



Southwest Bonanza Society

November 2014 Newsletter

FLY-IN + BPPP LIVE

by
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The Southwest Bonanza Society's Fly-in and BPPP Live event is now history. Though the weather was not that great, we did have several participants fly-in, but also had several drive ins.



The large draw for this event was the Bonanza Pilot Proficiency Program (BPPP) Ground School in conjunction with the American Bonanza Society. In keeping with our mission statement, this event promoted comradeship through group education, safety and fellowship. We had several of our regular SWBS attendees at this event, but also had several new comers of which many signed up to become SWBS members. Though, most of our attendees were from the surrounding area, I was happy to see participants join us from Arkansas as well as one attendee from Rhode Island!



BPPP Live on Friday afternoon

Event kicked off at the newly completed FBO at Houston Executive Airport. Participants enjoyed box lunches from Jason's Deli in the luxurious Pilot's Lounge. With lunch completed, all loaded

into vans and personal vehicles for the short trek to the Hilton Garden Inn. ABS ASF Director Tom Turner was joined by 23 students for the first track of the BPPP Live event on "Partial & Total Engine Failures" while 8 companions took one of the vans and headed off to enjoy La Centerra at Cinco Ranch.



Jennifer Pekar reviewing Best Practices in BPPP Live Friday afternoon

Afternoon session of the BPPP event was "How to Brief for an Approach" by Jennifer Pekar.



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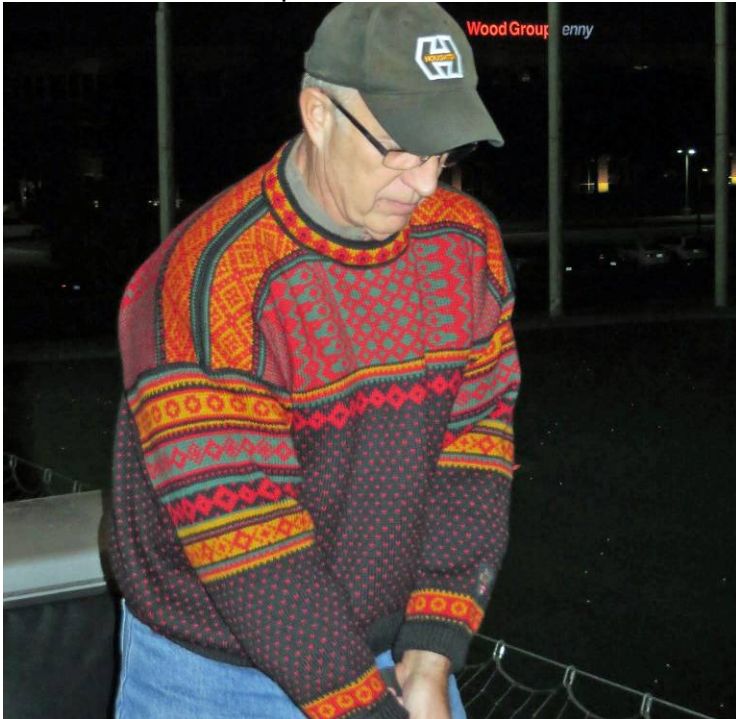
With afternoon activities completed, the SWBS hosts restocked the Venetian room and reopened it as our Hospitality room to discuss the day's activities. After a couple hours of refreshments and snacks, the group loaded up in our vans for a buffet dinner at Landry's. With evening activities behind us, all settled back to the Hilton Garden Inn for a good night's rest.

After breakfast, the BPPP Live sessions resumed with a session on "ADS-B Today" by Bob Downing. The companions decided on brunch at the Burris'. Tom Turner finished the BPPP Live event by covering activities of the ABS ASF over the last 3 years as well as sharing the ASF strategic vision for the next 3 years, followed by a "Stump the Instructor" session.



BPPP Live on Friday afternoon

With the BPPP Live completed, some participants headed back home by air and car while the remaining group went to Brookwood Community Center for a very nice lunch and some Christmas shopping. Participants returned back to the Hilton Garden Inn for a short break at the Venetian Hospitality Room before venturing back out in the cold and rainy weather for the evening's entertainment at TopGolf.



