

HICKS AIRFIELD PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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It is with profound sadness that the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association announces that John Unangst, President of the Hicks Airfield Board of Directors, died October 7 in an aircraft accident. He was 67. Mr. Unangst was the sole occupant of the aircraft that crashed just south and east of Hicks Airfield around 10 am.

A veteran of the United States Air Force and a former test pilot, Mr. Unangst brought to the Board a lifetime of aviation experience and an unwavering commitment to the stewardship and vitality of Hick Airfield. He served as President of the Hicks Airfield Pilots Association for the past five years, guiding the airport with diligence, integrity, and a deep personal devotion to general aviation and to the airport community he served.

"John's passing is a devastating loss for our airport family and for everyone who knew him," the Board said in a statement. "His leadership, his expertise, and his generosity of spirit shaped this airport in ways that will endure for years to come. Our hearts go out to his family and friends during this difficult time."

The cause of the accident has not been determined. The Board will not speculate on the cause and defers to the appropriate investigating authorities. The Board asks that the privacy of Mr. Unangst's family be respected as they grieve this loss. No further details are available for release at this time.

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Broadcast media note: Mr. Unangst pronounced his last name "you-nanst"