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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 March 15, 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.

"There's a HOODOO out there!"

So answered Ralph Hernandez when asked why he wasn't flying. An unforeseen, dangerous force lurked in the sky over Harold Cannon Field. This force took possession of airplanes (or the minds of the pilots who flew them) and sent them to an unavoidable crash. Succumbing to the peril, three airplanes went home in garbage bags. The successive crashes gave some pause to reconsider their choice to fly that day. Indeed, there was a dark, if not evil force, in the sky over Harold Cannon Field on the day of the February Fun Fly.



The first to crash was Dan NG's, twin engine *Airbus 380*. Built using a 3D Printer, the 380 on its maiden flight completing two passes of the flight pattern. However, on approach for landing, the Airbus nosed down like a lawn dart and locked into an inevitable demise. It crashed into a plume of PLA filament. All that remained was the tail section, a memento for mounting on Dan's memory wall.

The second crash was Phil Everman's *A-4 Skyhawk* which he recently purchased at a swap meet. Phil took the plane into the air, which before had been trimmed and test flown by Juan Galvez. For Phil this would be the first and only time he would fly the Skyhawk. The flight ended in the north field. All that remained was foam debris strewn about marking the end to the airplane's flying days.



The loudest and arguably most spectacular crash was Pete Dubree's *F-86 Sabre jet*. Making a sharp banking turn at high velocity and low altitude the F86 crashed off the south end of the runway in a loud explosion causing everyone to turn and look. The venerable F-86 was gone.

Only the tail, and a section of the fuselage bearing the glamorous image of *Lady Luck* remained. Seems the lady was unkind to Pete. Pete stood motionless staring in disbelief as the CRT (Crash Recovery Team) was summoned into action. The CRT led by Andrew Obaya, with Chris Freeman, Juan Galvez, and Stephan Christensen in the ranks was busy that day as planes keep flying into oblivion in rapid succession.

A remarkably well attended event, 22+ attendees came out to The Fun Fly. They arrived braving a very cold day to fly or to observe the flying of others. Other pilots seemed to be protected by a positive energy, or possessed a powerful amulet, or recited a secret incantation, to ward off the malevolent forces in the air. They did not suffer the effects of the jinx of the day. Among these fliers were Bill Ponseigo and Richard Sanders who successfully flew their *U-Can-Doo(s)* in tandem even though Bill discovered a major structural flaw to his plane upon landing. Saul Cordova performed parachute drops with a helicopter and his *OV-10*. He did



bomb drops with his Corsair. Marlene Cordova performed a commendable job piloting a *P-51* with Co-pilot Saul at her side on a buddy box. Bob Gloden flew a camera equipped *RV-8* entirely from take-off to smooth landing completely with his FPV headset. George Wilson flew both a vintage *Sig LT-25* and a *Sig Cougar*. And Chris Freeman flew his *P-51* successfully through a near disastrous moment over the runway. In the end some enjoyed a day of fun flying. For three pilots was definitely a day of incomprehensible frustration. Jim Witthauer

Minutes of Meeting February 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by President Bill Ponseigo

Secretary: Minutes of last meeting approved as published.

Treasurer: Report accepted as given. Club finances are in good shape.

Expenses:	Income:
Items to repair chairs	Dues
Items for Raffle	Raffle
Porta Potty	
AMA club dues	

Historian, Food Bank

Photos published in newsletter and on the web site

Food donations for January, 147 pounds.

Newsletter: Published and on web site

Hats, Pins, Shirts Hats for new members up to date. New members need to retrieve name badges from the board at the field

Some have not picked up their hats either

B Item about moving due date for dues until later in the year was tabled.

Items of discussion: Suggestion that someone grill food items at the field for fun fly day.

Crash of the Month: Bill Ponseigo who crashed his Pulse.

Raffle, Airplane: Charlotte for Mike Azar

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8PM



Fun Fly Photos
(Jim Witthauer)















