



# Southwest Bonanza Society

## April 2022 Newsletter

### SWBS HOT SPRINGS FLY IN

by  
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After a two-year delay, SWBS finally spent a fun weekend in Hot Springs, Arkansas. 17 planes flew into HOT on Friday. The winds were a bit challenging for arrivals and departures, but everyone made it safely.



We headed to the Embassy Suites Hotel in the two 15 passenger vans and 1 SUV that we rented. After checking in at the hotel people went to various places. We were in a great location to walk to the downtown area and explore.

Before dinner we gathered in the lobby area and enjoyed drinks and snacks provided by the hotel.



Then all 37 of us went to dinner at the Brickhouse Grill. We had a room to ourselves upstairs. Great food, great service, and great conversation as always. As it was a nice evening some choose to walk back to the hotel.



Several retired to their rooms while others caught up at the hotel bar.

We want to thank Dan Drew for recommending the Embassy Suites as the oversized lobby and free made to order breakfast along with the happy hour worked perfectly for our group.

After a big breakfast a few choose to explore places like the Gangster Museum, spas, or have a massage while most toured the Garvan Woodland Gardens.



The whole Garden was very impressive, but the tulips were unbelievable. They plant 150,000 tulips each year. A box lunch was provided at the Chipmunk Café. I think it was the best boxed lunch I have ever had.

Once again, before dinner we met for happy hour. For our Saturday evening meal, we enjoyed some good German food at Steinhaus Keller. Although we had to wait a while, the food did not disappoint once it served.

Sunday morning, we headed to the airport. We said our goodbyes, see you soon and were off. Thanks to Bill Keller, Ron Nelson, and Rich Faust for being our chauffeurs. This was the first SWBS event for the Fahles and Hoffmans. We hope to see you at many more. 😊



Brenda & Bill Smith



Ron & Espi Nelson



Rebecca, Joe, Mike & Ann, Randy, Konnie, Bill & Brenda



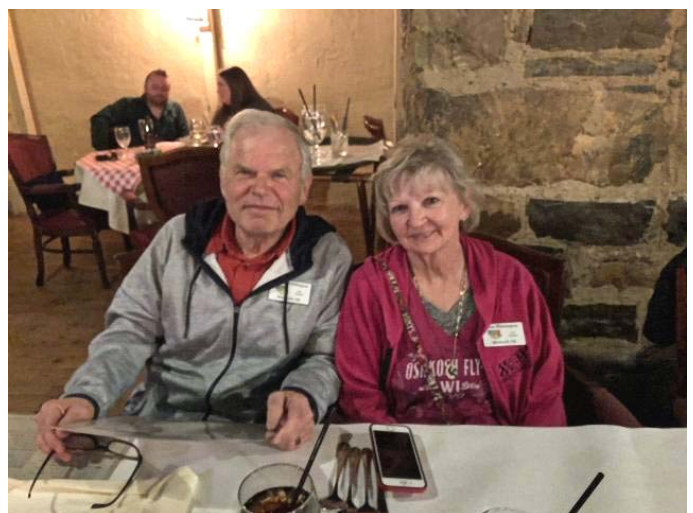
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Downtown Hot Springs



Alan & Kathy Aneshansley



Heather & Bill Fahle



SWBS Hot Springs Fly In April 8-10 2022

## ***PREZ SEZ***

The Hot Springs Fly-In this past weekend was a huge success. Nancy Faust did an amazing job planning and hosting the event. Many thanks to her as well as Ron Nelson, Bill Keller and Rich Faust who volunteered to be the van drivers, although I'm not sure how much Rich had a say in volunteering.

The SWBS Board met to work on upcoming events and plan for the Annual meeting in May.

The Annual meeting is May 14th at Conroe Airport. (See Event section on website for details). We need all those planning on attending to sign up ASAP. This helps the FBO as well as the Restaurant in planning for a successful event.

June 11th at 11:00 is another informal Fly-In event at the Hard 8 in Stephenville TX.

Watch your email for the Bio's and ballot for the upcoming Board member election.

The unofficial SWBS frequency is 122.75. You're probably asking why do we need this? Well, on the way into Hot Springs Friday the weather and winds were very unpredictable I could see several other members on foreflight that were enroute as well as just about to land. If I had been able to contact them, I could have had a better idea on what to expect as well as pass any info. So, for future SWBS events, monitor 122.75 on your second radio. You can pass updated arrival times, need help with something etc.

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

Fly Safe and look forward to seeing you at our next SWBS event.

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## Future Fly Ins

Jun 11, 11am informal Fly In at Hard 8 Stephenville TX

July 25, B2OSH tent Monday, time to be determined

Sept 22-25, Beech Convention, Wichita, KS

Oct Ron Nelson poker run, volunteers needed

Oct 13-16 Tullahoma Beech Party

Dec 2-4 Annual Christmas Party, Waco, TX Bill Smith is sponsor

Spring 2023, Spring in New Orleans, details on website

Check Website vendor Flyboy toys for 3' x 5' SWBS Flag

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**That's All Folks**