**Zuehl Airport Flying Community Owner’s Association (ZAFCOA)**

**P.O. Box 618**

**Marion, TX 78124**

**Website: morrisrealtysa.com/hoa**

**3Q Newsletter**

Dear Residents,

After a brutally hot summer, Fall is now upon us, and I am certain that you are all welcoming the cooler weather and the much-needed rain. The hot and dry conditions over the summer have taken it’s toll on yards, trees, and most notably, the runway. The runway “grass” is in poor condition and our once green field has almost turned into a gravel bar. Hopefully we’ll get the rain we need to allow the grass to come back in the Spring.

In addition, we know the roads/taxiways are in poor condition and continue to get worse. We have contacted a local contractor who is in the process of providing us a bid for pot-hole repair, routine maintenance (grading) and as-needed upkeep. We hope to have something finalized within the next few weeks. “Thank You” to those members who volunteered their time, efforts and resources to assist with temporary patch repairs, but with the lack of rain/moisture, it was futile to continue to fill holes with the stabilized base material we purchased as the mortar would simply turn to dust and become a hole again within days. We’re hopeful that the contractor comes back with an acceptable bid to fix the worst areas and maintain the roads/taxiways on a continual basis.

That said, I’ll throw out another [not-so] friendly reminder about the speed limit on the roads/taxiways; ***The speed limit everywhere on the field is 15mph!*** Aircraft ALWAYS have the right of way on all surfaces on the field. Despite the potholes and poor road conditions, it is never permissible to drive on the runway or overruns, but there are those that simply refuse to slow down and have elected to drive around the potholes onto the easements, into people’s yards, onto the runway edge near the edge lighting and into the overrun area by the front entrance. There is simply no enforcement mechanism in place, so it is simply an honor system to abide by the rules. Please be sure to remind your visitors of the rules as well.

At the last BoD meeting, we voted to keep the entry/exit gates closed at all times. This has drastically reduced the amount of traffic on the field and hopefully will aid in our keeping the roads/taxiways in better condition as well as keep our property safe. However, we do ask that you stay vigilant. One of our members reported a suspicious person wandering around hangars at 2:30am and when confronted, entered a vehicle and drove down the runway at a high rate of speed, across the south overrun and out onto Gin Road. Additionally, it was reported that there was another vehicle driving extremely fast down the taxiway each night between 3am-4am. Guadalupe County Sheriff was notified, but thus far, there has been no resolution.

Thank you to those who abided by the dumpster rules and made sure not to discard unapproved items or leave items outside the dumpster. We will schedule another delivery in the Spring timeframe, post the prohibited items listing on the side of the dumpster and notify members of the time and location.

On September 23rd, Steve Harrelson organized and hosted the first fly-in we’ve had at Zuehl Field since 2016. We had a total of 15 airplanes and around 60 people that attended! This was a very successful “test-run” for future fly-in’s we’d like to host at Zuehl. Events included a flour bomb drop and toilet paper ribbon cutting, great food and conversations! We made several new aviation friends from around the area. Thanks to Jeannette Hodon, for rallying her chili cooking friends (Kathie Cielencki, Michelle Smith and Mel & Happy Burton) who cooked and donated the awesome chili and Frito pies and served BBQ.

Our next Board of Director’s meeting is scheduled for 26 October at 7pm. See the official notice in this mailing. Additional notifications will be on the ZAFCOA website at: <https://morrisrealtysa.com/hoa/>, on the Zuehl Flying Community Facebook page, and a reminder on the mailbox. Residents are welcome to attend and provide any feedback to your board. There will be another notice sent out for the November Members meeting currently scheduled for 18 November at 9:00am, same location.

Matt Humes

President, ZAFCOA Board of Directors