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Club Meeting:

Held the 3rd Tuesday of
each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday. Acadiana Café,

1289 SW Loop 410

**The next club meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café,
1289 SW Loop 410**

April 2021 Fun Fly

Skies were partly cloudy with abundant sunshine, and light winds were blowing from the southeast occasionally shifting from the southwest across the runway for the April Fun Fly. It was a beautiful Spring day in South Texas at Harold Cannon Field. The day's flying though generally unremarkable was superb. What was notable were the number of people who came out that day and the generational representation in the families who were in attendance.

The count exceeded 30 attendees and the number of pilots who flew was far beyond 20 as people came and went throughout the day. Luis Jimenez was accompanied by his wife and father-in-law, visiting from Florida. When she wasn't making videos of Luis' flights, she doted on her father serving him coffee and assuring his comfort. Saul Cordova attended with his family, which included grandmother too. Then there were Tony and Sara Centeno who came along with their son and his two daughters. The comment was made that the day could have been a "Family Fun Fly Day" to which Tony humorously quipped, "Where is the food?"

For food everyone enjoyed a table overflowing with doughnuts, cookies, pastries, and coffee most of which were generously provided by Michael Motameni. Thanks Mike!



The flying was typical of a well-attended Fun Fly. An assortment of aircraft of every category and flying of every style. The crosswinds made landing challenging but not difficult. The most spectacular flight was Saul's LA FD Helicopter fire suppression demonstration. Hovering to fill a water bucket he then flew across the runway to release the water over the north field. Quite a skillful demonstration. The only major crash was Richard Reisch's USN FH-1 Phantom Jet which crashed into the pond and had to be dragged to shore.

In the end It was indeed a *Family Fun Fly*, even if there was no food!

Jim Witthauer

At The Meeting, March 16 2021

President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Alliegance.

Guests: Charlie and Richard Bob and Barbara, Pat Flores, Robin.

Secretary: Minutes approved.

Treasurer report: expenditures paint, gas, lawnmower batteries, charger, port-a-potty, painting tables, weed whacker,

Income: dues, raffle and and minimal interest on savings.

Treasurer's Report approved.

Food bank: No report. President noted list of items desired by the San Antonio Food Bank are listed on the club web site.

Newsletter: Newsletter has been sent via 3-mail. It is also posted on the club Facebook page and on the club web site. Those who did not receive the newsletter by e-mail need to give their address to the editor.

Web Site: Buck Murray says software has been changed to limit the number of pictures he can post at a time. There will be less photos uploaded per gallery, 25 megs or less. He will research the matter and work with Jim Witthauer to see of photo files can be shrunk so that more photos can be uploaded within the limit..

Nametags and shirts: Eric is working to catch up to the demand for nametags. New caps are back in stock.

Old Business: IMAC aerobatic contest event in October. Eric suggested we get a banner to hang for the event. It was suggested that the wording would be generic so it could be used for other events. The event is scheduled for the weekend of October 9.

New Business:

Field Conditions.

The pond has been filled and is greatly increased in size. The pond is deeper than it was and the sides are steep. Club members are cautioned to be mindful around it. It is better suited for float planes than before. The east end and west ends are sloped and provide access for float plane launching and retrieval. Joe cut the grass when Bill was out of town. The field has been muddy with irrigation and recent rains. There are boots in the pavilion large enough for members to use to navigate the muddy and wet ground. The pond is used to store water for irrigation so it may not always be full enough to fly float planes.

There was some discussion of retrieving airplanes in the field while others were flying. The procedure is to announce to flyers when someone has to cross the runway and get confirmation the pilots are aware. Pilots are to avoid flying so as to endanger those who have to cross into the field to retrieve downed aircraft.

Annoucements: Buck explained the raffle procedure for new members, including free tickets given to visiting ladies. It is getting harder to get items for the raffle. Sources include local hobby shop, RC Headquarters and items from on line. Buck has eased off on getting items for glow-powered planes since most people are flying electrics now. Buck says those visiting RC Headquarters should thank them for their support. On fun fly days if you fly, take off and return to ground in some fashion, write you name on a ticket and put it in the bucket provided. Those tickets will be included in the raffle for the Christmas party. One has to be at the party to win. Fun Fly tickets have been pulled at the Christmas party.

Crash of the Month: Derrick Smith for crash his dad's plane.

Show and Tell" Cessna 182.

(Editor's note: I use a camera to record the meeting so I can do the minutes in the absence of the secretary. At this point the camera ran out of battery and stopped. I apologize I did not get complete information on the show-and-tell nor the raffle.)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Fun Fly Photos – Jim Witthauer













