



# ARCS News



Alamo Radio Control Society

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**CLUB FLYING SITE** is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Shepard Road

## Fun - Fly



Fields of green grass heavily laden with dew surrounded Harold Cannon Field the morning of the August Fun Fly. Grass so tall, it could swallow any plane that might not make it back to the runway, necessitated hours of work to clear a perimeter and lower the berm so pilots could actually see the runway. Heavy rains have made the landscape that surrounds Harold Cannon Field greener than it has ever been. 28 pilots and a handful of observers braced the heat and humidity for what was indeed the greenest Fun Fly ever!

It was the day of the P-51. The many versions of the venerable fighter parked on the taxiway, the grass, and in the air clearly outnumbered any other type of airplane present. It was also the day of the large birds with Bill Fahey's 89" Extra 330, Juan Galvez 3D flying 88" Yak 54, Tom Richard's smoking 110" Yak, Ed Dyson's 89" Beast Biplane, to mention a few. Other unique airplanes included Pete Dubree's Shock Jet Trainer, Jim Keck's Contender with a brand new, but antique, Super Tiger G-60 engine, and Sal Sordo's drone and FPV glider.

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#### Club Meetings

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of  
each month (except Dec)  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at  
**Chaparrita's Mexican Rest.**  
7350 Tezel Rd.  
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Visitors included Chris Cutkomp with daughter Cora, who flew his TREX 550E helicopter, and Richard Saunder's grandson Issac, who controlled his RC car from the comfort of the shade underneath his grandfather's truck.

Everyone took a moment to give special recognition to Ed Dyson who recently became an American Citizen. For this he was encouraged to raise the American Flag for the day's event. Congratulations Ed!

There were no airplanes lost in the tall grass and no crashes that could not be survived, although Juan tempted fate by flying inverted dangerously close to the runway surface!

Finally, special thanks to the Rohmer family for the generous food donation in honor of Beatrice who recently passed away.  
Jim Witthauer









## **August 23, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The July 2016 minutes were read. A motion was made to accept the Minutes. Approved. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

**GUESTS:** Marsha, Patrice, Mary, Carol, Pat, Sarah, Sarah and Judy

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

If you want a club shirt, check with Eric Amundsen, he will take your order. Shirts are \$22. Extended sizes are \$2 higher. There is no minimum order. If you want a shirt, call Eric. Blue hats are \$15. New members, hats are free. A new name tag board will be attached to the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag.

The Club has donated 158 lbs. of food to the Food Bank this month for a total of 864 lbs. for this year. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Let's make 2016 even bigger.

### **Swap Meet:**

The "Swap Meet" July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Encino Park HOA building was a huge success!! Tom Richards really pulled this together! and last but not least Bill Ponseigo for spearheaded the cleanup. The next one is planned for Oct 20-21, 2017. Mark your calendars.

The **Fun Fly** is **August 28th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A "grass runway" experiment has been undertaken until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 by the Club's elected officers. Joe has agreed to allow us to cut the North side grass (40' x 400'). The Club has collected donations covering the \$300 for the hay production loss. The North side of the runway will be cut short and seeded. Water will not be provided (except for rain).

The Club will reevaluate the grass runway later in the year. Please remember, there will be no water except for rain throughout the year and the Club will be responsible for grass cutting. We may not have a wet August next year.

**Note:** It took 2 additional hours to cut the test runway. We have had volunteers attempt to roll out the bumps.

We will look in to getting a new wind sock on the fence near the pond. The current sock works intermittently and is about 2 years old.

The wood on the East side under the ARCS sign is starting to rot. The lumber on the Pavilion will need to be replaced in the spring. The Club will take on this project this spring and will most likely replace it with Hardy Board.

### **CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

Phil Everman had an uncontrolled landing and took off the gear and damaged his airplane. Folks, you must realize, every one of Phil's landings is uncontrolled.

Juan Galvez had 3 crashes in one month. He was flying his Raptor inverted near the tall grass and the long grass hit. The Raptor hit the ground and broke the blades. The second crash occurred a few days later when the fence near the pond caught the Raptor. Crashed, but repairable. Being a super flier, Juan brought out his Carbon Cub and was flying around the field with the flaps down to set up for a short field landing. Juan got a little too slow and the Cub tip stalled and crashed. Again, repairable.

The Winner is Juan.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

JD Smith brought in a Red Head Pulse Jet to show everyone. The pulse jet will be ignited, be at full power (extremely loud) for about 3 minutes. It will be mounted on Wanderer that Chris Little will fly. Should be an interesting flight!

Tom Richard showed us his a box full of lead tape weights that he got on Ebay cheap, about 40 percent of the cost at the hobby shops.

Jim Keck brought in his kit built Top Flite Contender. It has a "new" 1978 vintage Super Tigre G 60 Blue Head in the nose. Should fly like a rocket. The contender sports the new Fluorescent Orange Ultra Cote.

### **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. Special thanks go out to Hobby Town for providing the raffle prizes to the Club at a reduced price. The Gift Certificates were provided by Tower Hobbies and Sig Manufacturing as a result of our sanctioned "Swap Meet".

Great Planes Sport P-51 40 ARF — Stephan Christensen  
Big Stick 40 – Bob Palmani

Super Stand – Bill Ponseigo  
MD500D electric Heli – Richard Beardsley  
Gallon of Fuel – Dan McGinnis  
Gallon of Fuel – Stephan Christensen  
Wheel Chocks – Phil Everman  
Hinge Slotter – Judy Croce  
Nose Gear – Buck Murray  
Prop Balancer – Juan Galvez

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Sorry Folks No Meeting Pics This Month Our Photographer Jim Witthauer and Wife Sandy were Celebrating Their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.