



ARCS News



Alamo Radio Control Society

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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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Bill Ponseigo without his hat and a charred drone in his hand

The November Fun Fly, the last such event of the year, could have been unremarkable were it not for the grass fire ignited by the crash of Bill Ponseigo's drone.

Flying his drone north of the runway an apparent failure of a speed controller caused Bill's drone to crash igniting a fire which quickly spread in the dry grass of the recently harvested hay field. Smoke rising slowly under the calm skies caught the eye of observers. As the fire began spreading in the dry grass, Bill yelled for help but was far out of hearing range. Observers seeing smoke grabbed an extinguisher and ran to the scene. With JD Smith acting as the fireman, he sprayed the fire with the extinguisher as others began stamping out the fire. The situation was soon brought under control; a fiery disaster avoided. The drone was toast! Later, when Bill inspected the drone, it was apparent that a failure of the battery was not the cause of the crash or the fire. It was the speed controller. Everyone was amazed that the entire drone was reduced to a charred relic! Fortunately, the ARCS was prepared for such an event with fire extinguishers at the ready!

Another special feature of the Fun Fly was the "Mystery Soup" served up by Harold Saults complete with tortilla chips, shredded cheese, chopped peppers, and onions for garnish. The soup was a well appreciated by all and quickly consumed by the 25 people who came out for the day. Thanks Harold!

19 Pilots flew under blue, sunny skies with winds generally out of the north. Despite the excitement early in the day, it was a fine Fun Fly to finish another great year for the ARCS.

Jim Witthauer



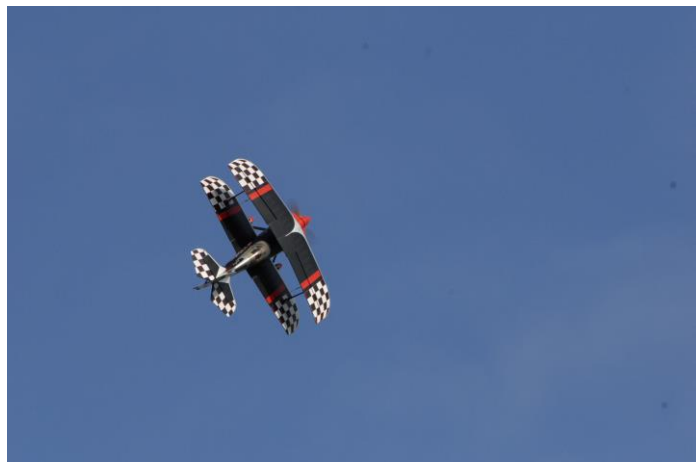
Bill Ponseigo's ill fated quad accident.



Recent new club members



Bill Grozanich and his beautiful Top Flight P-47D



Juan Galvez and 3D flying Demo



Phil Everman Makes a perfect dead stick landing



Pete Dubree's A-6 Intruder "Mayday stuck nose gear"



Juan Galvez flying his Army chopper low level



J D Smith's Stick



"The Stickmen"

John Miller starting his stick



Jim Agnew's nice Ultimate Biplane



Bob Palamini prepping his horizon Pulse

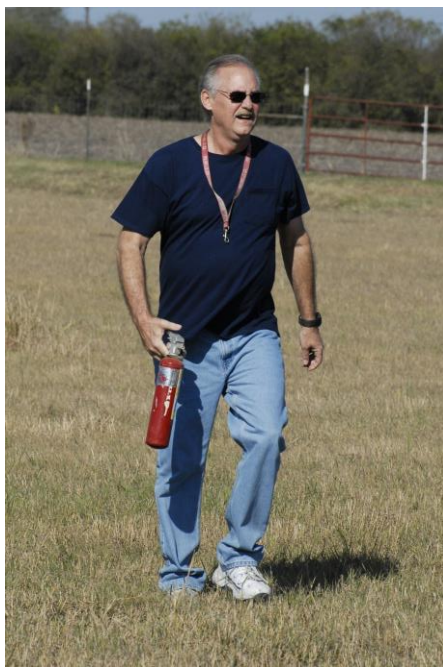


Pete Dubree's P-47D pilot "Hey Joe"





