



ARCS News



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

Fun - Fly



Tony Hand and his Impressive Warbirds Line-Up

“Should I Stay or Should I Go?” The lyrics of a once popular song gave voice the question that was on the minds of many fliers contemplating going to the Fun Fly as they looked at a forecast predicting heavy rains by noon. For the 16 people who did show, nearly ideal flying conditions awaited: gentle southeasterly winds bellowing down the runway and mild temperatures. The humidity was high but not unpleasant. For most of the morning flying was great. At midday a gentle shower suddenly became a gully-washer sending everyone scurrying to cover their aircraft. It was a typical south Texas Rain, from refreshing to devastating in the blink of an eye. By noon only two hearty souls remained, including our indefatigable president-elect, Bill Ponseigo. Congratulations president Bill (...again!)

Key feature of the day’s collection of aircraft was Tony Hand’s trio of warbirds. The group included an 86” Corsair, 85” P-51D, and an 85” P-47D. The P-47D was by far the beauty of the group. Christened, *“Leah’s Choice”*, the twin-cylinder powered

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Club Meetings

Held the 3rd Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

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Thunderbolt featured the Captain America shield on the stabilizer and Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. hawk on the nose. Captain America sat in the cockpit ready for the call to action to duel against evil forces.

Other aircraft of note included Pete Dubree's *Horizon Viking* biplane with 3-channel stabilization control and his *Phoenix 2000* Glider. And there was Richard Saunders' *Great Planes U-Can-Do SF*, and Bob Palmini's modified *Ultrastick*.

Only one major crash. A Brown-out caused Pete Dubree to lose radio contact with his turbojet trainer which scored a direct hit on a fence post.

Thanks to Ron Stewart for the breakfast tacos and Tom Richards for the sausage and egg biscuit sandwiches. However, to the chagrin of everyone present there were no doughnuts! Surely this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Jim Witthauer







September 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The August 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

NEW MEMBERS: Al Staats, Lazaro Saenz

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The **Fun Fly** is **September 25th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

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 157 lbs. of food to the Food Bank this month for a total of 1021 lbs. for this year. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Let's make 2016 even bigger.

(repeat) A "grass runway" experiment has been undertaken until the 31st 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.

(repeat) 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.

(repeat) 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

September is election of Club Officers month. All current Club Officers are willing to serve another year in their respective positions if elected by the membership. A motion was made and seconded, to elect the current Club Officers for an additional year. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Keck recommended a By Laws change which would restrict verbal agreements with the landowners concerning land use and compensation. After much discussion, it was decided not to pursue any changes. The landowners already know deal only with the elected Club Officers.

The edges of the runway are cracking with all of the additional moisture this year. To preserve the pavement, we need to fill the cracks so the water will not undermine the surface. A motion was made, seconded and approved to repair the runway limiting the cost to less than \$1400. Buck Murray will contact paving specialists to make the repairs. Expect flying to be disrupted for about a day. You will receive a notice via e-mail of flying restrictions.

The next "Food Fly" will be November 20, 2016. Mark your calendars. Flying and Food. It doesn't get any better than this.

Tony Farnsworth has a Troop of Scouts that need some projects. After some consideration, we (ARCS) is recommending that they come out and paint all of the start stands and tables. The Club will be supplying the paint.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Bob Palmi had 2 crashes this month. He was flying around the field having a great time. You know sooner or later you must land. Bob did a full stall landing and cart wheeled and damaged the wing. The second crash occurred while flying his new Big Stick electric. After doing a few maneuvers in the center of the field, the airplane just quit. Yes quit with a full battery pack. The stick hit the ground with a bang and was badly damaged. As Bob put it, "It Just Quit!"

The Winner is Bob.

SHOW AND TELL: None

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.

Sig Rascal 80 — Jim Keck
Fuel Pump — Ron Steward
15 min. Epoxy — Tom Richards
Gallon of Fuel — Juan Galvez

Gallon of Fuel – James Munro
Prop Reamer – ?

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

