

June 2011

Tailwinds



**Join us in the Pilot Lounge at Brackett on Thursday, June 2, 2011
Social time 7:00PM
Speaker Meeting begins @ 7:30PM**

Our Speaker this Thursday is Shell Bresin

Mr. Bresin is a former president of the Brackett Airport Association and member since 1982. He earned his bachelor degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Indiana Institute of Technology in 1951. He worked in design at Bell Helicopter; aerodynamics and performance analysis of the Temco TT-1 Pinto primary jet trainer; Northrop where he was responsible for the aerodynamic design and performance analysis of the T-38/F-5 aircraft and managed avionics system engineering of the B-2 Bomber. He retired from Northrop in September 1989 and continued his flight instruction activities as a private contractor for Professional Instrument Courses and the AOPA Flight Safety Foundation. He holds FAA Air Transport Pilot, Commercial Pilot, and Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor Certificates. He is providing this presentation of his 66 year, 12,600+ hour flying experiences at the request of BAA President Frank Sigona



Happenings in June 2011



Skylarks

June 11 flying to Oceano for lunch. If you haven't flown into Oceano, it's a real treat. You take a short walk from the airport to an eatery.

Balloon Festival-Albuquerque and then a few days in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The dates are Oct 7-11. Contact Bill Zander

Big Bear Airport Pilots Association

June 11, 2011 Young Eagles Flight Day at Big Bear & **Hangar Party**

June 14, 2011 BBAPA Dinner and Membership Meeting 5PM to 9PM

Flabob Airport

Third Saturday Display Day Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, Tours and Car Show 8-11am

From Your President - Frank Signoa

Greetings to Brackett Airport Association members and aviation enthusiasts. Once again the Third Sunday antique aircraft and automobile display was rained out. In the 13 years they have had this display there have been very few years that the display got rained out even once yet this year we have had 4 rain out days. When this happens people still meet at Denny and Alice hanger and still fire up the barbeque and serve hot dogs. There's still the camaraderie. less the planes. There are times that sitting around and telling airplane stories is fun even without the airplanes there.

The May general meeting was minus our speaker as a consequence of illness. The meeting was still a success thanks to our program chair Rick Van Arsdale who brought us a documentary video on the history of Edwards Air Force Base. Our BAA board works hard to bring you interesting programs during our general meetings and our third Sunday display. This will be the case in our June meeting this Thursday. Shell Bresin will be the speaker. For those of you who know Shell you know he has a long history and vast experience in aviation. Don't miss this meeting!



Member Corner



Meet Michael Apodaca

Mike has owned his beautiful A36 Bonanza for 18 months. Prior to the Bonanza he flew a Piper Cherokee 6.

The Bonanza is Mike's 4th airplane. He chose it because of its great quality and flying characteristics. It was also the right time in his life to purchase this plane. He says it will probably be his last airplane.

Mike learned to fly in Chino and has had his license since 1987.

His favorite flying adventure has been flying into Baja with the Good Samaritans since 1992. Being involved with this group has been very rewarding. It has put him in touch with new experiences and people that he would otherwise never encountered.

His dream flight is to go take the A36 to Alaska. Mike and wife Cindi will make this trip once Cindi retires from her nursing position.

Mike chose Brackett where he hangs his plane on the south side because it was closest to his home in Walnut.

He is very enthusiastic about all the aspects of navigation. He is well versed in the Garmin 430 and 530 and is willing to share this knowledge with our members. Look for a talk from him soon at one of our Thursdays meetings. Mike has learned tricks and good tips for the iPad application *ForeFlight, as well. This application seems to be rising to the top as the 'go to' for aviation in-flight navigation.

*(*ForeFlight Mobile HD is the critically acclaimed flight planning, aviation weather, and flight support app for pilots)*

Mike and Cindi play Bagpipes and practice early in the evenings on Thurs in their hanger. He acknowledges that his wife Cindi is much better at the instrument than he. They belong to the Emerald Society and participate in their charitable events.

He gets just as much pleasure sitting next to his plane in his hanger as he does flying it. He enjoys all aircraft from 150's to Gulf Streams. You can find him most days in his hanger talking, working and planning anything that has to do with airplanes.

Mike is a retired policeman and spends much of his spare time helping friends locate new planes as well as sell their old ones.

BAA Board

President: Frank Sigona

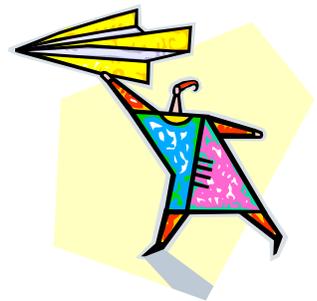
Vice President: Denny Marshall

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Come to the meetings to get and give ideas on how we/you can improve the airport community of Brackett.

Together we can make it great!