



Lion President Len Matula was presented Past Presidents pin by incoming president Pat Pavlu. Lion President also presented Two President appreciation pins to Pat Pavlu and Sam Kana.



Lion President Len Matula presented 37-year perfect attendance pin to Lion Mark Anderson. Not pictured Lion Roy Dean Van Nort who also received a 37 year pin



Lions President Len Matula presented Lion of the Year plaque to Lion Major Bengé.



Eagle Lake Noon Lions Installation of Officers for 2007-2008 was held at the Farris Hotel Thursday, June 14. Installation was conducted by Mark Anderson past president and past District Governor.

Eagle Lake Noon Lion's Club officers for 2007-2008 left to right: Joe H. McCreary, Two Year Director; Travis Wegenhoft, Assisat Treasurer; Dan Canaris, Lion Tamer; Pat Pavlu, President; Major Bengé, Secretary; Robert Stowers, Second Vice President; Rod Adkins, First Vice President; Len Matula, Past President.

Not pictured, Noble Anderson, Treasurer; Sam Kana, Tail Twister; Steve Taylor, Two Year Director; Bryan Wiese, One Year Director; Billy Ferguson, One Year Director.

Views Around The Lake by Cindy Klopsteck

"Mom, how do they do that?" —my then five-year-old daughter, 1988, when viewing a climbing crop duster.

I don't like driving down 90A into Eagle Lake and a crop duster flies directly over my car. The refreshing thing I've learned lately is that the crop duster pilot probably feels the same way - he doesn't like flying over traffic any more than the traffic likes driving beneath him.

When that plane comes low over an adjacent field and peaks up abruptly before the power lines in advance of crossing a highway or county road, I've been known (and I'm not a superstitious person) to artfully dodge the anticipated site of the crossover.

But it's sometimes difficult to calculate. I see the plane coming low towards the power lines. He HAS to come up, he HAS to start climbing.....I watch with cautious anxiety from my speeding car.

We always make it - he glides through the air and I needlessly weave on the ground. It's just the idea of our paths crossing, never mind the fact that we are many, many yards apart.

And all this, mind you, while dodging the free-wheeling 18-wheelers barreling in all directions, with and against me, down the highway. That has always been my first strategic play in driving to work. This time of year, however, I have the added feature of overhead traffic in the form of those crop dusters.

I can visualize all this like some giant teenager with a game-boy control maneuvering the every move of passenger car, crop duster, 18-wheeler truck - with me always hoping and praying that the giant teen is more nimble and quick with his moves than I feel to be....

I spoke with Debbie Shanks at Farm and Ranch Aerial Service about the ins and outs of crop dusting from the Eagle Lake Regional Airport. That business and the Double L Flying Service are the two crop dusting services flying out of our local airport.

And if you think our roadways are busy with all that traffic, Debbie says just watch Friday afternoons and Saturdays at the airport. That's when student pilots come in and out and, add to that the busy crop dusters, you've

got lots of flight action.

Back to us drivers here on earth, I was told that crop duster pilots are very aware of the people and traffic below them, as well as those chemicals they are using.

It's all pretty technical these days, no flagger standing at the field's edge any longer. And wind is a big factor, obviously, along with those power lines, as pilots finish spraying and swoop up at the end of those fields.

I also spoke with our City Manager Ronald Holland. Many of those student pilots are receiving instruction at the airport's terminal facility.

He told me a recent TxDot grant will enable airport expansion, with another building to be constructed housing two additional hangars. It's nice to know our small town has the added convenience of a regional airport, and we are growing and expanding in that area.

All this information made me feel pretty good about the air traffic around Eagle Lake. Now I just need to investigate and feel better about those roaring 18-wheelers surrounding my poor little car each day.....

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