Harold Saults weirdoes



J D "They call me the fireman"



Our Snowbird Dick Reich



Hanging Out



Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order November 21st at 7:00 p.m. The October 2017 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: Sara, Judy, Marsha

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **November 26th** 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 222 lbs. this last month for a yearly total of 1260 lbs. Let's try to make 2017 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:

We are collecting dues and fees for 2018. ARCS Annual Dues and Fees must be paid no later than December 31, 2017. Please pay by 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. Please pay early!

The fees are as follows:

ADULT MEMBERS:	\$60 Annual Dues \$25 Grass Maintenance Fee \$85 Total
YOUTH MEMBERS:	\$10 Annual Dues \$25 Grass Maintenance Fee \$35 Total
DUES EXEMPT MEMBERS:	\$25 Grass Maintenance Fee \$25 Total

NEW BUSINESS:

The Christmas Party will be December 5th from 6 to 10pm at **Chaparrita's Mexican Restaurant at 7350 Tezel Rd.** It will be much the same as last year's party. We will have a large raffle, Chinese gift exchange (NO GAG GIFTS) and special gift drawings. You must bring a gift (worth at least \$20) to participate in the gift exchange. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Children are welcome. Each child will receive a gift and is part of the fun. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$20 for fingertip to fingertip pull (about 30 to 35 tickets). There will be a separate Ladies Raffle. We will be having 2 entrees, Turkey dinner with all the trimmings or Flat Iron steak. The cost is \$20 per person which includes desert, beverage and tip. Please go to the club web site and let us know what you want for dinner. Cutoff date is November 29th. Please bring your money to the November meeting use PayPal on the Club web site or send the funds to Tony Centeno via USPS. Please mark your calendars! Let Buck or Tony know what dinner you would like. Absolutely NO money for the party or Club dues will be accepted at the party!

The October Swap Meet at VFW Post 8541 was a success! The Club made over \$1000 profit for the event. A special thank you goes out to Stephan Christenson and his dad of the super help, Dick Reich for handling the Snack Bar, Tony and Sarah Centeno for handling all the funds and the door entry, and Tom Richards for Sponsoring the Event and the VFW. These are the folks that make things happen and keep ARCS going! Thank you again. On the down side, we had very limited participation from the Club membership. We need greater participation to keep the Club rolling along, get new members and expand the hobby! Everyone has something to sell, swap, barter, buy or horn-swaggle. Participation is the key to making the Club successful, profitable and viable in the future.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Rich Sanders was out flying around and got into an inverted spin. Yes, the airplane spins but it did not recover. Totaled.

Pete DuBree was flying his 90 mm Ducted Fan A-4 Skyhawk in his usual way, Fast with a lot of Hi G turns. Well the A-4 had a weak wing at the retracts. Yes, the wing folded and created a bag of foam pieces. WOW! The City will not even re-cycle it.

JD Smith was flying his Radeon Electric Glider and having a real great time as he flew it near the stock pond. It seemed like a good time for a Victory Roll at about 5 to 10 feet off of the ground. It takes about 15 feet of altitude to make things happen. Well, the barbed wire fence near the pond won! Hangar 9 doesn't make the parts anymore. So Sad!

The winner is JD.

SHOW AND TELL:

Rich Beardsley brought in his beautiful Pitts 12 biplane. This is a super looking airplane with a DLE 50 in the nose with HiTech high voltage/torque servos to handle the G loads. The first flight has not been scheduled. Great Job!

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.

Hangar 9 Cirrus Electric ARF – Bob Palmini
Airplane Stand – Dick Reich
LiPo Battery Pack – Rich Sanders
Balsa Filler – Buck Murray
MonoKote Iron – Buck Murray
Gallon of Fuel – Tony Centeno

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

