



# ARCS News



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### Club Meetings

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of  
each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

**Chaparrita's Mexican Rest.**

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## July 22 Fun Fly



**Slim Pickens**

It was a small group for the July Fun Fly. Only 16 people came out and the pit area was nearly empty. But visits by two new members, the test of a homebuilt launcher, and Tony's daring low passes made for a fun event.

Harold Sauls brought and tested his homebuilt a launcher. Made from PVC tubing Harold designed and built the launcher for his *Flying Wing*. Though the angle of projectory was steep Harold found that resting the rear legs on his transmitter box to be the perfect solution. Instantly going to full power, the aircraft does not need much distance for take off and the short runners of the launcher were no problem for an easy launch. Equipped with FPV camera and transmitter the aircraft was interesting to watch, both from the ground and the air.

New member Lou Benevento came out to observe and meet club members. Lou has been flying off and on for 32 years and decided to return to the hobby with the ARCS. Fernando Ayala, also a new member, has been flying for about five years and brought an E-

*flite Timber* equipped with LED landing lights. Later he shared a pair of goggles and marveled at the FPV scene provide by our chief drone pilots: Ponseigo and Sanders. Welcome Lou and Fernando!

The thrills of the day were provided by Tony Hand who made several low passes over the runway with his big P-47D – sometimes inverted! Flying ever lower to the chants of the crowd Tony continued until he actually scrapped the muffler on the runway. Great flying Tony!

Finally, take a look at the photo taken by Sal Sordo who used his drone to locate his airplane crash. The drone saved Sal a lot of leg work!

Jim Witthauer



Tony Hand showing off his low pass skills



Chopper Man Phil Everman



Harold Saults prepping his WTF!!!!





Harold Sauls flying wing ready for launch



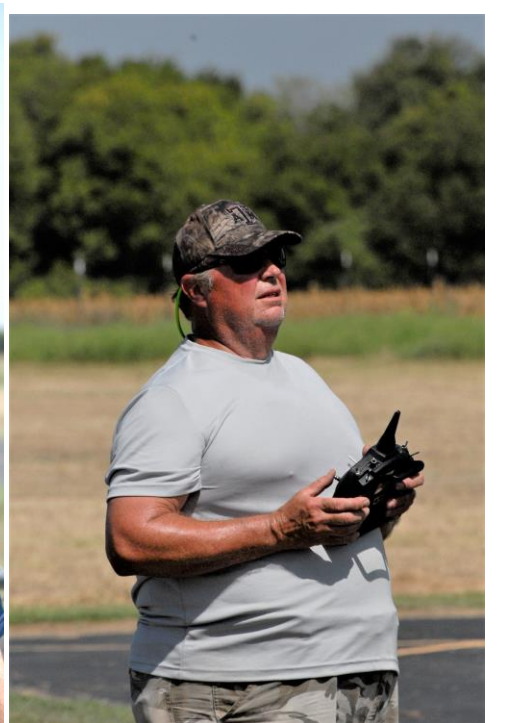
Bill Surratt plugging in the juice to his nice CUB



New Member Lou Benevento



New Member Fernando Ayala



Old Member Richard Sanders





Lou and Bob and Phil



Bill G. and Tony and Phil



Juan Galvez's A-26



Pete Dubree's A-4 Skyhawk



## MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The June 2018 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**The Fun Fly is July 22nd 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. Hats are \$15. New members, hats are free. Name tags will be attached to the board in the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag.**

**The Club donated 164 lbs. of food for the San Antonio Food Bank this month for a total of 704 lbs. for 2018. Let's try to make 2018 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.**

**The Fireworks display and pot luck were rained out on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Better luck next year.**

**ARCS be will be hosting both the Model A Club and the Model T Club at the Fun Fly on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a Pot Luck covered dish meal. Bring what you want to eat, plus enough for a couple other folks. We will be having a flying event during the Fun Fly. Jim Agnew will be hosting a Climb and Glide the event. Mark your calendars. Remember food for the Food Bank.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The new mowers work great! It took just 45 minutes to cut the grass and trim. The job normally takes a couple of hours with lots of stops and starts due to the old engines. The new mowers also ride well and are saving the "old backs" doing the mowing. Thanks to everyone in the Club and Dennis Gurtner!**

**With a lot of folks flying First Person View (FPV) a lot a care needs to be taken with the video channels used. The channels are not regulated like all the other frequencies and may be interfering with each other. If you are going to fly with someone else, check out the compatibility of the video before you take off. With the high speed racing drones, you may be out of airspeed and ideas without video. You may need to switch channels to race/fly together. The video usually gets pixelated and then quit altogether. Be careful.**

**Airplanes (ARFs) are difficult to find at the local hobby shops. They do not have much that the ARCS members can use or want. The Club may have to suspend the monthly raffle due to lack of product. We generally spend about \$180 per month to get the raffle items. We need to put our heads together and see if we can figure out a solution.**

#### **CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

**Sal Sardo came out to fly is new FPV foamie from HobbyKing. Everything checked out and off to the sky the airplane went. While maneuvering, the horizontal tail departed the aircraft. Control was lost and everything returned in a plastic bag. It seems the horizontal tail was not glued to the fuselage. Folks, check those things, even if the instructions say they are glued.**



**The winner is Sal Sardo**

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

**A few weeks ago, Sal had a plane go down in the corn field next the stock pond. He flew his camera drone over the area and spotted the plane in the corn. Everything survived except for the battery pack. The airborne pictures of the area with the lost airplane were great.**



**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.**

**Tiger Sport 40L ARF – Sal Sardo  
Gallon of Fuel – Chris Freeman  
Hot Glue Gun – Buck Murray  
Epoxy – Bob Palmini  
Wheel – Sal Sardo  
Prop Balancer – Tony Centeno**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**



