



ARCS News



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Fun - Fly



Busy Flight line

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Club Meetings

Held the 3rd Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

Chaparrita's Mexican Rest.

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The threat of rain called an early end to the June Fun Fly. Fifteen pilots and their assorted aircraft were among the 22 who attended. Moderate, variable winds presented occasional challenges but no serious obstacles to landing or flying. Even small foam electrics took to the air without problem. Other than one wild take-off there were no crashes or serious incidents.

Credit Pete Dubree for the greatest thrill of the Fun Fly with a wild take-off early in the day. After lining up his big *Ultra Stick*, the plane began racing down the runway. Midway down the runway, the wing blew off and the fuselage sped down the runway and into the grass. The scene looked like a dragster on a dragstrip. Pete found the wing screws protruding through the wing but no explanation as to why the wing detached itself. The only damage was Pete's embarrassment. Tony Hand provide additional thrills flying his P-47 so low as to trim the freshly cut grass of any new growth and blowing the runway clean of debris.

More sedate flying was done by JD Smith with his glider, which contrasted sharply by his speedy *Ultra Stick*. And Raul Colunga flew a beautiful *Hanger 9 330SC Extra*.

ARCS enjoyed a visit by Greg, Lynn, and Jonathan Hawkins who are interested in learning to fly. They spent much time talking with Bill Ponseigo and others learning about the hobby and how to get started.

FPV was solidly represented by Sal Sordo, Bill Ponseigo, Richard Sanders, and Chris Cutkamp programming and flying Bill's *Wizard X220* drone and Sal's *Duramax Tundra* equipped with a *Fat Shark* Camera.

Plenty of interesting nose art was also on display also between the planes flown by Bill Grozdanich, Tony Hand, and Pete Dubree.

Overall, a brief but enjoyable day of flying for the ARCS. Jim Witthauer



Low Pass Tony Hand



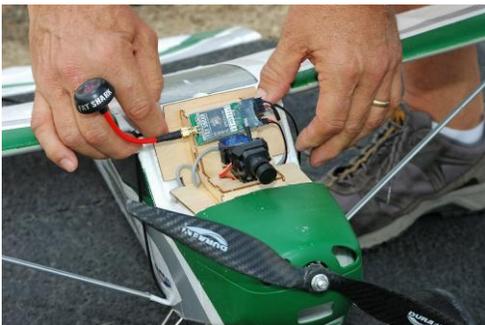
Bill Grozdanich greases it in

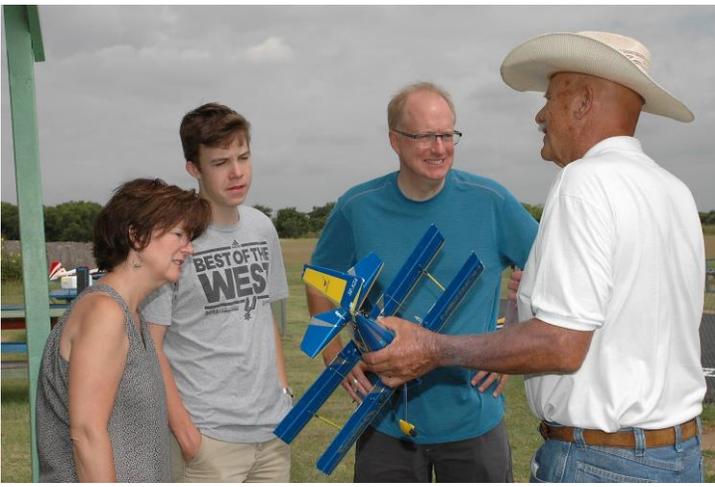


Bill Grozdanich's B-25



Tony Hand's P-51







June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order June 20th at 7:10 p.m. The May 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.

GUESTS: Sarah, Carol, Carol, Althea, Marsha, Cora, Crystal, Isaac and Sandra

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fun Fly is June 25th 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 107 lbs. this last month for a yearly total of 559 lbs. Let's try to make 2017 even greater. Thanks to all who donated. Keep up the good work, folks!

The field is in great shape thanks to the rain. The grass runway on the North side of the asphalt is really looking good and is smooth. If you miss the hard surface the grass is great.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be having a Swap Meet October 21st and 22nd at the VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway, San Antonio, TX 78218. Doors open at 10am Saturday and 9am Sunday. Table rental is \$12.50/day and includes entry fee for vendors. Admission is \$5 per person, \$2.50 for women, children under 17 free. Food and drinks will be available on sight. Contact Tom Richards for table rentals. 210-669-1953 or t-richards@sbcglobal.net

Repeat:

The Club does not have a trash service. If you bring it to the field, please take it home no matter what the condition. That's food, cans, broken airplanes, cars, radios etc.

We welcome Drone flying. Please remember to be courteous. If it is a busy day, please try to fly at the East or West ends of the field and over the field behind the pavilion. Remember, if you come to a hover or stop over the runway, you may have become an obstacle for the fixed wing airplanes bouncing around the field. On days with light traffic, just fly safely.

Bill Ponseigo is learning how to fly a quad drone. We all need to watch out. He rarely hit the runway with an aircraft, now he's flying a drone. He now really understands how difficult it is to stay oriented and keep the drone in sight. Do we need hard hats?

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

None.

SHOW AND TELL:

Bill Ponseigo brought in his new Drone (6 or 8 flights). He was flying at home when one of the BECs caught fire. No crash, but interesting. Neat Bill. Now you are going to fly something with no means of support.

Rich Sanders showed us his Wizard drones. They fly at about 65 to 75 mph and use either 3 or 4 cell Lipos. They fly great.

Chris Cutkomp brought in his Prontos helicopter that uses a 6s4000 LiPo for power and a belt to drive the tail rotor. Really neat.

Eric Amundsen showed us his large Oil Derrick his is going to install on his backyard railroad. The derrick about 3 feet tall which represents approximately 90 feet in real life. Eric's train is all digital and runs at 900 MHz. Cool!

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.

SIG T-Clips 70 ARF – Buck Murray

LiPo Battery Pack – Buck Murray

LiPo Battery Pack – Carol Richards

Robart Super Stand – Tony Centeno

Landing Gear – Dennis Okolie

Gallon of Fuel – Jim Keck

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.