



# ARCS News



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### Club Meetings

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

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

**Chaparrita's Mexican Rest.**

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**A Few of the Pilots taking a break**

The June Fun Fly only saw 17 pilots, two children, and two observers present. Weather conditions were frustrating. The day began at 83 degrees and 74% humidity. The "feel-like" temperature was 90 degrees. A fickle 14 MPH wind from the south made flying challenging, especially upon landing. Airplanes cartwheeled and tumbled frequently. With such conditions it certainly was a good day for kite flying which Richard Sanders did flying his stunt kite. The day ended shortly after noon but was no less fun and successful.

**Red Stick Flying.** Pilots of the June Fun Fly were the first to demonstrate a change in flying procedures. For Fun Fly events or other occasions when numerous pilots are in attendance a new procedure is in effect. This procedure will enhance safety and assure equal opportunity for everyone to take to the air. Five *Red Sticks* will be hung on the fence separating the pit area from the pavilion. From there a pilot takes a stick, either wears it so everyone can see or hangs it on the transmitter. Upon completion

of the flight the stick is returned to the holder on the fence for another pilot to use. With this procedure a rotation of pilots can be assured and the number of people flying can be limited to the maximum five pilots.

The extremely successful family fun fly which boasted an amazing turnout, led many to question how to better track who was flying and who was not, and to effect better communication. Obviously, having the assistance of a spotter is always a good idea to avoid possible collisions or incidents, and to keep the pilot informed of what is happening in the air. Although some joked about the *Red Stick*, the new procedure was readily accepted and it work well.

Jim Witthauer.











## Meeting Minutes

**Jun 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the May 2019 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

**Guests:** Shela Palmini, Herman Solas, Sandy Witthauer

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The **Fun Fly** is **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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. Name Tags are \$6. New members, hats and name tags 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 145 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in May 2019. Total for the year is 834 lbs. which is 302 lbs. more than this time last year. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

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. We have tried to fill some of the cracks and have been successful at keeping most wheels out of them. The field has new fire extinguishers thanks to Buck Murray.

### **REPEAT:**

ARCS will be having Swap Meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway. We need lots of volunteers for selling food, setup and clean up, extra table set up etc. Tables are \$10/day. \$5/person entry, women and children under 16 Free. ATM available on premises. Please support the Club. Contact Tom Richards 210-669-1953 or [t-richards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t-richards@sbcglobal.net) to reserve tables, volunteer and provide food service. Come look at the goodies, buy something and work. This will be an AMA sanctioned event. Check your email for all the fliers and sign up information.

Remember the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Since last year's rainout, we will be having a larger fireworks display this year. Remember all those fireworks stored from last year, they're going to be

added to this year's display. Bring the family and fly during the daylight and watch the display after dark. Mark your calendars. NO NIGHT FLYING.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A special thank you goes out to Tom Richards for the great BBQ at the last Fun Fly. If you quit fixing safes and locks, you have a job smoking brisket! Tom is now the Official ARCS Pit Master.

The Club will be requiring a Newsletter Editor in March of 2020. Pete DuBree will be stepping down on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We need a sharp volunteer to take on the Newsletter and get Free Annual Dues for the efforts. Pete will supply all the instructions required. Contact Pete or any of the Club Officers.

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

Lupe Talamantez brought in his Super Sportster his is building from a short kit. He has a OS .61 in the nose which should make it scoot around the sky with authority. The covering is the next challenge which will have a 30s stile checkerboard on the bottom of the wing. Great project.

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

Tom Richards was flying his 30 cc Stick at the Fun Fly. Out near the pond all radion control was lost. The Stick was destroyed. It is believed that the battery pack came unplugged. Radio works fine.

Jimmy Neff was flying his Turbo Timber and was going to make a slow landing. Somehow the plane flew overhead where Jimmy could not see it for a short time. When he saw it again the Timber was headed toward the ground..

Chris Freeman was out flying at the last Fun Fly. Having a great time, his P-38 made a tight turn and the wings folded. Ouch! OK. He flew his A-10 ducted fan machine. Things were great until he dropped the landing gear. The A-10 instantly climbed and banked to the right. And then hit the ground. Ouch #2! Undaunted by the bad luck, Chris got out his P-51 for some fights through the Texas sky. Sooner or later you must land. The P-51 was all set up for landing when the wind pushed it to the right. It was slow and Chris added a hand full of power. You guessed it, a torque roll into the ground. Ouch #3!

The winner is Chris Freeman!

### **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.

Great Planes Super Sportster ARF – Buck Murray

Gallon of Fuel –

Spinner – Buck Murray

Hobby Knife Set – Les

15 Min. Epoxy – Sarah Centeno

Fuel Pump – Lupe Talamantez

Buck auctioned off the Super Sportster. Lupe Talamantez bought it for \$45 which was donated to the Club. Thank you!

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



