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Club Meetings

Held the 3rd Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

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"IT'S HOT OUTHERE!" Such were the words from the 22 people who attended the July Fun Fly. The sweltering humidity that greeted them also drove most to leave by 1:00pm. However, those who came found some surprises.

Everyone saw a second runway, freshly mowed, running parallel to the original runway on the north side. The paved runway had been given wider shoulders, and wider, deeper end zones; effectively enlarging the runway. Everything was done to enhance flying by giving more room for landing and taking off, and to determine the possibility for an alternate landing zone. Preliminary results are positive. Thanks to Bill Ponseigo who spent 3-4 hours mowing in order to give everyone a glimpse into a possible future for Harold Gannon Field.

As always the flying was eventful. Pete Dubree flew the maiden flight of his *Sbach 342 Thunderbolt* and Dan Hanaway successfully flew the maiden flight of his *Ultimate 2 Biplane*. Brent Vannes splattered his *Stinger 90* on the runway, Tom Richards drew smoke trails with his *Yak 54*, Chris Little attempted to fly his autogyro,

and Richard Saunders ripped the landing gear of his plane - once again.

Special recognition goes to Chris Little's *UH-1 Huey*, built from scratch with markings resembling that which Phil Everman flew in Vietnam. Phil Everman perfectly flew his new *Stuka* three times, Bill Grozdanich ran up his brand new *Evolution 7-77* glow-fired, 7-cylinder radial engine, and Dan Hanaway flew his own scratch-built monoplane.

Visitors included Lee, our landlady, and family members: Fran and Chuck, Gene, Gene's son, and grandson Josh. Josh recorded the Fun Fly with his Apple MacBook.

The day's most unusual event: corn husks carried by the wind showered the field at midday. The day was roasting, but as always it was exceptional! Jim Witthauer

THE PICS







July 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The June 2016 minutes were read. A motion was made to accept the Minutes. Approved. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

GUESTS: Marsha, Patrice, Mary, Carol, Pat, Sarah

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Club meeting is being moved to August 23rd. Chappareita's Restaurant will be closed on the regular meeting day due to vacations. The Fun Fly for August 2016 will be on the 28th. Mark your calendars. E-mail reminders will be sent to all members.

OLD BUSINESS:

If you want a club shirt, check with Eric Amundsen, he will take your order. Shirts are \$22. Extended sizes are \$2 higher. There is no minimum order. If you want a shirt, call Eric. Blue hats are \$15. New members, hats are free. A new name tag board will be attached to the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag.

The Club has donated 148 lbs. of food to the Food Bank this month for a total of 706 lbs. for this year. Keep up the good work, folks! Let's make 2016 even bigger.

Special Thank You:

We have some Club members what we believe have a genetic problem that manifests itself in the extreme need to cut & trim grass. The Club benefits. Thank you goes out to Bill Ponseigo, Phil Everman and Bob Woolley for all the hard work in the hot weather keeping the grass cut. You folks make the field look great and a super place to fly!!

Swap Meet:

The "Swap Meet" July 8th and 9th at the Encino Park HOA building was a huge success!! Tom Richards really pulled this together! He made the food, set up tables and even swept the floors. Super Job Tom! A special Thank You goes out to all of Tom's helpers!! JD Smith provided tables that he checked out from Lackland AFB; Buck Murray provided the drinks at no cost; Jim Witthauer provided tables and took pictures of the event; Sheila Palmmini ran the kitchen and made sure we were safe; Tony and Sarah Centeno for handling all the

money for the event and last but not least Bill Ponseigo for spearheaded the cleanup. This was a huge success due to the super club members. The Club made approximately \$1500 on this event after expenses of \$1030. The next one is planned for Oct 20-21, 2017. Mark your calendars.

The 4th of July weekend flying, food and fireworks was a huge success. Over 60 folks attended and fireworks lasted to about 11pm. Joe and his family loved the night and recommended that we have it again. Thank you Tom Richards for all the help putting this thing together. Another Super Job!

