



ARCS News



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Club Meetings

Normally Held the 3rd

Tuesday of each month

(except Dec) 7:00 PM to

9:00 PM. Due to Covid-19

meetings are held at the

field on Sunday after 3rd

Tuesday.

The next club meeting will be held on October 20 at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410. There will be plenty of room for social distancing and eating. The restaurant has installed a partition that will allow the club to use almost half the dining room without interference between other patrons and the club meeting.

Fun Fly

The September Fun Fly held the potential to be a remarkable day of flying, however the wind made that impossible. A cloudless blue sky and temperatures in the 70's made for a beautiful early autumn day. The wind, constantly blowing from the north/northeast at 10 – 12 MPH inhibited many from flying or attending the monthly club event. Winds were blowing even faster just 30 feet above the ground at nearly 20 MPH according to Stephan Christensen's weather app. Often only one pilot was in the air, that being the highly skilled pilots like Steve Pursell. Still there was a variety of aircraft that briefly flew during the day.

Steve Pursell and son flew a trainer sporting a brilliant red streamer. Steve's son, a novice pilot, performed well on his own and without a buddy box. Fortunately, dad was alongside to take the transmitter when trouble entered the sky. Donning his FPV goggles Bill Ponseigo flew his drone with Steve's son who was observing with goggles also. Drones have been absent at recent Fun Fly events. Phil Everman attempted to fly his helicopter but soon gave up battling the wind. Dewey Newbold, long absent from many Fun Fly's was on hand but left after his one and only short-lived flight ended in the grass north of the runway. The only pilots seemingly impervious to the wind were the "crack hack" boys Stephan Christensen and JD Smith flying foamies off the north end of the runway. Overall, the variety of aircraft was complete but the flying was minimal.

Breakfast tacos courtesy of Juan Galvez and Tom Richards gave everyone plenty to eat while sitting under pavilion shade. With poor wind conditions, there really was little to do but eat, talk and watch braver pilots take to the air.

Jim Witthauer

ANNUAL ARCS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Set aside the date: December 8

Time: 7 PM

Place: Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410, San Antonio

Menu: Cajun Deep-Fried Turkey or Catfish, veggies, dessert.

Gift Swap if you wish to participate, bring gift worth \$25, no gag gifts please.

Minutes of Meeting, September 15, 2020
(Thanks to Mrs. Centeno for her notes—Ed.)

President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Flag was held by newest club members.

The owner of Acadiana welcomed the ARCS members back to Acadiana. Meetings had been held there in the past, but the lack of a partition between the club meeting and the remaining patrons often resulted in each group interfering with each other. Now Acadiana has a partition across the center of the room which affords more privacy for both the club and other patrons of the restaurant. President Bill Ponseigo made clear the club is happy to be back.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter

New members were James, Jackson, Ethan and Michael

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Newsletter editor reported the newsletter was posted on the Facebook page and sent to Buck to be added to the Web page.

Jim Witthauer reported on food collected for the San Antonio Food Bank. Since the Covid-19 pandemic there have been fewer participants in the fun fly and so there has been a reduction in the amount of food collected. However the club has donated over a hundred pounds.

Website, Buck Murray.

There are 3 photo galleries on the web site with about 30 photos on each.

The newsletter is posted on the web site and on the Facebook page

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 8, 2020, 7 PM at the Acadiana Restaurant.

Menu includes Cajun Deep Fried Turkey and Catfish

As usual there will be a gift swap with gifts @ \$25 per gift minimum, no second-hand items or re-gifts please. Gifts should be something the members participating would want themselves. Partition is voluntary. You have to donate a gift to participate.

Raffle tickets will be sold, as well as tickets earned throughout the year by flying during monthly fun-flies. Each separate flight gets one ticket filled out by the flyer on the honor system.

Events Coordinator Tom Richards discussed the fun fly and food that is usually brought. The virus has limited food to that which members bring for themselves.

The annual swap meet has been cancelled for this year.

Ken brought up the ideal of having an IMAC flying event in early spring or late fall next year. Club members were amenable to the possible event. President Bill Ponseigo stated that such events may be done at the field if members will take the initiative to set them up.

Eric Amundsen discussed caps, name tags and T-shirts. Name tags for new members are placed on a board at the field. Magnetic keepers for the name tags are available vice the pin-on style upon request. New members also get a cap, though Eric is almost out of them and will re-order. Polo shirts are available for special purchase. Those who may want a button-up style shirt may purchase their own shirt and have the shop that does the logos put the club logo on their own shirt.

Election of Officers. Present officers are willing to serve another year's term. They are:

President, Bill Ponseigo

Vice President, Buck
Secretary, Rick Sanders
Treasurer, Juan Gavez

Show and Tell

Jim Neff and grandson James showed James' trainer. Jim suggested the club may wish to buy one to be kept at the field for prospective new flyers to be given a chance to try, under direction of a member.

Bill Ponseigo showed a propeller with replaceable blades he's been using

Raffle" Buck reported that the purpose of the raffle at each meeting was for the club to break even on the cost of the items. The Christmas raffle may result in some extra money. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. There is usually an airplane which is the last item drawn.

Buck shops for raffle items at RC Headquarters or online.

Crash of the month winner was Phil.

The night's raffle winners were:

Tony, battery
Steve, fuel
Buck, Tires
Michael, fuel pump
Michael/Ethan, Airplane (Corsair)

Fun Fly. The fun fly is held the Sunday following the Tuesday meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Meeting ended approximately 8:30

Fun Fly Photos







