



ARCS News



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Alamo Radio Control Society

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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, September 20, 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

August Fun Fly News

The August Fun Fly began with six members of the "Jet Mafia" arriving early to find freshly mowed green grass surrounding the runway and pavilion. Aside from Chris Freeman who also brought along his "Red Tail" P-51, and P-38 Lighting, the day started with everyone flying jets. The morning was essentially unremarkable until Bill Surratt crashed his *Havoc XE* while doing an inverse Immelmann. Bill made an honest confession when he bravely admitted he crashed because he was, "doing dumb things." This was his fourth *Havoc* crash. Bill says he is done flying *Havocs*!



Bill Ponseigo arrived shortly thereafter. He was followed closely by Paul Dawson, Rich Sanders, Stephan Christensen, Tony Hand and Jim Agnew. Bill flew his *Aviat Aviation "Husky"*, but seemed determined to stop the plane in the middle of the runway, resting it on its nose. He and Bill Grozdanich struggled to get Ponseigo's *RV-4* started but it was not to happen. They gave up and spent the day flying instead. Paul flew his *E-flite Piper Cherokee* and *Cirrus*

SR22t. Tony brought his new *P-47 "Snafu"* but engine problems kept it on the ground. Tony flew his *Camo L-39 Albatross* instead. Jim flew his *Blue Hawk* Biplane, a plane he has owned for 15 years. Stephan flew his trainer and *Ultrastick*. The surprise of the day was the arrival of longtime member Mel Hagen who came out with his neighbor, a retired pilot, in whom we suspect Mel is trying to spark an interest in model aviation. Mel was heartily welcomed by those present, as was his neighbor who was encouraged to join the hobby.

Paul Dawson brought the only doughnuts of the day. He was adamant they be eaten; particularly by those more senior members who seem to wear their pants "punk" style below their skinny buttocks. There was a box of cupcakes for the more "diet conscious." Thanks to the bearers of the sweet treats.

The threat of rain meant attendance was low. Thirteen people were present for the day's event. The threat was real. A brief midmorning shower sent pilots and planes seeking cover under the pavilion. Thankfully the shower was short lived and soon flying resumed. Overall, the Fun Fly was a success. The flying was excellent and the enthusiasm among members strong.

Jim Witthauer

A Note From Club President, Bill Ponseigo



The camera at the field is back on line. It had to be taken down because someone left it on for over 8 hours, using up the bandwidth and it crashed. We have the camera so members can check field conditions and see who is there. A couple of minutes should suffice for that purpose, no more.

The camera, long wished for, **is for members only**. The password has been changed and sent to members. **Please**

do not share the password with non-members, nor post it on Facebook. Treat it the same as the gate code. And please, turn the camera off when you're done!

Thanks, Bill

ARCS Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:05 with Pledge of Allegiance

New Members: Steve and Judy Johnson, Scott Curtis

Secretary Report: No report, no meeting in July.

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

- Typical expenses: Items for raffle
- Port-a-John
- Gas for mowers, parts for same
- Cups for IMAC contest

Treasurer’s report approved by voice vote

Food program, club historian: July fun fly was sparsely attended. That food will be combined with donations from the August fun fly. As of June, 487 pounds were collected.

President reported the drone donated to club for sale was sold.

President Bill Ponseigo again thanked members who are working on the field. Specifically mentioned Bill Grozdanich and Bill Surrat.

Question was raised by new member regarding times for flying. For electrics, not before 8 AM, for gas, 9 AM. Flying must end at dusk unless prior arrangement for late flying is made with Joe. Night flying is possible with prior arrangement with Joe. Call Bill Ponseigo for details.

Web Site: Web site contains several years’ newsletters and photos. Lots of information about the club.

Christmas Party: Buck stated the party is scheduled for December 6, 2022 at Acadiana Café. Social time starts at 6 PM, serving at 7 PM.

There is a problem with food. The owner of Acadiana may be unable to get turkeys due to loss of millions of turkeys by supplier die to bird flu. Catfish will be available, but the price to the restaurant has increased by a third. Do not sign up for food on the web site until the menu is confirmed.

There will be a gift exchange of gifts costing \$25 (at least), no gag gifts.

There will be a raffle as usual. Tickets are sold \$25 for as many tickets as will fit between outstretched arms, fingertip to fingertip.

Editor’s note: it pays to have a friend with a wide wingspan.

There will also be special prizes for ladies attending.

IMAC (Ken Rogers). Ken repots plans are well underway for the IMAC contest in October. So far 10- pilots have confirmed, with 10 more tentative. Cups with the club logo are available. If you buy one, the seller will engrave your name on the cup at no added charge. There was a request that the novice and basic flight routine be posted in the newsletter. They are the same. Novice and basic competitors may use any RC airplane they wish.

Ken encouraged more club members to sign up for novice competition.

Crash of the Month. Bill Ponseigo, crashed two new airplanes.

Raffle: Airplane winner was the new member, Steve Johnson.

Meeting ended approximately 8:25PM

Note: Remember the IMAC contest October 8 and 9. Coming up fast!



Happy Pilot Steve

Fun Fly Photos
By Jim Witthauer