Darwin Totman ready to swing at TopGolf

Participants enjoyed a buffet dinner that included Sliders, Buffalo Wings and Chicken Tenders (this was not a healthy choice meal), but worked off the extra calories playing target golf in a very comfortable environment. With multiple television displays, we could even keep up with the evenings College Football games. After several rounds of target golf, participants loaded back up for the Garden Inn, where we enjoyed a few drinks before calling it an evening.



Darwin and Catherine Totman, Kacie Taylor, Bonnie Beavers and Jon Taylor at Landry's



Jon Taylor, Glenn Beavers, Joe Ramotowski and Darwin Totman at Landry's



Sharon and Vic Kirkwood with Karen and Chuck Fronce at Landry's



Chuck Fronce, Wayne Mudge and Jene Tebeaux at Landry's

Sunday arrived with low ceilings and dreary conditions, but all departures were completed efficiently, with all making it back home safe and sound.

I wish to thank co-hosts Jon and Kacie Taylor who did a fantastic job of keeping all headed in the right direction, companion hosts, Kathy Burris and Kacie Taylor, van drivers Vic Kirkwood, Glenn Beavers, Kathy Burris and Kacie Taylor (I-10 traffic is always fun, but add in dark and wet conditions it is tough sledding). Last but definitely not least, thanks to the BPPP instructors Jennifer Pekar and Bob Downing for volunteering their time to provide first class seminars and Tom Turner for supporting and arranging the BPPP Live event. *****



Attendees for SWBS BPPP Live Event at Hilton Garden Inn in Katy, TX



Rick Trevino, Gerry and Suzy Parker and Sammy Dance at Landry's



Lowell Powers, Ed Livermore, Gary D'Antoni, Wayne and Sceptra Lohmeyer and Steve Dishman at Landry's



Kathy Burris, Carlos and Aileen Acosta with Jennifer and Tom Pekar at Landry's



Tom Turner and Wayne Mudge at TopGolf



Glenn and Bonnie Beavers, Kacie and Jon Taylor, Darwin and Catherine Totman at Brookwood Community Center



Steve Dishman, Vic and Sharon Kirkwood, Karen and Chuck Fronce, Wayne Mudge and Kathy Burris at Brookwood Community Center



Kathy and Jay Burris at Landry's



Chuck and Karen Fronce at TopGolf



Chuck and Karen Fronce with Wayne Mudge and N38DV



Aileen and Carlos Acosta warming up in front of Henriksen's Maserati in the KTME FBO



Van Drivers Vic Kirkwood and Kathy Burris with Fountains at Brookwood Community Center

PREZ SEZ

Our Fly-in and BPPP Live event in Katy, TX is complete and the Christmas Fly-in is just around the corner. The weather definitely tells you Winter is in the air, so be careful flying or driving to Lafayette. Unfortunately, due to a conflict with Kathy's work, we will not be able to attend the event in Lafayette, but know all of the people who were able to get a slot will have a great time. Work on our website continues with expectation that we will be in a position to register and pay our 2015 dues online next month. Of course, we'll still accept printed renewal and checks, but we want to make sure that we provide more options for our Tech Savvy members. 2014 is drawing to a close and it is time to start planning for 2015. There will be many opportunities to participate in Bonanza and Baron Events in 2015. Make sure to add these dates to your calendar and I look forward to seeing you there:

April 22 - ABS Member Dinner @ Sun-N-Fun
May 1 - 3 - SWBS Fly-in to Bentonville, AR (Will also be our Annual Meeting)
May 15-17 - B2Osh Formation Flying Mini-Clinic, Grayson County, TX
May 21-24 - Advanced Formation Flying Clinic, Grayson County, TX
July 17 - 18 - B2Osh, Rockford, IL and Oshkosh, WI
July 21 - ABS Member Dinner, Oshkosh, WI
Oct 1 - 4 - ABS Annual Meeting and Convention, Orlando, FL
Oct 14-18 - Beech Party, Beechcraft Heritage Museum, Tullahoma, TN
Dec 4-6 - SWBS Christmas Party, TBD

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SWBS Annual Christmas Party

Remember the SWBS Annual Christmas Party in Lafayette, La. On Dec 5-7. We are not running the brochure because it is already booked up. If you would like to get on the waiting list contact Konnie Sasser.

PHOTO CREDITS

Thanks to Jay Burris for this edition's photos.



Lowell Powers and his beautiful B58 N58KT all the way from Middletown Rhode Island!



YOU TURKEYS BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

That's ALL FOLKS!