



ARCS News



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

The next club meeting is scheduled for May 17, 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.

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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



April, 2022 Fun Fly



Attendance at the April Fun fly was sparse. The threat of thunderstorms and a major air show resulted in only 15 pilots and one dog to come out for the event, making it one of the smallest events ever. By mid-morning winds from the south began to reach 14 mph forcing everyone to head home. The day was done.



Featured aircraft included two F-22 Raptors, owned by Bill Grozdanich and Juan Galvez, Tony Hand's huge Ercoupe, Bill Ponseigo's *U-Can-Do*, Andrew Obaya's Taft Viper, and Juan Galvez's *Flex* Biplane. Dick Reisch came out with two small warbirds.

Juan performed 3D maneuvers with his biplane, and flew inches above the deck with his F-22. No doubt inspired by what he saw at the air show Saturday.



The only crash of the day was Bill Ponseigo's *U-Can-do* which nosed-in on a dead stick damaging the fuselage and landing gear. Fortunately, repairs can be made and the plane which Bill has flown for 10 years will fly again.

Before departing the group sorted through the parts boxes to remove empty plastic bags and useless pieces of balsa wood. This was done at the request of Joe Rohmer. The near constant winds of Spring are blowing these items into the fields which are picked up during harvesting. The debris can be harmful to livestock. This forces Joe to canvass the fields to remove them. Everyone can prevent such debris from blowing into the fields by helping to clear debris from the field and pavilion. New covered storage bins will soon replace the open boxes under the work tables to keep everything contained.

Also, the drone found by Joe is still unclaimed by its owner. The day was slow but better flying weather is on the way as the sunny days of late Spring and Summer begin to arrive.

Jim Witthauer



President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:04 starting with the pledge of allegiance.

New member: Tracy Jackson

Secretary: Minutes approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Juan Galvez. Club treasury is healthy.

Income: Dues and fees from new members, raffle

Expenses: Website costs for 3 years

Breakfast Tacos for Fun Fly

Porta-potty monthly fee

Funds for new live camera service at the field

Photos and Food Bank Project: Jim Witthauer

Combined February and March food donated totaled 175 pounds, a bit light from the usual

Yearly total food to date: 322 pounds.

Newsletter: Jim Neff, Published Monday evening. Always looking for input from members.

Web Site: Buck Murray

Photos and newsletter were uploaded, but sometimes it takes more time for updates to be posted by the system. As of the meeting updates done Monday had not been posted.

There are three galleries for photos. The first is for the most recent fun fly, second for the fun fly before that and third the one before that.

Buck is working on improvements to the site but is not ready to go live with them as yet.

Caps and Shirts: Eric Amundsen

Eric not able to attend the meeting, but reported by phone to the President before the meeting There is a backorder on new caps. Apparently the current supply chain issues are affecting availability.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Show and Tell: Mike Azar demonstrated the new field camera that is accessible via the web. There is an application available for both Android and Apple phones that will allow members to both view the status at the field and even talk to people there. Only one person at a time can control the camera and there is no way to tell if it is being used, unless it moves. It has 360 degree coverage.

Jim Neff showed his E-Flite Ultimate 3D biplane.



Crash of the Month: Juan Galvez, was flying Pete's new jet when it rolled over on its maiden takeoff and crashed due to a control problem.

Raffle, Airplane winner. Buck Murray who donated it immediately for auctioning off.

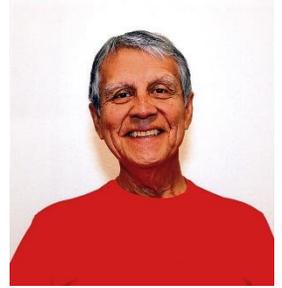
Winner was Mike Azar. His daughter wanted the airplane, she got it.



Meeting adjourned about 8:20 PM

Lupe Talamantez

With sadness, we announce the passing on May 9, 2022, of long-time ARCS member, flyer, builder, friend and good guy, Guadalupe Talamantez. He passed away peacefully at home in his sleep from an aggressive battle with neck cancer, which started in April 2021.



Known to many as Lupe, he was born in Southton, TX. Lupe served 4 years in the US Army (1969-1973) as a Specialist 5th Class rank Medical Corpsman and X-ray technician during the Vietnam era. That is where he got his nom-de-guerre for flying, "Talley Guad." His Army buddies thought Talamantez was too long so they called him "Talley." It was nature then to shorten his full name to "Guad" and so he was known as "Talley Guad."



Lupe shows off his handiwork at a meeting.

After leaving the military, he received a degree in Computer Science from Laredo Community College and worked at Chase Bank as a Management Information Systems Analyst for 25 years before retiring from Chase in 2006. He later retired from Defense Logistics Agency as a Disposal Services Accountable Property Officer in 2017. At some point, he and his bride, Vicky (whom he met and married while in the Army) settled in San Antonio.

Lupe's favorite hobbies were photography, radio-controlled aircraft, family historian, and enjoying nature. He posted several photos and videos on the ARCS Facebook page and was good at getting in-flight photos of other's airplanes.

Lupe was a builder as you can see from the photo. He did build ARFs, but delighted in assembling models the old fashioned way, piece by piece, often cutting out his own. He seemed to favor the Escapade design and had a couple of them. He even designed and built his own version he called "Escapado" or, as he said, the Latin version of Escapade. He powered it with a Valley View 16cc gasoline engine. He had troubles getting the engine to run right until he contacted VVRC. They suggested he check out the remote kill switch he was using. That was the problem and after replacing it, the engine ran smoothly. As payoff for months of frustration, he finally flew the Escapado on his last flying trip- to the field. His cancer took a turn for the worse and Lupe could no longer drive nor fly. Vicky made a special trip with him to the field in early March where he watched his friends fly for the last time. It was a very emotional trip for him and for all of us.



Surviving family members include his wife of 49 years, Vicky Gorsuch Talamantez, whom he fell in love with at first sight in the US Army, his children Trevor (Audrey) Talamantez and Trisha Talamantez, and his two grandchildren Tobias and Carmen. Also surviving him are his brothers Cruz Reynaldo, Alfredo, Luis, Otto, and sisters, Beatrice Talamantez Morales and Ophelia Talamantes, as well as many nephews and nieces.

Lupe wrote his own obituary which was quite short. Vicky said he wanted to represent his life through pictures that he took over his lifetime instead of words. He spent the last few months looking through hundreds of photos and produced a video of his whole life. It will be shown at his visitation on Wednesday, May 25 from 5 to 8 PM, at Colonial Funeral Home in Universal City..

Flowers and cards can be sent to Colonial Funeral Home (625 Kitty Hawk Rd, Universal City, TX, 78148) for the memorial service, addressed the Talamantez Family. The funeral will be on the 26th followed with military honors and burial at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Fun Fly Photos
Jim Witthauer



