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CLUB FLYING SITE Is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Shepard Road

The next club meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2021, at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410

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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

July 2021 Fun Fly

The July Fun Fly was the largest Fun Fly attended of the year. With over thirty people on hand to watch and fly, the sky over Harold Cannon Field was busy with a variety of RC aircraft of nearly every type. There were airplanes, rockets, dogs, kids, doughnuts, and plenty of fun for all under the Bright July Texas sky. To make the day more special, two new members: Paul Torres and Nathan Ferrone, were present to participate in their first ARCS Fun fly. Welcome Paul and Nathan!

Key features of the day included the following attractions. Eric Amundsen completed three rocket launches launching both his "Big Bertha" and "Fat Boy" rockets. Streaming into the sky with a "pop" and a "swoosh" each rocket gently returned to earth tethered by a parachute to be made ready for another launch. One rocket actually landed in the middle of the runway. Bill Surrat placed his F-35 Lighting II V3 on attractive display to entice other pilots to consider adding the jet to their personal hanger. They too could relish the joy of owning such a beauty. This of course after the exchange of a nominal amount of money handed over to Bill. In the end someone gave in to temptation and Bill went home with a fatter wallet. Emblazoned with risqué nose art Mike Motameni's F-86 Sabre drew much attention. Many an observer commented on the voluptuous "detailing" of the vintage jet. Andrew Obaya brought out his DJI Inspire I drone to hover and record landings and take-offs from the north end of the runway, as well as the activity in the pit area. Best Warbird of the day distinction went to Luis Jimenez's Hanger 9 Hellcat. And as a bit of a throwback to an earlier time, Richard Sanders flew a beautiful golden Sig "4 Star 54" which he a bought for only \$100. It is indeed a beauty! And finally, Ken Rogers flew the largest airplane of the day when he launched his big Slick 540, and flew patterns around the field.

In addition to being the largest attended Fun Fly it was also one of the year's best.

Jim Witthauer

Minutes of Meeting July 20, 2021

Club President Bill Ponseigo called meeting to order at 7 PM with pledge of allegiance led by Charlotte and Ethan with the flag.

Secretary's report (Richard Sanders) Minutes of June meeting approved as listed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report (Juan Galvez) Approved.

Historian and Food Bank (Jim Witthauer)

240 pounds of food to Food Bank for May and June, 640 pounds for the year to date.

Newsletter (Jim Neff) Newsletter has been published with thanks to Jim Witthauer for providing the photos.

Web Page (Buck Murray) Buck has worked out how to reduce the file size on photos so he can put more of them on the web site. The latest fun-fly photos will always be in gallery number one. There will be 3 months of photos. President Ponseigo related how he advises those calling about to club to look at the photo galleries on the web site. That gives a good idea of what the club is about. The club was founded in 1963.

Badges and shirts (Eric Amundsen) Name badges are up to date, pinned on the board at the field. Price on hats may increase.

Old Business

IMAC event October 9.

15 people committed to attend the contest.

Food and security situation handled

Will need volunteers. The volunteer sign-up will be done in September

Contestants coming in Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the contest.

Planned Parking for participant's RVs and vehicles is being finalized. They will bring their own generators so no extra power is planned.

Some discussion on laying gravel to improve the parking surface which gets soggy when it rains.

Safety There are rubber boots in the pavilion to wear if a member needs to retrieve an airplane in soggy weather. There are also snake chaps in the first aid box. Snakes are common around the flying site.

Field Condition: Thanks to Bill Surratt, Bill Grozdanich and Rick Sanders for helping with the grass maintenance. Making good use of the new trimmer and blower. Due to rains, grass has needed mowing 3 times a week. With the new Bermuda grass, the grass runway is smooth enough that it no longer damages landing gear on a normal landing. President thanks members for

President thanked members for keeping the flying site clean and for closing the pavilion when they leave. Closing involves shutting off electric power, stacking chairs and picking up trash and removing it.

More Safety Caution: President repeated the warning that the sides of the pond (or tank) are very steep and the first step off the bank lands one in 5 feet of water. Members are cautioned to take care not to get close to the north and south sides of the pond. The bottom does slope more gently off the east and west ends. Clue for direction, the runway runs generally east-west. Be especially cautious about children going near the pond.

New Business: Tom says the antique auto club would like to take their Model Ts to the field. Approval by acclaim. September 18 fly in at Boerne at Joshua Creek Park. Information is available at AMA site

Crash of the Month: Andrew, F-16, crashed into the pond, elevator problem.

Raffle

Airplane: JD Smith won the F-16, his first jet.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:15 PM.

Editor's Notes:

Thanks to Bill Ponseigo who coated the tables at the field with epoxy finish. Hopefully the fuel and weather-resistant epoxy will preserve and extend the useful life of the tables.



JD Smith gleefully accepts the grand prize at the last meeting.



It was nice to see member Lupe Talamantez at the field last Thursday, August 12. Lupe has been recovering from extensive surgery for throat cancer. He has a rather hair-raising tale to tell about the surgery, its effects and his lengthy recovery. He is not at a hundred percent, but felt good enough to get out to the field for some hanger talk. He said it was a soul-renewing thing for him. Like many cancer patients, he is glad to be alive. He is now back to building planes (an ARF Kaos 40) and is practicing on the flight simulator. We're glad he is recovering and look forward to seeing him on the sticks at the field soon.

Lets remember all our members who are experiencing health challenges.



L-R, Bill Surratt, Simon Rodriguez, Pete Dubree and Lupe

July Fun Fly Photos (by Jim Witthauer)

















