



ARCS News



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Fun - Fly

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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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The new faces of RC flying (FPV – First Person View)

A cold, steady wind blowing from the northeast was the constant feature of the February Fun Fly. The 10 – 15 mph winds may have varied but the wind direction did not. Of the twenty people who came out throughout the day only 11 actually flew. The uncharacteristically small number of fliers and observers indicated that many chose not to battle or endure the gusting crosswinds. Some never took their aircraft out of their vehicle.

Those who flew included Bill Ponseigo and Richard Sanders competing against each other with their racing drones. Later Bill flew his Yak and Richard his *Tower Hobbies UPROAR*. Juan Galvez flew his *Motion RC F7F Tiger Cat* and his *Amazing Phoenix Models 96" Spitfire*. Phil Everman flew his *Century Hawk Helicopter* which he bought at a swap-meet for \$40.00. Tom Richards flew his *Hanger 9 Ultrastick* but lost a wheel on take-off. Fortunately, he landed the *Ultrastick* safely. Chuck Krumboltz flew his Piper Cub, with difficulty. The most frequent flier was Sal Sordo flying his FPV equipped glider, his *U-Can-Do*, and a flying wing. Pete Dubree flew his turbine jet and later his *A-6 Intruder went in* when the undercharged battery quit in midflight. Pete has since repaired the Intruder. Rich Beardsley bravely flew a 3-D ARF once then quit for the day. Bob Palmiini flew a *Pulse XT* which he rescued from the trash and rebuilt. Finally, new member Ron Marks attended his first ARCS Fun Fly with son Evan. Ron is returning to the hobby

after a five-year hiatus starting out with a *Hanger 9 Alpha Trainer*. Other than the wind the only other interruption was a turtle crossing the runway on its way to the nearly overflowing water tank across the muddy field. Overall the flying was uneventful and the doughnuts plentifully Hats off to all who chose to come out and fly. Jim Witthauer.

Here is a special reminder about our March 25 Fun-Fly.

A reminder to all members of the March fun fly on Sunday 25 March. We will have guests::: **THE MODEL A CLUB WILL BE VISITING**. Family members and guests are also invited. We are providing the main food(the meat). All others are asked to bring their favorite dish for others to share.Salads , Beans , whatever you like to eat will be enjoyed by all.

Tom Richards is doing the cooking .. Everyone should bring their finest planes to show off. We will be raising the flag at noon or as soon as the guests arrive, then we can eat and continue flying.

All member are asked to take all leftover food home so the clean up will go quickly.

Let's have a fun day ,, bring your kids and grandkids

Bill Ponseigo

Club Prez

Now to the FUN-Fly Pictures. Taken by Jim Whitthauer



Chopper Phil (Phil Everman)



Juan Galvez's Spitfire setting up for a train strafing run



Chuck and his Cubbie



Pete's A-6 Intruder "broken nose"



Handsome Bob in his new Hot-Rod



Juan Galvez showing off his F7F Tiger Cat



Bill Grozdanich makes a perfect grass field landing with his giant scale P-47D



Tom Richards Hanger 9 Stick with an electric engine starter



Pete Dubree's Reaction 54 Turbine jet approaches runway and lands but left main and front nose gear collapse. No air left.



Sal Sordo's flying wing takes flight



Newest Members Ron Marks and son Evan Marks prepping their Hanger 9 Alpha trainer for flight



Bob Palamini explaining his electric Pulse 60 to Bill G.

Sal Sordo's beautiful U-Can-Do





Pete getting some much needed help new member Evan Marks. Thank You Evan



Is Bill doing what I'm thinking?



Busy flight line



J D Smith was there assisting Ron Marks and Whatachi (Me)



February 20, 2018

Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order February 20th at 7:00 p.m. The January 2018 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

New Member: Ron Marks

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **February 25th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) 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. Hats are \$15. New members, hats are free. Name tags will be attached to the board in the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag.

The Club has donated 1413 lbs. of food for 2017. Let's try to make 2018 even greater. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!**

The field is in great shape thanks to the rain. The grass runway on the North side of the asphalt is really looking good and is smooth. If you miss the hard surface the grass is great.

Repeat:

If you have not paid your dues and field fees for 2018, please pay immediately or you will be dropped from the roster (March 1, 2018). Please pay buy US Mail or online via the Club web site, www.alamorcs.org (using PayPal). If using US Mail, please send the checks payable to ARCS to Tony Centeno. His address is on the Club web site.

The October Swap Meet at VFW Post 8541 was a success! We are planning for a similar event this year about the same time of the year. We are currently coordinating the dates. You will be informed of the details later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The March 2018 Fun Fly will be a "Food Fly". Bring your favorite covered dish. Tom Richards will cook the meat (brisket and sausage) for the for the "Pot Luck" event. Phil Everman will plan a flying event. It will most likely be an "egg drop". See you there on March 25th. The Model "A" Ford Club will be there showing of their cars.

ARCS has signed a new 5 year lease for the field. There are a few changes to the lease.

1. Flying for electric airplanes begins at 8 am, glow, gas and turbine airplanes can start flying at 9 am.
2. All flying must stop 1 hour before sunset so that all folks have departed the field by darkness.
3. No flying on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

The web site will be updated with this information.

The Web Site needs some work to get everything up to speed. Eric Amundsen has volunteered to assist in getting the site up to speed. Keep checking for updated information. The current roster is available in the Members only section. This was current 6 months ago.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Pete Dubree's duel 70mm Ducted fan A-10 crashed. The airplane took off and up. It was tail heavy and rolled left because engines were not speed synced.. A lot of down elevator and right aileron was required to control the beast in a knife edge flight mode. After a minute of hopeless flight he cut power and forced it down to a nose in landing. This was a basket case that may be rebuilt in the future.

The winner is Pete.

SHOW AND TELL:

Peter Shavney showed off his Super Buccaneer that he originally built 80 years ago. I was sent to him in pieces. The large wing was cut in 3 pieces to ship it to him. Peter took to the challenge and repaired the whole airplane better than new, now covered in silver MonoKote. Super Job!

Sal Sardo brought in his FPV electric sailplane. It flies super and is a joy to hunt thermals in the "Easy" mode with "Return to Home" armed. Super!

Dick Reich showed off his F-35 electric Jet that he won at last month's raffle. He said everything went together with a little taping and cutting of foam to get the servo leads to the correct spot. The throttle range settings were not set correctly, so some reprogramming is necessary. Good luck Dick!

Stephan Christensen showed the Club his Sig T-Clips that he assembled. The plastic push rod tubes were twisted from the factory. They had to be removed and straightened to allow the pushrods to go through. Stephan added an OS 71 four stroke to the nose. It should fly great. Super Job!

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.

Great Planes PT 19 ARF – Bill Ponseigo
Robart Super Stand – Tom Richards
Prop Balancer – Sal Sardo
Fuel Pump – Rich Saucedo
Charge Switch – Tony Centeno
Gallon of Fuel – Bob Palmiini

Meeting Pics





