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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 Tuesday, February 21, 2022, 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

January 2023 Fun Fly



On a bright and cold January morning Tank Commanders Phil Everman and Juan Galvez readied their tanks under the newly named Ponseigo Pavilion for a duel under the sun. Phil commanding a respected *Sherman M-1* and Juan a *M-41* the two armored vehicles lumbered out onto the taxiway to engage in battle. An amused Bill Grozdanich, drafted to be a quasi-umpire, watched as the two combatants danced around each other until one tank was

rendered disabled by a direct hit. The venerable Sherman was victorious.

Later in the morning the battle resumed as Chris Freeman joined the fray and the three waged battle in the brown grass south of the pavilion. This time the Sherman was not so lucky, caught in a cross fire it was defeated, although it was not clear who scored the deadly shot, Chris or Juan. With the tank battles done it was time to resume flying, something most came out to do on this the first Fun Fly of 2023.



Jim Agnew flew a beautiful *Ziroli 77 inch wing Stearman*, scratch built by himself and the late Frank Patterson. Ike Nwanekezie skillfully flew an *Aero L-39* against the fickle winds



of the day on a successful maiden flight. Dick Reich who nearly had the sky to himself when most were distracted by the tank battles flew several planes including a \$40 camera-



equipped drone which was not quite powerful enough to fly against the wind. Domingo Rex flew an elegant *Banana Hobby J65*, Pete Dubre a *Banana Hobby Mig-17*, and Scott Curtis taught his lovely wife Althena to fly on a buddy box. And sadly, Tom Richards lost his *U-Can-do* when it began to loop uncontrollably and then nosedived into the ground destroying the plane's chances of ever flying again.



Without a cloud in sight, temperatures of a chilly 39 degrees, and variable winds of 10-15 mph some may have been discouraged to come out to fly. However over 25 people were there to start a new year of ARCS Fun Fly fun. A great start for the new year!



Jim Witthauer

Minutes of Meeting January 17, 2023

President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary: Minutes of November meeting accepted without change. There was no meeting in December

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

Typical expenses:

Nametags/ hats

Field Maintenance

Food for fun fly

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RC Headquarters for items for the monthly raffle

Treasurer's report approved after some discussion about IMAC. The matter of IMAC will be tabled until later.



Photo Historian Food Bank

No photos from last fun fly. Only two flyers showed and Jim was not able to attend.

Food collected for 2022 was only 773 pounds. Total down from the previous year due to 2 or 3 months with no events due to weather.

Web Page: The web page is up and has considerable information on it.

15 years of photos

5 years of newsletters

Club information and rules



Newsletter: Published Sunday evening. It still takes a day for the system to post it to the web page. Editor repeated invitation for members to submit articles on items of interest to RC flyers.

Nametags and Hats: The cap supply has been re-stocked and there are an ample number available are available at \$15 each, Replacement nametags at \$6 each.

There are too many name tags going unclaimed on the board at the field. New members are given a nametag and hat. While the nametag cost per tag is not that high, it is a waste if unclaimed because they will be thrown away. The purpose of the tags is to identify the flyer to others and to show the club's "colors" to other flyers at special events.

There was a motion made and seconded that new members will have to request a name tag. If they do, the club will still provide the first one free of charge.

Old Business:

There will be a work day set to work on the runway. The edges are beginning to crumble. It could be because the asphalt was put outside the underlying base. The club president will schedule a Saturday work day. He will also check with Joe about getting material to use for fill material to underlay the cracks to be filled.

New Business: The subject of purchasing fuel in bulk was mentioned. It can be available in 55 gallon drums. There was some discussion regarding the handling and distribution if some were ordered in bulk. There may be a way to buy cases at discount from the source through a local dealer like RC Headquarters.

Announcements:

J. D; Smith has been in BAMC for tests.

Bob Palomini is in Blue Skies of Texas, the former Air Force Village, at the facility near 410 and Valley High. He would very much enjoy visits from members.

President Ponseigo urged members to consider those members who are having physical and health challenges.

Show and Tell: Jim Neff showed the little NGH 9cc, 2-stroke gasoline model engine.



Crash of the Month: Eric, lost drone

Raffle, Airplane: Jim Neff

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM



**Fun Fly Photos
(Jim Witthauer)**













