



# Southwest Bonanza Society

## January 2015 Newsletter

### **PREZ SEZ**

by  
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**H**appy New Year's to all of you! I don't know about you, but I'm getting serious cabin fever. While we don't get the cold temps in Houston most of you do, we do have a wet cold that continually reminds me of our winters in Aberdeen, Scotland. Our ceilings have also been very low and runway is soggy so birds are staying tucked away in the hangar. I know good weather is around the corner, so will make sure to have the oil changed, belly cleaned and ready to head out as soon as it arrives.

On that note, this is a good time to check all of your records and perform routine maintenance on your aircraft. It is also a good time to check your airmen records, attend safety seminars, take online courses and schedule some recurrent training to take care of any deficiencies. The American Bonanza Society announced that the online Beechcraft Pilot Proficiency Program is now free to ABS Members thanks to generous private donations and corporate sponsorship (To learn more visit: <http://www.bonanza.org/2-uncategorised/1028-bppp-and-abs-flight-instructor-academy-now-free-to-members>). AOPA also offers lots of very good online courses at: <https://www.aopa.org/Education/Online-Courses>. Last but definitely not least the FAA has online courses, their catalog is at: [https://www.faasafety.gov/gslac/ALC/course\\_catalog.aspx](https://www.faasafety.gov/gslac/ALC/course_catalog.aspx).

This is also a good time for making New Year resolutions; I hope one of yours is hosting a SWBS fly-in. For those of you that enjoy attending them, you know that they don't happen without a host. You can host a full weekend affair or just a Hamburger luncheon. If you are interested or just want to visit about the possibility, contact Jon Taylor at (281) 358-9297 or [Jon.Taylor@jba.aero](mailto:Jon.Taylor@jba.aero). We will have two Board Positions to fill this year. If you are interested in serving on the SWBS board, please contact Glenn Beavers at (940) 692-2243.

SWBS online registration and PayPal payment has gone very well. We have over 75% of our members electing to use this system. There have been a few hic-ups along the way, but Boyd Proctor and Glenn Beavers have done a great job in working through them. There has been some confusion with the Spouse / Companion option as this has been our first year to offer this. If you registered and paid for a Spouse / Companion, they still need to register if they wish to access the website, they just will not need to pay to be verified. If you have not registered and paid your dues for 2015, please go to: <http://southwestbonanza.com/> and get this completed.

I wish you blue skies and keeping the shiny side up,

For those that want to get their aviation calendar up to date, here are fixed and tentative dates for events that may be of interest to you:

- 4/21 -- 4/26 Sun-N-Fun; Lakeland, FL
- 4/22 ABS Dinner at Sun-N-Fun; Lakeland, FL
- 5/1 – 5/3 SWBS Annual Member Meeting and Fly-In; Pecan Plantation
- 5/15 – 5/17 B2Osh Mini-Clinic; North Texas Regional (KGYI)
- 5/21 – 5/24 Advanced Formation Clinic; North Texas Regional (KGYI)
- 7/17 – 7/18 Bonanzas to Oshkosh; Rockford, IL
- 7/20 – 7/26 EAA Airventure; Oshkosh, WI
- 7/21 ABS Air-conditioned BBQ; Oshkosh, WI
- 9/26 AOPA Regional Fly-In; Colorado Springs, CO
- 10/1 – 10/4 ABS Annual Meeting and Convention; Orlando, FL
- 10/10 AOPA Regional Fly-In; Tullahoma, TN
- 10/14 – 10/18 Beech Party; Tullahoma, TN
- 12/1 – 12/3 SWBS Fly-in and Christmas Party; TBD

## ***SWBS WEBSITE***

**O**ur new and much improved SWBS Website is now up and running! We are adding more content and enhancements almost weekly.

Most members have already registered and about 90% have paid their dues on the site thru quick and easy PayPal. If you have not registered or paid your 2015 dues, we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience.

There have been a couple of glitches but these have been ironed out and things are working smoothly.

As Jay mentioned, there has been some confusion with the Spouse/Companion option. Most have registered with the Spouse info and just the name of the Companion. Our gracious secretary has informed us that this will not work. For her record keeping, we need all the Companions to go back on the website and re-register separately with all your info, address, email, etc. There are no further charges as you have already paid your dues. For those who have not yet registered, please have the Spouse and Companion register separately. The dues charge is still only \$30 for both. Also note that your username cannot be your email address like it was on the old website.

We have several Fly In photos already on the website and will be adding Fly In information and more photos as time goes by. Note that when you register, or even later, you can add your own photo to your registration. This a nice feature and we encourage you to do so.

One more feature that we would like to add is a gallery of everyone's beloved airplane. This is strictly voluntary, but we hope everyone will participate. Right now, while you are thinking about it, send your favorite jpg photo of your bird to [boydproctor@att.net](mailto:boydproctor@att.net). It can be a photo in flight or on the tarmac and include your name and aircraft model. We prefer a whole plane photo with or without your presence. Please, just do it!!

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*That's all folks!*