

# AERO POINTS

## September 2005

This summer Aero experienced record-breaking heat temperatures and now let us look forward to cooler weather and school activities.

### **Update on Board matters:**

The Board of Directors had been quite busy with many different issues for the past few months. The Board met with several new neighbors, kept abreast of the committee activities, monitored the maintenance, had legal and liability consultations, reviewed architectural plans for approval, studied the effects of R-CD development on Twelve Mile Creek Road in relation to Aero, studied the Deal's property in relation to the upper dam if there was a sellout, and tried to settle concerns and grievances.

### **Welcome New Neighbors:**

Travis and Melissa Manning – Lot #76 Baron Road, back loop

Bill Pagona and Debbie DeFelice – Lot #63 Tee Top

Reinhold and Elaine Grauer – Lot #77 Baron Road, back loop

Phil and Debbie Hanrahan – Lot #78 Baron Road, back loop

Martin and Mary Anna Efird – Lot #30 Eagle Road

Marcus and Kristy Burch – Tee Top

James Merritt and Francheska Rex – Lot #24 Baron Road

### **COMMITTEES:**

**Road** – As part of the long-range study, the road committee is in the process to begin paving test sections in three areas of Aero at a budget of \$4500. Part of that money (\$2300) will include a hump. The work will involve neighborhood volunteers and the areas of testing will be closed off for a short period of time.

Residents will be notified beforehand. Anyone who wishes to help, please contact Bob Cauthen.

**Beautification:** Bridget Allison reported that the committee had requested that the Board allow the large dead crepe myrtle at the entrance be replaced and the irrigation system turned on. There was some objection to the replacement of the dead tree and the committee is planning to see if they can make a trade with a tree company, such as Southern Tree. The committee will ask around and see if they can trade the remaining large crepe myrtles for 5-6 smaller trees. Regarding the irrigation, several of the heads needed to be checked for damage due to home construction.

**Signs** - Special appreciation is recognized for Rob Smith and Don Dowdle for the painting of the road signs. They had to battle fire ants, extreme weather conditions, and gawking neighbors, all with good humor. Rob states that it is an ongoing project.

**Maintenance: Roads** – Irvin Brewbaker met with Lewis Harrison (Action Paving) and conducted a tour of Aero's hot spots that needed repair. For any major road repair work, estimates of cost will vary due to the fluctuation cost of oil if we were to top-cap all roads and he suggested not to begin any major road repair work until all construction is completed. Also, consider changing the triangle at the Baron Road intersection to a circular format. Current work done at the front entrance was overlay paving, correcting the surface and edging of the most needed areas of other major areas of the roads at a cost of \$15,000. Shoulders need attention and there is a problem with topsoil erosion. The canopy of trees is creating a "steam bath" effect on the ground. Seeding work will be done at the upper dam area as weather permits.

**Tennis Court** – Kelly Vrabel researched the cost of a new basketball goal and the purchase is on hold at present as the Board is studying the overall condition and possible repair of the tennis court.

**Lighting** – Irvin has replaced and repaired lighting at the front entrance. The Board is concerned about proper lighting on the runway as a security measure. The runway lights and pole light should be monitored for better security. The antenna is not in working order and there is no motion detector at the hangar. The Board would like to have an aircraft pilots committee be formed to help the Board keep abreast of the condition of the runway, lighting, and hangar.

**Leaking valve pipe, lower dam** – Thanks to the efforts of scuba diver, Aaron Efird, the leaking area was plugged with sacrete, which will serve as a temporary remedy until the lake can be brought down and the damage can be assessed. Irvin has been researching the best way to tackle the problem.

**Social:** The annual pig picking was held on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> and thanks again for the gourmet feast Chef Alan Birch and helpers (Dwight Hunter, Donna Birch, Mary Good, Buntin Podrebarac) prepared. Much work is put into this annual affair and those who attended enjoyed the neighborhood camaraderie.

Don't forget to greet the Hollweeners, Monday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Ladies' Cookie Exchange is held in December. This is a good time to meet your new neighbors. The next adult social will be Sunday, February 12, 2006, the Annual Business Meeting at 2:00 P.M. The Fourth of July fireworks display for 2006 permit application will have to be revisited. Anyone interested in taking over this project, please contact the Board.

**Reminders:** \* Dogs must be leashed when out of their property.

Horses are not allowed on the asphalt

Speed Limit is **25 MPH** in Aero

No vehicles or other activity allowed on the runway - under FAA ruling

When houses are sold, new owners must meet with the Board before the

Closing takes place – notify your realtors

Building Contractors are responsible for any damage to the roads and surrounding debris

No sitting or standing on the Suspension Bridge cables

Residents may use the Aero Mailbox (tennis court parking area). No stamps required if put in the open slot. The pull down door is for the mail carrier only and mail will need stamps

**P.S.** Thanks to Dwight Hunter for fixing the Aero mailbox

**Liability and Legal Issues:** The Board met with Mr. Tom Robertson, our insurance agent representing First Charter. We reviewed concerns of liability involving trespassers, signage, dams, lakes, school busses, and runway. Some of his suggestions included to consider guardrails on the dams and to post “no swimming.” signs at the lakes. Of course, he suggested that we could increase our coverage from 1 million to 2 million for both the general and officers' liability. The Board will further study these suggestions. An appointment will be scheduled soon with our attorney, Tim Sellers, to evaluate legal status of Covenants re: collection of legal fees and to borrow money for capital improvement. These topics will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in February 2006.

