GOPA 2022 Fredericksburg, Texas

Fun In Hill Country







First plane on the ground Friday, Eric and Dawn...



Seven planes in by Saturday evening.





We even have a Cougar this year...



Day's end in Hill Country.

Most of the wildflowers seem to be over. We did find these ones.



Convention Center welcoming marquee.





Co-hosts Scott and Bill filling in for the ground boss and GOPA Valet service getting ready to assist First Timers Patrick and Mary- Welcome.



Co-hosts Susan and Cindy taking a much deserved break after getting most everything in the convention center set up.







Guy 'supervising' as Stew and Carol handle convention registrations.

A cross section of the many excellent donated items for the GOPA Scholarship Silent Auction.







There are about 27 planes late Sunday afternoon.





Monday morning Board Meeting, done at 10:30, yea!

A couple of David Fletcher's techs are over doing rigging checks.

























Monday First Timers Welcome Meeting, 52 first time GOPA convention attendees, a record this year.

Co-chair Scott addressing the attendees.



Welcome Reception, Tacos and Nachos Buffet.



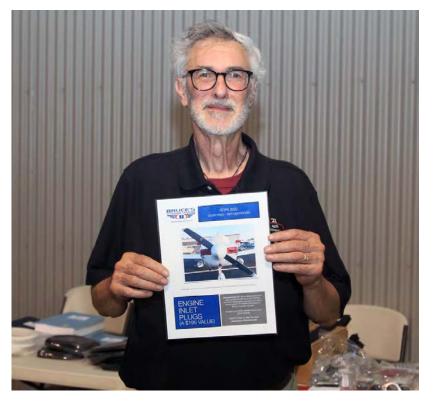
Safety briefing from Ron.



Scholarship Director Pat with the 50-50 winner who kindly donated his winnings back to the GOPA Scholarship Fund! Thank you!



Stephen won a coupon for a set of cowl plugs from Bruce's Covers.



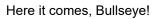




Cats on the prowl for some fun and games...

Some of the avid GOPA fans.

Tuesday Ground Games, Precision Taxi and Grumman Limbo.











The Member's Meeting voted to change the limbo to The Kat Wells Memorial Limbo. And, once again Dave was victorious.





From San Antonio ATS, Jose and John, presenting a seminar on general ATC procedures.



Zachary Wells, a past GOPA scholarship winner, instructing the Cockpit Cool Course for non-pilot partners.

GOPA Tech Director John, presented seminar on Grumman maintenance issues.



Lynda introducing the Experts panel.





President Sharon presenting Lauren Larsen Memorial Award to GOPA Tech Director John Cotter for his contributions to GOPA in the last year.



Mr Martin patiently waiting for a turn at the Kat Wells Memorial Limbo...



An example of this year's plaques.



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Wednesday was Air Games, above is David Fletcher and Kathrin Kaiser on a Flour Bomb run, yes, in the Cougar.

Left is a Spot Landing competitor.

Below, left, is the Air Boss crew and a competitor awaiting release.



The Flour Bomb ground crew ready for action.















Thursday Seminars included Bill Marvel on his airplane ferrying career, Ann Haub and Lisa Taylor on the WASP program and museum and Ron Levy with a primer on new FAA rules and regulations.







The wind up banquet was held in the Pacific Showroom, looks a lot like a Tiki Bar.



Mike Babin and Brenda McClintock received their plaque from Dave Beaman for finishing first in the Air Rally

Airport Manager Tony Lombardi receives a plaque of appreciation from co-chair Scott for his assistance in making our convention a success.

Walt Porter wins again, this time for the Wing Nut Toss, hosted by Sir Captain Mr Nigel.





Walt Porter wins for the longest distance flown, narrowly beating out another competitor.

Chris Richards won for the People's Choice Award, the plaque was presented by Scott. Chris' plane is below.

President Sharon presented GOPA Scholarship Administrator/Director Pat Metz with a unique floating earth gift for 21 years of nurturing and administering the GOPA Scholarship.









Bob Pattee presents the Spot Landing Plaque to Rick Velasquez.



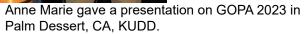
Mike Babin presents David Fletcher and Kathrin Kaiser, the winners of the Flour Bombing, with their plaques.



Scott presents a plaque of appreciation to President Sharon.



President Sharon presents the 2021 Lauren Larsen Memorial Award to Kathrin Kaiser.





The newest pilot, as of 4:00 PM Thursday was Greg Brandon.

GOPA Scholarship recipient Zack Wells led the Cockpit Cool course with 18 in class.







Our Hosts, Scott, Susan, Bill and Cindy

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