



ARCS News



Alamo Radio Control Society

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

Fun - Fly



If there is a means to encourage people to come out to the monthly Fun Fly, then Combat Competition must be the way. With a crowd of over forty people and 26 pilots the February Fun Fly was arguably the best attended in recent memory.

Megaphone in hand, Phil Everman organized and led the event's proceedings. Ten competitors chased each other in the sky attempting to sever trailing paper streamers without crashing or colliding during the heat of battle. The event was to feature S.A.P.D aircraft but some chose to fly ARF's or kits that had languished in hangers at home. For the observers, the day was quite entertaining. Some aircraft failed to take off, some crashed into nearby fields, one crashed into the trees on a test flight (flown by the defending champion), one crashed into the pits and some self-eliminated when they simply ran out of fuel. The day was gray and overcast but this in no way diminished the show or the fun for those who competed or those who merely observed. Numerous heats were necessary to determine the finalists. In the end, there was a tie for first place between Richard Saunders and John Miller,

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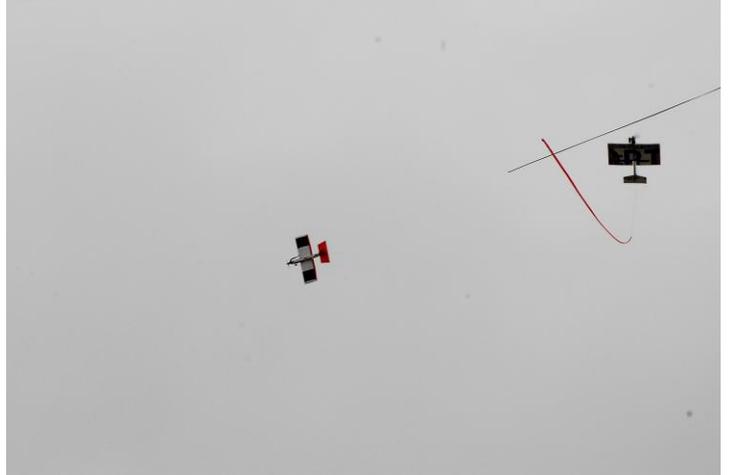
Held the 3rd Tuesday of
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and a tie for third place between JD Smith and Harold Saults. Congratulations to the winners! Every type of model aircraft was on hand that day. This included Gene Trevino's *E-Flite Allusive* sailplane, Brent Vannes' *DJI Mavic Pro* drone, Chris Cutkomp's *Oxy 3* Helicopter, and numerous electric, gas, and nitro powered airplanes.

Several guests were on hand too. Some just came to support their favorite pilot while others, like Ashley and Hissar, and Dominic and Judy, are genuinely interested in the hobby. With plenty of food, fun and friends, it was great flying fun with the ARCS! Jim Witthauer







February 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order February 21st at 7:00 p.m. The January 2017 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.

Tony noted that funds were withdrawn from savings in order to pay yearly lease expenses that came due on the first of January 2017. The withdrawals will be replaced as additional funds as they are received.

Tony also noted that funds earned from last year's swap meet were critical to meeting club financial goals.

GUESTS: 9 Guests

NEW MEMBERS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Fun Fly is February 26th from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

Phil Everman will be running a Combat Competition at the Fun Fly. There will be a \$5 combat fee. Get your Combat Planes ready! Use those political signs and build a combat plane for the February Club Combat Event. You can fly anything you want, just remember, it may go home in a black bag. Bring your hard hat. See you there.

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 103 pound of food this last month. Let's try to make 2017 even greater. Thanks to all who donated. Keep up the good work, folks!

NEW BUSINESS:

This is a recap of last month's meeting.

Because of the record number of members who have not paid their annual membership fee and/or AMA renewal fee and steadily declining membership, the Club Officers recommend:

- 1. A \$25 Field Maintenance fee be assessed to any member who pays their Membership fee and AMA Membership fees after April 1, 2017 in addition to the Annual Membership fee of \$60.*
- 2. New members who join after April 1, 2017 will pay \$25 Field Maintenance fee in addition, Annual Membership fee of \$60 and Initiation fee of \$50. (\$135 total) This action is designed cover the cost for increased operating expenses anticipated for 2017. These include: pavilion repairs, runway maintenance, and care for the grass runway.*
- 3. 2018 fees will be \$85, which includes \$60 Annual Membership fees plus a \$25 Field Maintenance fee.*
- 4. All Exempt Annual Membership Fee Members (except Age Exempt) will pay the \$25 Field Maintenance fee.*

A motion was made to approve the Club Officer's recommendations. It was seconded. The membership voted to approve the recommendations.

Twenty (20) members have not paid their membership fees and /or renewed their AMA membership as of the 20th of February. Unpaid dues and declining membership are having a negative effect on club. Everyone is encouraged to pay your Club Membership Fees early, preferably in September, October and November of each year. The AMA will remind you of your membership by mail. Our lease requires AMA Membership and insurance. The Club must pay the lease and grass fee by December 31st each year.

Late payment membership fees presents a significant administrative burden for the Club. Paying Annual Membership fees late, requires 1 hour to handle, and 3 computer actions to add the individual back into the Club and AMA Rosters. The AMA roster is protected for 24 hours after a change, so in reality, it can be changed every three days.

A motion was made to charge members a late payment fee of \$50 after April 1, 2017 and in subsequent years after February 1st. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership present. The Club Secretary will send an email to all delinquent members of this change.

CRASH OF THE MONTH: This was postponed due to the lengthy discussion of previous issues.

SHOW AND TELL:

None was recorded due to the absence of the Club Secretary

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.

None of the winners were recorded due to the absence of the Club Secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Tom Richards for taking such great notes in my absence.

James Keck
ARCS Secretary