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Humor: Engine Failure - A condition which occurs when all fuel tanks mysteriously become filled with air.

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ALS Bluebonnet Picnic – May 5th

The ALS Bluebonnet Picnic Committee comprised of Chairman – Ryan Short, Committee Members – Gume Serna and Sam Beckham are gearing up for our annual ALS Bluebonnet Picnic.

Saturday, May 5th has been selected for this year's event. With the generous amount of rain we've had thus far this year, we're hoping for a beautiful crop of Bluebonnet and Indian Paint flowers.

The field is green and we have already started cutting grass this year and burning our brush pile on the south end of the field. This year will mark the 27th Annual Bluebonnet Picnic held at Cannon Field.

Barbeque plates will include BBQ Brisket /Sausage, all the trimmings to include a desert and drink for \$8.00.

Please remember to invite as many guests as you possibly can and don't

forget your lawn chairs and sunscreen. We are asking members who have classic cars or those who know of friends who might be willing to bring theirs to the event to do so. We will have designated parking and show space for these classic beauties. As well, invite all of you flying friend to fly-in to Cannon Field and display their aircraft. We will have our ALS planes on display along with any who might join us.

This year's missing man formation will be in honor of several of our members who have passed away this past year. We will pay tribute to Alton Kenne, Wally Anderson, Father Michael Norton, and Vincent Greene. All of these long time members are sorely missed.

An L-5 pick-up demonstration, RC aerobatic demonstration, Bexar County K-9 demonstration, and Ata-Bexar Fire Department Static display will be featured along with the San Antonio Pipes and Drums. The day will start with the opening ceremonies beginning at 10:30 AM led by the Southside High School Color Guard.

For more details, visit our website at www.als-cannonfield.com for the most up to date information.



2006 Bluebonnet Picnic Crowd – Great Fun, Food and Friends! -



Flight Incentive Program

During the April Board of Directors Meeting, Baylor Randle proposed and briefed the board on a Flight Incentive Program for all ALS pilots who fly ALS aircraft. The board agreed and unanimously voted this was a great idea to generate more flying hours.

Here's how it works... ALS Pilots acting as PIC will log their flights as usual in the aircraft flight log. During the Board of Directors Meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month, each pilot who flew an ALS aircraft during the proceeding month will receive 1 ticket (per logged flight/per aircraft), which will be put into the drawing. One ticket will be selected and that pilot then wins one-hour worth of flying in a like ALS aircraft for fuel cost only. Special Thanks goes out to Baylor for coming up with a great idea that will benefit our members and the squadron as well.

Safety Corner - Hogs on the Runway

Normally, this is the area in which we try to give a brief Tip for Safe Flight. However, this month I would like to address the problems associated with flying out of grass runways. Recently we have had some soft fields due to the heavy rains, which seem to have attracted some locally wild hogs to the south end of our runway. In addition to our native Pocket Gophers, they can create some hazards for our planes as well as visitors who might fly in. Remember to walk the runway before you fly to check out the landing area for any holes or signs of rooting. If necessary, rake down any mounds and fill in any holes. We have placed two traps at the south end of the runway off from the landing surface and attempting to capture the beasts. Additionally, we are in the process of placing some runway markers along the sides of the runway.

Around Cannon Field

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Heritage Fly -In (New Berlin, TX.) – **March 31**
- Poteet Strawberry Festival – (Fly-Over) **April 14th**
- Doolittle Raiders Reunion – (Stinson) **April 18th thru 21st**
- IBDA (Bird Dog) Fly In – (LBJ Ranch) - **May 4-6**

NEW TIRES FOR L-5

We would like to thank Quinton Smith for purchasing two new tires and tubes for our squadron's L-5C. Thanks Doc!

RUNWAY MARKERS

Thanks to Alton Kenne Jr. for volunteering to make our runway markers for the field. He will be fabricating them using old A/C Tires as a mold. Plans are to bury them even with the soil surface and paint them white. Hats off to you Al!

NEW ROAD BASE

Special thanks to Richard Roberts and Henry Whitmore for spreading and leveling our new road base material. The drive looks excellent guys!

Keep Em Flying!

Ron Dennis
ALS Leader



Henry Whitmore gives one of our non-pilot members a ride during one of our beautiful Saturday mornings. Don't forget...Non pilot members are always welcome to come on out and fly with us. We want to encourage participation in both flying and restoration activities at Cannon Field. Come on out and get some air time! We have lots going on at the field most Saturdays and Wednesdays.