



ARCS News



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Held the 3rd Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

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Food Fest Opening Ceremony "Raising our Flag and Honoring our Country"

The March Food Fly and Egg Drop contest was the first major event of the year, organized and led by Tom Richards and Phil Everman. Members of the Alamo A's, guests of the ARCS, rolled into Harold Cannon Field in their model A's. Horns blaring and cars gleaming, they came to enjoy a picnic, cheer the egg-drop pilots and show off their cars. Lined up behind the pavilion the cars and owners were heartily greeted with smiles and envious eyes. Later, the viewing was followed by a photo session with owners proudly standing by their cherished vintage automobiles. After the Egg Drop Contest, car owners graciously treated ARCS members and their families to rides in their Model A's. But before the eggs dropped, everyone sat and enjoyed a BBQ feast!

Tom and Carol Richards organized the picnic. The main entrée was smoked brisket kindly smoked by Smokie Mo's BBQ Restaurant. Accompanied by sausage, covered dishes, and desserts, there was plenty good food to feed an army. Which was good as attendance was remarkably high. The counting of attendees stopped at 45, yet many more came after the nose count ceased. With ARCS President Bill Ponseigo as Master of Ceremonies, the event officially began with the playing of the National Anthem, raising of the flag, and a fly-by with Bill Grozdanich and Juan Galvez flying their P-47D *Tar-Heel*,

and Spitfire warbirds respectfully. Following greetings by Bill and Tom, everyone took a moment for the saying of grace then proceeded to feast on BBQ, side dishes and desserts too numerous to count!

When everyone had their fill of BBQ the competition event began. After much practice organizers Phil Everman and JD Smith announced it was time for competition to begin. It was time for pilots to put their flying skills to the test. The test: drop a raw egg from an airplane near the center of a circle skillfully inscribed in the center of the runway. Discerning judges included Dick Reich and a member of the Alamo A's car club. Each pilot was given three eggs with which they could attempt a direct hit in the center of the circle. Those scoring a hit closest to the center would be the winner. Recording the competition were Lupe Talamantez with his new Fujii Camera, Brent Vannes with his Shark Quadcopter, and Bonnie Davis and her DP Phantom. Competition was keen! Wildly twisting and looping above the runway pilots were put to the test hoping to win the event and not collide with each other or the ground! Finally, three skilled pilots rose above the fray to be crowned best Egg Drop Winners! The winners were: Chris Little, Stephan Christensen, and Juan Galvez. Each pilot received a cash prize presented by Phil Everman in a photo session that included congratulations from ARCS President Bill Ponseigo.

Two other events of note included the 239th flight of Pete Dubree's Turbojet and the flight of a scratch-built drone designed and built by new club member, Wesley Smithers. The drone will become part of a Bird-Strike-Prevention-System designed and built by Wesley with guidance from his advisor and engineer, club member Jon Cutshall. Wesley, a senior at Brandeis High School, will enter his project in an engineering competition for high school level students.

Gladly, the threat of rain for the day did not materialize. Everyone who attended, enjoyed what is probably one of the most successful events in recent years for the ARCS! Jim Witthauer

Thank You Jim for the outstanding recap. Now to the photos.



The Model A Guests



Some of our Guests arriving in their beautiful Model A Fords



Carol and Tom Richards in their Model A

1928 Ford P/U Truck



Trish and Brian Martin's 1931 Ford Model A

Ati and Paulette Saenz's 1928 Ford P/U



Jerry Cowen and his 1931 Ford model A

Carol and Tom Richards with their 1930 Ford Model A







The Winners



Bill Ponseigo lost a nice airplane

March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order March 20th at 7:00 p.m. The February 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: Wesley Smithers

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Food Fly is March 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 donated 109 lbs. of food for the San Antonio Food Bank this month for a total of 234 lbs. for 2018. 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. We are continuing to monitor the small cracks in the asphalt. Current repairs are working well.

We are planning a Swap Meet for October 2018 similar to last year's event. We are currently coordinating the dates. You will be informed of the details later in the year. Tom Richards will be working out the details.

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 has planned an "egg drop" flying event. See you there on March 25th. The Model "A" Ford Club will be there showing of their cars.

REPEAT

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Club has been re-chartered with the AMA for 2018. Club insurance forms and certificates are on file. Fly safe!

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. We are currently trying to get control of the site, get it updated and into this century.

The Club has purchased some new "Big Boy" chairs for the field.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Pete DuBree crashed his 30cc Ultra Stick. Somehow a couple of screws were missing from the engine firewall and engine mount assembly when Pete took off. You know Pete, a couple of screws missing never ever hurt him before. The engine wobbled on takeoff but our fearless pilot continued. Flying around the field everything was OK? All of a sudden, the Stick nosed over and smacked the ground with a thump. The Stick was in pieces. It is believed that the battery pack became detached and caused the crash. Pete, masking tape works great to hold plugs together! Screws hold things together and a balance prop keeps vibrations and wobbles to a minimum.

The winner is Pete.

SHOW AND TELL:

Dewey Newbold brought in a Fontana 40 ARF for sale. He is asking \$100. Jump on this one folks.

Ron Steward brought in his Albatross Foam Biplane for sale. Super plane; asking \$50.

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.

**Super Chipmunk EP ARF – Stephan Christensen
Robart Super Stand – Juan Galvez
Wheels – Tony Centeno
Knife Set – Bob Palmini
Epoxy – Buck Murray
Gallon of Fuel – Buck Murray
Z Pliers – JD Smith**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

