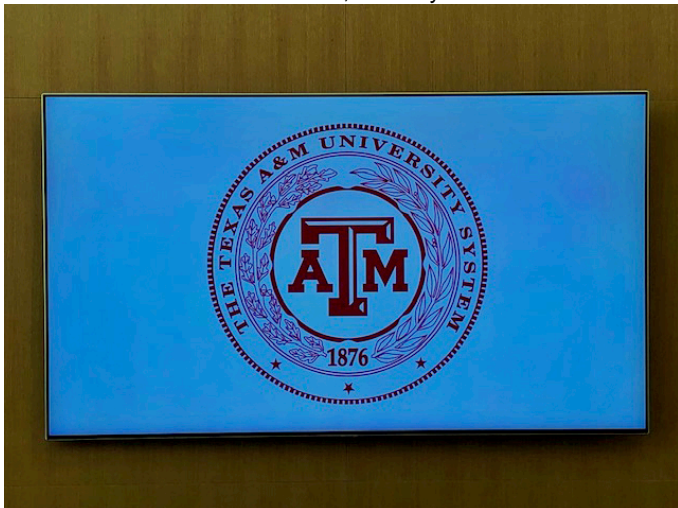
SWBS Gate12 Fly In, June 12, 2021



Marty King



Ron Bindas, Jon Taylor



Prez sez

The College Station Gate 12 was a success with 29 showing up for lunch. Astin Aviation FBO and Gate 12 were very accommodating with our large group giving us full access to all the amenities they have to offer. Look for another event here in the future.

The board met afterwards to continue our plans for the year and to facilitate new ideas from board members as well as members at large.

Oshkosh is coming up in July and we are planning a SWBS social gathering under the tent at the North 40. I'll send out an email with the details once finalized.

We've formed a membership committee which Lisa Clement has graciously agreed to head, with Bill Keller being the first volunteer member. She will be reaching out for ideas and members to serve.

Nancy Faust has done an outstanding job putting together the Christmas Party this year. There are only 2 B & B rooms left. The deadline for registration is July 1. See the website for details.

The board is exploring the idea of a Facebook Group for SWBS. We need input from anyone with experience in this area. You can reach out to any of the board members with ideas or questions.

We have a total of 14 lifetime members now, a great start to an idea that's a month old.

That's it for now, but as always if you need something or have an idea feel free to reach out.

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July 26, Gathering at B2OSH tent, Oskosh North 40
Oct 13-16 Tullahoma Beech Party
Nov 19-21 Annual Christmas Party, Nov. 19-21
Natchitoches, LA, KIER

PHOTO CREDITS

Thanks to Mike Watson for this month's photos.

SWBS 2021 Annual Christmas Party

2021 SWBS Christmas Party – Natchitoches, LA

November 19 - 21, 2021

REGISTRATION/RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 1ST
See website (southwestbonanza.com) for reservations

\$225.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy per night.

Must cancel 10 days before stay or will have to pay for the weekend.

Things to do that weekend

- The town is decked out in everything Christmas.
 - The 2nd floor of the hardware store (which is great) is all Christmas.
 - Music playing along the Cane River (main street)
 - Fireworks on Saturday evening (should be able to view from the Creole Cottage. Cheryl would bring her firepit over and set up outside.
 - Horse and buggy rides – hold 8 to 10 people, \$15 per person. 45 minutes. They tell the history around town. It may be possible to go on a ride in the afternoon being picked up at the Good House. On your own.
 - The Cane River Queen Paddle Boat – 50 people, Friday, 19th – 7:00 pm. On your own.
- Evenings/Meals
- Merci Beau Coupe - Friday 4:45 pm (pay on your own)
 - Mariners' Full menu will be available - Saturday 4:45 pm (pay on your own)

That's All Folks