



ARCS News



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CLUB FLYING SITE is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Shepard Road

Fun - Fly



The corn fields are now clear; stalks cut down and ears of corn harvested. Rolls of hay drying in the sun await pickup. Autumn has finally arrived. With it 25 pilots came out for a mid-autumn fun fly under a sunny sky with no possibility of rain. Cool temperatures in the morning gave way to a warm afternoon with mostly gentle winds from the southeast blowing down the runway. The day was nearly perfect for a full day of flying that included a few new airplanes and three spectacles of racing!

JD Smith and Stephan Christensen decided to chase each other around the sky in an attempt to beat one another at both speed and maneuverability. Inspired by their similar flying skills (although JD is the more seasoned pilot) the two competitors gave the crowd three exciting races to watch and cheer. The competition was keen. Not willing to give up a chance for victory JD flew one race until he was out of fuel forcing a dead stick landing. The winner of the first race was probably JD, Stephan won the second, and the third ended in a tie. Father Doug Christensen was on hand to photograph the competition, and of course to

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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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cheer his son to victory. Pete Dubree attempted to join the race with his Rebel 70mm EDF Jet but was clearly not a match as JD and Stephan left him trailing behind.

New aircraft to a Fun Fly included James Munro's *Midi Pilatus PC6*, and Brent Vannes *Nieuport 17* from MaxFord USA and *Carbon 2 P2 Prometheus* Biplane from Eflite.

Finally, the best treat of the day was the abundance of bakery items and sausage biscuits. Seems many recalled the missing doughnuts last month and amends were made with many boxes of bakery delights!
Jim Witthauer







Club Meeting October 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The September 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: Pat, Sarah, Sarah, Carol, Amber, and Chris

NEW MEMBERS: Rex Frank and Steve Hanaway

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The **Fun Fly** is **October 23rd** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

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 1021 lbs. of food to the Food Bank through August. Totals for September and October will be combined for this next month's report. **Keep up the good work, folks!**

The "grass runway" has been cut short and the grass is starting to fill in the bare spots. We need more rain to promote further growth. Everything is looking good. The Club will vote at the November meeting to continue the project for next year. Please remember, there will be no water except for rain throughout the year and the Club will be responsible for grass cutting. We may not have a wet August next year. Also, the Club has doubled the amount of fuel used to keep the grass cut.

The edges of the runway are cracking with all of the additional moisture this year. Buck Murray asked his asphalt expert to evaluate the situation. The experts agree that the only way to preserve the runway and prevent cracking, is to install a narrow concrete collar around the edges. Anything short of this type of action will not stop the cracking. The project would entail cutting a 4 inch wide trench around the edges of the asphalt, add rebar and fill with concrete. About 9 yards will be required. Materials will be approximately \$1000 plus a lot of labor. Buck is going to try to negotiate a package deal for something less than \$1700. The Club will be contacting Joe for permission to start such a project. With **Joe's permission**, we should start this project early spring. We will let you know of what we find out.

Tony Farnsworth will have his Troop of Scouts camp out over night at the field and will be painting all of the tables for a project. The date has yet to be finalized. We have painted one of the repaired tables with the new color. Check it out. The Club will be supplying the paint.

A special thank you goes out to Rich Sanders for doing the grass cutting for the last couple of months. Bill needed a break, the grass looks great and Bill's landings do not shake like

the vibrations from the mower! You probably enhanced safety and didn't even know it.

Joe has re-welded the shaky picnic table and made it level. Thank you, Joe!

Mark your calendars for November 20th "Food Fly". It from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring the family, fly and eat. It doesn't get any better than this. Tom Richards will be the "Food Coordinator" and cooking the brisket and sausage. Please call him at 210-669-1953 or by e-mail; t-richards@sbcglobal.net and let him know what you are bringing. Jim Keck will be sending out reminders. Remember to bring snacks for the pilots and food for the Food Bank (note this is the last donation of the year).

NEW BUSINESS:

Remember "Flying Safety" is everybody's business. Flying airplanes is a dangerous hobby. Please remember a few things and keep everyone safe.

- a. If you need to walk on the runway to retrieve an airplane, announce loudly what you are doing. All other fliers must fly high to allow you to safely enter the runway environment and return. The intrusion must be a brief as possible.
- b. If you are going to take off, announce it. Loudly! "Coming Out". Don't dally around.
- c. If your engine quits, announce it. "Dead Stick!" You have the right of way and have priority. All others will fly high and out of the way until the emergency has passed.
- d. COMMUNICATE!

Be Safe. Remember, Buck Murray is the Club Safety Officer. Call him if you have a safety issue.

The Christmas Party is Tuesday December 13th from 6 to 10pm at **Chaparrita's Mexican Restaurant at 7350 Tezel Rd.** We will have a large raffle, Chinese gift exchange (NO GAG GIFTS) and special gift drawings. You must bring a gift (worth at least \$20) to participate in the gift exchange. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Children are welcome. Each child will receive a gift and is part of the fun. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$20 for fingertip to fingertip pull (about 30 to 35 tickets). There will be a separate Ladies Raffle. We will be having 2 entrees:

- 1) Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable medley, tea or coffee.
- 2) Flat Iron Steak, potatoes and vegetable medley, tea or coffee.

Each entrée includes sodas, tea and lemon aide along with desert for **\$18.50 per person**. You can bring your own beer, wine or anything other beverages if you wish. The cutoff date is December 3rd. Send a check payable to ARCS to:

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Also, tell him what you want to eat.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Chris Little was out flying his electric Great Planes Slinger. He had flown the plane many times and had no problems. All of a sudden the twin tails started to flutter and departed the airplane. It proceeded to spin and to come apart in mid-air. It came to rest in the very tall grass west of the runway. It has not been found, even with a Quad and camera looking for the remains.

The Winner is Chris.

SHOW AND TELL:

Lupe Talamantez showed us his new electric 60 size Escapade. It is really neat, with a 5000mah LiPo powering the 60 sized motor. This is Lupe's first electric and is a big learning project. Great Job, Lupe.

Chris Little showed us his electric foam ME 163 from Hobby King. It flies great and has droppable landing gear like the full scale version. Just remember where you dropped the gear. It is hard to find in the grass.

Chris is also one of our resident jet fliers. He and JD Smith are adding a Pulse Jet to a SIG Wonder for a superfast full speed jet. It will have a pressurized and regulated fuel pressure to get the jet to work properly. It looks great so far. Take a lot of pictures prior to the first flight. Then fasten your seat belt!

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.

Lanier Stinger 40 — Buck Murray
Fuel Pump — Mel Hagen
Wheel Chocks — Buck Murray
Gallon of Fuel — Jim Keck
Gallon of Fuel — Bill Ponseigo
Wheels — Bob Palmini
LiPo Battery Pack — Steve Hanaway
LiPo Battery Pack — Buck Murray

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