Hot Weather and Snakes:

The weather has been extremely hot lately. Be careful; make sure you have plenty of water. If you are alone flying, you might want to consider leaving the airplane until you find another person to go with you. If you pass out due to the heat or were to get bitten by a snake, no one will find you in the fields! No one will steal your airplane. If you must retrieve an airplane out in the fields watch where you step and look before you reach. Wear the SnakeGators which are located in the First Aid Box. Use them! Please be careful!!!

The July Fun Fly is July 24th from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

NEW BUSINESS

The length of the grass to the North side of the runway seems to be an issue, particularly with landing gear and large airplanes. The Club currently cuts 3 lawn mower widths around the runway and Joe cuts the rest when he harvests hay. Joe has agreed to allow us to cut the North side grass (30' x 400'). The Club must pay him \$300 for the hay production loss.

It was proposed that the Club cut the grass and pay Joe the \$300 for the land use.

The proposal was withdrawn when following was presented:

According to Texas A&M Extension Service, to make the grass flyable, copious amounts of water (1" per week or 625 gallons per 1000 sq. ft.) must be applied and the grass cut at least once a week, preferably twice. This care will allow the grass to fill in. It would take approximately a year for the grass to fill in.

Note: Since the hay has been cut, half of the grass on the North side has been

cut as a test. It took 2 additional hours to cut and is very rough.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Phil Everman modified his twin ARF from Tower Hobbies with a third engine in the nose. As he was starting the center engine, his fingers came into contact with one of the outboard running engines. The props cut Phil's fingers extensively. Buck bandaged things up and Phil took off for the ER to get things stitched up. Phil met up with a PA friend and got stitched (about 60 stitches) and was back at the Fun Fly within an hour. The Tri-engined airplane was not going to get the best of him. After everything was fired up, Phil took off and buzzed the field at about mach 1.

Things started to come apart literally. Seems the overpowered beat lost the vertical tail and rudder due to flutter. Phil crashed but not too bad; great job with stitched fingers. The plane has repaired and flying again.

SHOW AND TELL

Phil Everman brought in his new Stuka made by Phoenix Aircraft from Tower Hobbies. Phil put a Saito 150 in the nose and 9 servos to make everything work. He says it flies great!

Eric Amundsen brought in his Baldwin C119 train engine and tracks for a demonstration. Eric is building a railroad in his back yard in addition to flying airplanes.

Tom Richard showed us his Great Planes Big Stick he won at the Christmas Party raffle. It has a Saito engine and should fly great like a Stick.

Bill Ponseigo showed us his modified engine cowling that will allow a lot of air to flow around the engine cylinder. His OS 33cc is in for a rebuild because of overheating. Cylinders are on backorder.

Jim Keck brought in EPO Grip #30 paste epoxy. This is a thick paste like epoxy that stays put and is great for gluing those wing halves together without the mess. It cleans up with alcohol and has about a 30 minute working time. They have other great stuff for model airplane construction. Check out www.epogrip.com

RAFFLE

The monthly raffles are designed to break even. Any excess monies are used for the Christmas Party Raffle. Our wives and guests receive a free raffle ticket for attending the meeting. Special thanks go out to Hobby Town for providing the

raffle prizes to the Club at a reduced price. The Gift Certificates were provided by Tower Hobbies and Sig Manufacturing as a result of our sanctioned "Swap Meet".

Great Planes Sport Zero 40 ARF — Juan Galvez
Spinner — Buck Murray
Spinner — Phil Everman
Gallon of Fuel — Bill Ponseigo
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Fuel Pump — Bill Ponseigo
LiPo Battery Pack — Robin Cook
Wheel Chocks — Robin Cook
Dead Center Tool — Tony Centeno
Heat Gun — John Miller
Tower Gift Certificate (\$25) — John Miller
Tower Gift Certificate (\$25) — Bob Palmini
Tower Gift Certificate (\$25) — Tony Centeno
Sig Gift Certificate (25% off) — Tom Richards

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



