



ARCS News



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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 February 21, 2022, at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410. Note: Topic for discussion is whether the date for dues should be moved to later in the year.

January 2022 Fun Fly



Overcast skies, fifty-degree temperatures and little to no wind created the setting for a small event for the first Fun Fly of 2022. Few pilots attended the event giving those who came many opportunities to take to the sky, after their hands had warmed up and their fingers could work the transmitter controls. For a while visitors outnumbered pilots. By the end of the day ten pilots braved the cold and came out for our first Fun Fly of 2022.

Accompanied by his nephew and great nephew, Sal Sordo tried to reintroduced his nephew to RC flying and spark an interest in the mind of his great nephew. Later Sal was joined by two other friends each holding a child as they watched Sal fly his FPV wing, a drone, and his *U-Can-Do*. Sal says he's trying to "contaminate" them with RC flying. Sal's guests made the day a "Father-son/daughter" event.

Andrew Obaya, Pete Dubree, and Juan Galvez each brought their big F-86 Sabre jets. Andrew brought his 90-inch WS P-40 powered by an DLA in-line 64 engine. These were the featured warbirds of the day and were posed for a group photoshoot. For the first time as may be recalled, photoshoots of several large airplanes were performed at a Fun Fly.

Chris Freeman brought a brand-new *FLEX Innovations* RV-8 which he flew for a maiden flight that day. Chris very much enjoys his new airplane but said he has some learning to do before he can

put the plane to its full capabilities. The bright white aircraft with orange accents showed nicely against the grey clouds above.

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Juan Galvez flew most often having brought several planes to fly. Flying mostly jets, Juan was the only representative of the "Jet Mafia" that day, (aside from Andrew Obaya of course). Feeling rather adventurous Juan brought his F-22 as close to the grass as possible, giving those who watched an exciting spectacle to watch. Somewhere the voice of the late Rich Lowe could be heard shouting, "Lower! Lower! Lower!"

Thanks to Phil Everman for the doughnuts and Jim Agnew for the breakfast tacos, they were much appreciated. By midday the wind shifted

and increased in speed producing an uncomfortable chill. The inconvenient shift in wind also made flying challenging. This change in the weather prompted most to leave to find a warm place to relax. The day may have been a small start for the new year but it was no less a success. The next Fun Fly should be the usual great ARCS event the club has come to expect and enjoy! Jim Witthauer



Minutes of Meeting January 18 2022

Meeting called to order by President Bill Ponseigo at 7:05

Treasurer's Report from Juan approved.

Major expenses for 2021 included:

Money for improvements and repairs to tables and pavilion

Repainting and repair of tables

New trimmer and battery for lawnmower, fuel and support cost for grass maintenance

Portable toilet rental

Special items to support IMAC contest

Money for raffle items, hats and ID badges

Income from dues and field maintenance charge, and income from raffles generally balances cost of items

Club is in good financial shape to start the new year.



There was some discussion as to the reason dues and field maintenance are two annual charges for membership. There was also a discussion about moving the due date for dues to later in the year, after the typical expenses of the Christmas season and New Year's. That will be taken up at the next meeting.

Club historian and Foodbank: Jim Witthauer reported that the November contribution was 243 pounds which brought the 2021 total to 1,768 pounds donated. That is 250 pounds more than 2020.

Newsletter: Published before meeting

Web Page: Buck reported the photos from the last fun-fly were posted as is the latest newsletter. There are a possible 15 pages in the current format for the web page. Buck asked if there should be a special page dedicated to events.

Events Discussion: There was a general discussion about the conduct of the IMAC event. Suggestion was made that an announcer giving an explanation of what was happening as it happened would help spectators both enjoy more and feel a part of the event. There was discussion of how that may interfere with the pilots trying to concentrate on what they were doing, especially if the announcer offered a critique of the pilot's performance. It was generally agreed that having nothing was a detriment to spectators and made for a boring event for them.

Christmas Party: The club gave a round of applause for Buck for setting up the successful Christmas party and for the monumental selection of items for the raffle.

Crash of the Month: None

Raffle airplane winner” Buck (if not the first time, first time in years)

Meeting adjourned about 8:15 PM



January Fun Fly Photos
(Jim Witthauer)















