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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 Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410.

Fun Fly, October 2022

Depending on the size of the airplane the wind can make or break a day of flying. In the case of the October Funfly there were no planes more powerful than the wind. The sudden onset of strong winds brought flying to an end by midmorning. Except for those who came early to advantage themselves of the early morning calm, most spent the late morning and midday under the pavilion. It was the reason for the low attendance by only a few hearty fliers.

Among the early birds were Bill Surrat flying a *Futura*, Juan Galvez flying his F-86 and F-22, and Chris Freeman flying an E-Flite *Beechcraft D18* 1.5m BNF twin, and a RV-8.

Sporting vintage markings Chris's *Beechcraft D18* is a homage to the style of aircraft of the 1930's. After several attempts at taking off against the squirrely winds the plane finally took to the air presenting a spectacular sight.

Dick Reisch brought his Freewing *Pandora* 4-in-1 trainer which converts from a high wing trainer to a low wing intermediate level flier.

Aside from Juan, Daren Manson was the most frequent flier of the day flying both a *Zorro* 23 EPP Flying Wing from Twisted Hobbies and a Flex Innovations RV-8.

Visiting ARCS that day was Kly Malanog who is returning to the hobby after a brief hiatus. Kly flew a P-51 and a *Ultrastick* neither of which is EP powered. And new member Rob Lane attended but chose to observe the flying of others, as did Fernando Ayala and Ike Nwanekezie.

The only aircraft incident of the day involved Steve Johnson's E-Flite *Cherokee* which landed in the pond. This resulted in a bent propellor shaft and damaged servo. He managed to avoid the water but had to climb down to retrieve the airplane. Tom Nolan helped Steve retrieve his airplane. Steve blamed the incident on "dumb thumbs".

Jim Witthauer



Don't Forget To Sign Up For the December 6 Christmas Party!

The party is scheduled for December 6, 2022 at Acadiana Café. Social time starts at 6 PM, serving at 7 PM. Look to the web page for latest information and sign-up.

According to Buck, the owner of Acadiana Café says despite shortages he believes he will be able to get the food on the menu in time for the party.

As usual, there will be a raffle with lots of great prizes, tickets sold on a fingertip-to-fingertip basis. There will also be the gift exchange, gift worth at least \$25, no gag gifts nor re-gifts. Something you would like to get yourself. See you there!

ARCS Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 with Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was sparse

Secretary Report: Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Club finances are in good order.

Typical expenses:	Items for raffle
	Port-a-John
	Gas for mowers, parts for sam

Income from dues and sale of drone that was donated to the club

Treasurer's report approved by voice vote

Food program, club historian: No report

Caps and badges, Eric: Hats are available. Hats provided to new members at the meeting. Make sure you pick up badges at the field.

Old Business

- Mowers have been fixed and both are working

IMAC Some discussion on the IMAC contest and the club. There are some tumblers left over to be sold.

Christmas Party: The party is scheduled for December 6, 2022 at Acadiana Café. Social time starts at 6 PM, serving at 7 PM.
As of meeting time, the menu was not locked in. Look to the web page for latest information and sign-up.

Announcements:

Crash of the Month: none

Meeting ended approximately 8PM

Editor's Note

Hey guys (and ladies), this is Jim Neff your friendly pencil-pusher and newsletter arranger. I do a little flying too. I've not talked to the club officers about this, so what I'm writing is on me and me alone. Why is attendance at our monthly meetings getting less and less?

When the Covid virus hit two years ago meeting attendance was pretty limited. That is understandable. Many of our members are in the high-risk category. But it has been two years. Other group activities seem to be roaring back, my ham club meetings are full and those people look like us. I don't fault anyone for being cautious. Is the risk still the reason?

When I joined the club we met at the Mexican restarant around the corner from my house. The room was filled. Then we shifted to the Golden Corral (bad for my diet, too many temptations). It was standing room only, we were packed into that small space. Needing more space we moved the meeting to the Acadiana Café. At first the meetings were pretty well attended. We filled the big room, plenty of space and the food was good too. Then covid. Lately the room seems almost empty except for a few die-hards and, thankfully, new members. Glad to see them.

So what is it? What can we do to attract more folks to the meeting? Do we need more presentations? If so, what are you wanting to see? What would make you want to go to a meeting? I've enjoyed the presentations people do. Can we get more? I really enjoy hanging out with you guys and ladies, more talk time?. More show and tell? It is your club. Please give the officers your ideas. And I hope I see you at the meetings, and especially the Christmas party! Happy holidays!

Fun Fly Photos by Jim Witthauer