**Vandalism:** Mailbox bashing continues to occur in Aero. There have been three incidents reported to the police over the past few weeks. Recently a vehicle, exiting the front entrance, had been seen destroying a mailbox and had been identified. The police are investigating.

**\*Dog Incident:** Recently a runner (neighbor) was bitten by a dog in Aero. The runner was injured enough to have to obtain a tetanus injection. Please remember the rule in Aero that dogs are to be leashed when outside of their property and properly fenced in. The responsibility lies with every dog owner and persons should feel free to use Aero roads without threat of injury.

**Welcome Baskets:** Katharine Arno (Osprey Court) would like to form a group of volunteers to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood. She has some good ideas and if you are interested in helping, call her at 704-243-3277.

**Proud Parents: Congratulations to their children!**

**Allison, Doug and Bridget** – daughter Chelsea of Skytop Road has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. She is a senior at Charlotte Catholic High School. President of the National Honor Society, winner of the Bausch and Lomb Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science, a nominee for the Morehead Scholarship and has been awarded UNC Chapel Hill's Carolina award for achievement in Science. She has been selected as a Princess in the Carolina Carousal Pageant and Parade.

**Efird, Aaron and Len** -daughters Carson, 22, a graduate of Bennington College, Vt. was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the College. She now resides in Raleigh, teaching Yoga and rehearsing dancers for the presentation of two of her works, Oct. in Brooklyn, NY.

And Bonnie, 16, sophomore at Charlotte Latin, on the 2005 Homecoming Court, and an accomplished Dressage rider, showing Third Level at Regional Dressage Competition, Lexington, Va. in Oct.

**Halverson, Jay and Sonya** – son “Congratulations to Max who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. This is the highest rank and honor a scout can receive. Many, many hours of community service and volunteering to others in need were put into this, showing what is truly important in our children’s lives today. The putting of oneself second to the needs of many others. It is not about our own lofty ideals and goals but how we humble ourselves to help others. Way to go Max! Love, Mom and Dad”

**McKinley, Shep and Cynthia** – son Cameron will be performing (as one of Fagan’s Boys), Matthews Playhouse production of “Oliver” Sept.30 to Oct.9, Matthews Community Center.

**Richter, Kim and Susan** – daughters Erin-from Cooper City, FL, is on maternity leave but will return to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year. Her husband is a medical detailer for PMT Corp. Carrie and family has moved to Charlotte from Canandaigua, NY, will attend UNCC in Jan. to complete her nursing degree. Her husband is with University Volvo. And Molly lives and works in Myrtle Beach, made the Dean’s List at Coastal Carolina University last semester and now taking constitutional law and political philosophy courses.

Quote from Susan “since moving here in Jan.2004 we have made good friendships with neighbors and love living in Aero. We’re never leaving!”

**Smith, Rob and Sally** – son Jonathan at age 14 began glider lessons at Bermuda High (Phyllis Ewing’s daughter’s school) and graduated to motorized craft at Goose Creek Airport (where we found our Cessna 182A). All through high school and college (Wingate Un.) he continued to fly in and out of Aero for lessons and experience. He went to fly turbo-powered a/c in Fort Lauderdale area for one year and has been flying regional jets for Pinnacle Airlines, Northwest Airlink, in Minneapolis for three months. Jonathan realized his dream.

**Evacuees:** A family of seven needs help getting settled in a house that is donated by Mayor Nancy Anderson, rent-free for one year. The house is located in Weddington (across from the Weddington Activity Center on Providence Road). John Hancock, of WBT Station, has been talking about this project on his program inviting folks to send their contributions to: WBT House

WBT House  
Weddington United Methodist Church  
2231 Rising Sun Lane  
Matthews, NC 28104

There is a dire need to help this family with funds and every little bit helps. The Church will send the tax-deductible receipt to you.

If you wish to help with meals when they move in (target date is Oct 9), you may e-mail Joan Goetchius.

**NOTE;** If you have not already contacted Peter Balletta to be placed on our Website or you would like your e-mail address changed, please contact him at [pb@aeroplantation.net](mailto:pb@aeroplantation.net)

The Board urges all Aero residents to consider being placed on the “Contact Us Page” as they use this media as a source of relaying Aero business from time to time.

Let us all extend our support and prayers for Beth Masurat and Linda Babich during their time of recovery.

**HAPPY AUTUMN TO ALL**