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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, May 21, 2024, 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 3rd Tuesday of
each month (except Dec)
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Tuesday. Acadiana Café,
1289 SW Loop 410

April 2024 Fun fly

The short story is, there wasn't an April, 2024 fun fly. Weather blew it out. In fact, weather during April has been spotty for flying. Your editor did not fly during the whole month. What few days there were with good weather, I had other tasks to complete. It was like waiting at a stop sign for a break in the traffic. When the left traffic paused, the right traffic was full. That's my excuse.

Some, like George Wilson, did get out and posted some photos on the club's Facebook page. I may steal some of those to round out the photos I've managed to take lately.

Meanwhile, I'll re-publish a story on the passing of Clarence E. (Bud) Anderson. The old saying goes that there are old pilots and bold pilots, but no old bold pilots. While mostly true, Bud Anderson was a bold pilot who lived to the ripe old age of 102. Yes, he took chances, but those were the precisely calculated chances of an experienced fighter, and later test pilot.

Bud Anderson, the last World War II 'triple ace,' dies at 102

Story by Nicholas Slayton, Task and Purpose



Clarence "Bud" Anderson during World War II, next to his P-51 Mustang "Old Crow." (photo courtesy the American Air Museum/Imperial War Museum)© Provided by Task & Purpose

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ARCS Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order April 16th at 7:00 p.m. There were no March meeting minutes. Treasurer's Report was checking \$2,632 and savings \$12,714 for Total of \$15,446. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Guests:

Bill and Bonnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **April 21st** 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. Shirts are \$20. Extended sizes are slightly higher. There is no minimum order. 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 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.

Jim was no at the meeting so we will get an update at the May meeting. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

FIELD CONDITIONS:

Spent \$4800 for runway topping and striping. Looks great!

Voted to buy a new HD field camera with 5 years unlimited data for \$400. Camera bought and installed and instructions to add and operate sent to members.

Steve Jenkins designed, purchased and built a new solar panel system for lights and charging mowers in the container. Unit is installed and works great.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club will hold a 4th of July party at the field. Club donating \$250 for food and drink. Cost for fireworks will be by member donations.

SHOW AND TELL:

Steve Jenkins demonstrated the new solar panel system for the field.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Larry Emerson changed out some servos but forgot to recalibrate SAFE resulting in a crash.

George Wilson had an aileron pull out and crashed in the cornfield.

Raffle:

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

Dick Reich- Slick 480

Simon Rodriguez- mini helicopter

Buck Murray- mini A6M zero (gave to Rayden)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Bud Anderson
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One of the last masters of the air has died. Brig. Gen. Clarence Emil "Bud" Anderson, credited with downing 16 enemy planes over Europe in World War II, died this past week at his home in Auburn, California. He was 102.

"On 17 May 2024 at 5:29pm, WWII Triple Ace Brigadier General Clarence E "Bud" Anderson passed away in his home peacefully in his sleep surround [sic] by his family. We were blessed to have him as our father," his children wrote in an announcement posted on Anderson's website. "Dad lived an amazing life and was loved by many. He was 102! Thank you for all your kind comments and messages."

Anderson's aerial victories during World War II gave him the rare "triple ace" status, but his career in the military extends beyond those battles in the sky.

Born Jan. 13, 1922 in Oakland, California, Anderson grew up playing sports in the Bay Area. Before he joined the U.S. military he was already a licensed pilot, having earned his pilot's license while in college at the age of 19. Shortly after the U.S. entered World War II, Anderson enlisted in January 1942. A few months later he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Forces. He stayed stateside for more than a year, piloting a Bell P-39. He finally went overseas to England in late 1943.

Assigned to the 357th Fighter Group, Anderson began flying bomber escort missions, piloting a series of P-51 Mustangs, each named "Old Crow" — after the bourbon whiskey. In the first five months of 1944, he shot down five German planes, earning him "ace" status. He rose through the ranks, serving two combat tours. By the end of 1944 he'd reached triple ace status, won several dog fights and by the end of the war flew 116 missions.

He is credited with 16 and a quarter kills. The quarter came from a joint effort in downing one German plane. Anderson had the third-highest number of enemy aircraft kills in the 357th Fighter Group, which alone took out nearly 700 German planes.

He served alongside fellow fighter pilot legend Chuck Yeager during World War II. The two were close friends and would both serve as military test pilots after the war. According to his website, Anderson logged more than 7,500 hours in the sky, flying more than 130 different types of aircraft.

However he wasn't done fighting. He led a F-86 squadron in Korea after the 1953 ceasefire, and then a F-105 squadron based out of Okinawa. During the Vietnam War Anderson again was in combat, flying 25 missions while in command of the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing. Flying an F-105 Thunderchief named "Old Crow II," his wing focused on bombing North Vietnamese supply lines along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.



1 Test pilot Bud Anderson at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., with an F-104. (U.S. Air Force)

Anderson retired from the military in 1972 with the rank of colonel. Once retired, he then became the manager for the McDonnell Aircraft Company's test facility at Edwards Air Force Base, working there for more than a decade.

In 1945, he married Eleanor Crosby. The two would stay together for seven decades; she died in 2015. By the time he reached his 100th birthday in 2022, Anderson was the last living triple ace from World War II.

In 2022, Anderson was given the honorary promotion to brigadier general. Charles Q. Brown, the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then-Chief of Staff of the Air Force, led the ceremony. Anderson was re-inducted into the Air Force and given his last promotion.

"[Bud's] kind of a wrecking ball of a guy and I think for many of us, probably wouldn't want to have him behind us shooting us down—he had a distinguished career," Brown said at the promotion



Then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ. Brown, Jr. leads Bud Anderson in the oath of office in 2022, in order to promote him to brigadier general. (photo by Nicholas Pilch/U.S. Air Force)© Provided by Task & Purpose

ceremony. "It was really good to have a chance just to read through [some of Bud's service records] and for me personally to reflect on the impact you had on our history of our Air Force."

After the formal ceremony, the celebration with Anderson featured shots of Old Crow.

According to his official website, Bud Anderson is survived by his son Jim Anderson, daughter Kitty Burlington, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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Flying Field Photos (Thanks to Chris Freeman and George Wilson for April Field Photos.)











