



# 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, July 18, 2022, at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410. Monthly Fun Fly the following Sunday.**

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#### Club Meeting:

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday. Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410

### **The Incredible Shrinking .....???**

I procrastinate, it's true. Here I am, mid-morning Monday, July 17, sitting in my upstairs home office looking out the window at what appears to be a decent flying day. Instead of going out to fly, I'm writing this, and editing the newsletter a bit late this month. My fault. With the heat, it is hard to get this old retired guy motivated. So that's my excuse and I'm sticking by it. But my excuse isn't what I'm really wanting to write about. It's to ask for your input.

When I first joined the club, we met around the corner from my house in a Mexican food place. We filled the place. We moved the meeting to a room at the Golden Corral on 1604 near Bandera Road (more food variety). It was standing room only most meeting nights. Really chummy, too much so. Then we were able to move the meeting to the Acadiana Cajun Café off 410 just south of Rt. 151 where we had half the restaurant, capacity at least 60, and good food.

The threat of the Covid pandemic cut the meeting attendance considerably, understandable since many of us were in the high risk category. The pandemic is officially over now. Nonetheless, meeting attendance has been getting even lower than then. Why? What changed?

We still enjoy talking about airplane stuff. We still have a raffle for RC stuff and an airplane. Someone usually bring an airplane or project for show-and-tell. Business details are kept to a minimum to give time for eating and talking about RC. So the meeting has not changed. Why is attendance down so much? If you have been staying away, I'm sure the executive committee would welcome your comments as to why, and what would make you want to start coming to meetings again. Please tell.

The raffle has been self-sustaining, but not now with the low attendance. We don't sell enough tickets to cover the cost and the club is losing money. It's to the point that we may have to stop having the raffle though we don't want to. The raffle is not the reason I attend the meetings. It is the camaraderie and "hanger talking" and the chance to share RC ideas and learn new things. I like you guys and gals and enjoy hanging out with you, especially in the air conditioning!

Meetings at the field, as suggested by a few members, are impractical. We did that a couple of times during the Covid scare. But open-air meetings are subject to the often unpredictable South Texas weather. Further, the pavilion has limited seating and despite the excellent outdoor cooking skills of some members, hot dogs and burgers don't hold a candle to the food at Acadiana. Sorry outdoor grillers, but that's my not-so-humble opinion.

Acadiana has a new menu of meals, several choices, which cost around \$9. That is about what you'd pay these days for a burger meal at Whataburger. We buy food there as a way of saying thank you to the management of Acadiana who give us the superb meeting place without cost.

Yes, getting to meetings may be a pain, especially after a long, hot day, yes we have busy lives. Some members travel a long way to get to the flying field and the meetings. But they come anyway. What is your story? Your suggestion? I'm not scolding, just asking. This is my opinion and questions, not requested by the Executive committee, though they're interested I'm sure.

**Jim Neff, Editor**

### June, 2023, Fun Fly



Just as the stealthy B-2 Bomber is noted for being unseen, so was the relief from the heat and humidity during the June Fun fly. Dauntless pilots stood under a near cloudless sky resisting the unrelenting swelter. Their reward: favorable flying conditions. Winds were slightly variable from the SSW at 10 MPH and only occasional gusts. By day's end the number of highlights was many-fold.

Key highlights included successful maiden flights of a scarlet *Freewing MiG 29 Red Star Twin 80mm EDF Jet*, and a *Banana Hobby B-1b Lancer Twin 70mm EDF Jet*. Juan Galvez performed skilled maneuvers with his *XPWR Edge 540t* and low passes with his *F-22 Raptor*. Young Mr. Murray performed remarkably

well as a new pilot and with careful guidance, soon began to solo. Two *U-Can-Do's* flown by Bill Ponseigo and Richard Sanders chased each other until Bill had a flat tire which forced him to land safely in the grass. Phil Everman flew a classic looking *Freewing F9F-8 Cougar*. Sal Sordo crashed his *U-Can-Do* breaking the fuselage. Richard Sanders performed an aerial drop of his battery which prompted a search in the tall grass for the lost battery. The battery was not found. Later Richard flew a FPV drone from the comfort of the pavilion. Richard also flew a classic *Sig 4 Star EG*. And finally, Jeremy Cribb flew an elegant high wing *Sig Senorita* clad in transparent blue with contrasting white covering.

The pilot count stopped at 25; however, others came by later to fly or to observe, if only briefly.



*1Juan Valdez and trainee*

Jim Witthauer

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## ARCS Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the May 2023 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was unavailable. Will be included at next meeting.

### Guests:

Tory, Alexander, Murray and Pam

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **June 25th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

If you want a club shirt, check with Eric Amundsen, he will take your order. He is checking on current cost. If you want a shirt, call Eric. Hats are \$15. Name Tags are \$6. New members, hats and name tags are free but you need to tell Eric if you want a nametag. Email Eric at [cam@clevelandnet.com](mailto:cam@clevelandnet.com) if you want a nametag. Name tags will be attached to the board in the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag if you ordered one from Eric.

The Club donated 278 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in May 2023. Total for the year is 1011 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

### FIELD CONDITIONS:

A replacement ceiling fan has been installed in the pavilion. A small fan was added to the port-a-potty.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were questions about events for the spectators at the planned IMAC event scheduled for October. UPDATE: Post the meeting, the IMAC event has been cancelled.

Plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and fireworks was discussed. Joe Roehmer is supplying Hot dogs and Ice. Club is supplying hot dogs and drinks. Members should bring pot luck dishes and watermelon. \$200 of the desired \$500 for fireworks has been donated already

**NEW BUSINESS:**

FAA license and Remote ID rules are approaching. In General, Remote ID will not be required if you fly at our field but you will need to update your FAA license (or get one if you don't have one). You can go to the AMA site to take the required training and test and print out the test and license. I took the training/test and it was pretty easy. I put printed paper copies in my transmitter box and saved PDF copies to my computer and to my phone.

**SHOW AND TELL:**

Bill Ponseigo showed transmitter gimbal stick protectors that were 3D printed by Bob Golden.

**CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

Richard Sanders 30 cc Raven peeled back a huge patch of monocoque from the wing with it flapping behind the wing. Managed to get the plane around to the landing pattern but came in a little short and tore out the main gear in the high grass.

**Raffle:**

The monthly raffles are designed to break even. Any excess monies are used for the Christmas Party Raffle. Our wives and guests receive a free raffle ticket for attending the meeting.

Stephan Christensen won the Horizon V1200 sport plane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



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**Fun Fly Photos  
(By Jim Witthauer)**

























