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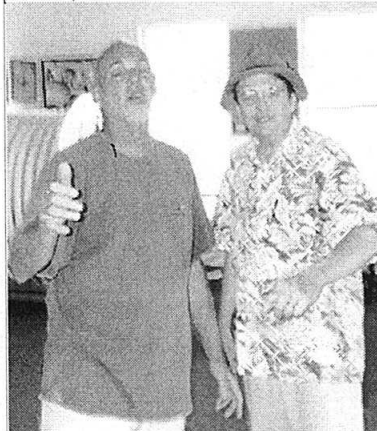
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## MEDINA RIVER AIRPORT — PLANE COUNTRY

**By John Latour**

Many moons ago, a friend introduced me to the Medina River Airport and airplane country. He is one mile away, whereas I am about five miles from the private, grass airstrip. Our Breezy hangar is on the lakeside of Hwy 1283 between Pipe Creek and Lakehills. You now know the setting.

My friend, Butch, called asking to fly the Breezy before leaving for his trip west to Arizona and north to Nebraska. Without hesitation, I said yes. Meet you at airport in five minutes. I showered, dressed and took one-step out of house where I noticed 85% overcast. I drove to airport. He had the Continental 90 running upon my arrival. I looked up, noticed 100% overcast, looked at Butch and gave him a thumbs down. He shook his head no, snapped the windbreaker out of my hand and gave me a headset. We strapped in, checked the intercom and using as much of available runway, our Breezy started to roll, rotated at 55 mph and left ground. What a blast we experienced, dodging deer on ground and buzzards in sky.

The countryside landscape was lush with green vegetation. The wind was cool. He pointed out Medina River RV Resort, Liebold Ranch and Lakeside Estate as we

flew toward Scenic Harbour at Elm Cove. Moreover, for the first time I found my house from the air located on our hillside. We flew over Scenic Harbour to check out the marina. What a difference between driving and flying! After finding Tony Seurer's donated 19-foot cabin cruiser and assuring ourselves that it was still floating, we headed south toward Mico, Medina Lake Dam and Teki (Walton) Island. Medina River Airport at Lake Medina, in my mind, is A-I-R P-L-A-N-E C-O-U-N-T-R-Y!

