



ARCS News



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Fun - Fly

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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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Chris Little and J D Smith "Glider Pilots"

"It's Too Friggin' Hot to Fly!" Such were the thoughts of most who came to the July Fun Fly. It was a sweltering day dominated by a blazing sun and a nearly cloudless sky. The wind blew constantly crisscrossing the runway. Flying conditions weren't favorable but they were tolerable. However, it did not take long for the heat to become unbearable. Most huddled under the shade of the pavilion. Pete Dubree smartly brought his own shade. Despite the presence of 20 attendees, only ten people actually flew. Pilots had plenty of opportunities to fly. By midday most gave in to the heat and headed home. Temperatures under the pavilion read 99 degrees by 1:00 pm. Soon all that was left were giant rolls of hay and sunflowers in the sun.

The variety of aircraft was impressive. Dan McGinnis was the first in the air with his *Ultrastick* followed by Phil Everman and his Decathlon. JD Smith and Chris Little sat side-by-side piloting their gliders from the shade of the pavilion. Raul Colunga flew his *Hanger 9* 60-size Extra 330SC performing 3D maneuvers and a very

nice *Sig Star 60*. Chris Little flew his black turbojet emblazoned with red stars. Chris also flew a very unbalanced gyrocopter. Sal Sordo flew his *Phantom Drone* and assisted Bill Ponseigo in the search for his lost drone in a nearby field. Unfortunately, Sal could not get his *Dynam Seaplane* in the air and broke a wing trying to do so. Finally, Pete Dubree flew his *Phoenix Models 80-inch P-47*, and skillfully performed a dead stick landing.

Among the observers were two friends of Al Staats and his son. Often absent from monthly Fun Fly events members Eric Admunsen, and Joel Sachleben came too.

Overall it was a successful but hot Fun Fly.

Jim Witthauer









Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order July 18th at 7:10 p.m. The June 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, Marsha and Stephanie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fun Fly is July 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 89 lbs. this last month for a yearly total of 648 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 All AMA Chartered Clubs within 250 miles has the fliers. Our advertisement will be in the August issue of *Model Aviation Magazine*.

Repeat:

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? Oh yes, Bill lost his drone, somewhere within in Bexar County. He blinked his eyes and "good bye." This sounds like crash of the month material.

Club membership is at a standstill. We have few members under 40 years old and only a couple of folks under 25. Most of the Club is over 50. We need young members to keep ARCS going into the future. Do you have a plan to get new members? We will discuss it at the August meeting.

It has been our experience; most of the folks under 25 do not build, use tools, or repair/refurbish anything. Also, many cannot follow the instructions that accompany most of the ARFs on the market. It is mostly plug, play, fly, crash and buy new airplanes and radios. We need all of those folks to be successful.

Put on your thinking caps!

SHOW AND TELL:

None.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Bill Ponseigo lost his drone, somewhere within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of the field. He blinked his eyes and "good bye." We know it crashed, but are not sure where.

Rich Beardsley was flying his 3D foamie. He took off knowing it was tail heavy. You guessed it; a stall and never ending spin into the ground.

RAFFLE

The monthly raffles are designed to break even. Any access 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.

Super Stick 40 ARF – Rich Sanders

LiPo Battery Pack – Mel Hagen

LiPo Battery Pack – Buck Murray

Robart Super Stand – Tony Centeno

Wheel Chocks – Mel Hagen

Glow Driver – Buck Murray

Gallon of Fuel – Bill Ponseigo

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



