



ARCS News



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Held the 3rd Tuesday of

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7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

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"Pilots its cold out there"

The New Year for ARCS is off to a spectacular start. The first Funfly of the year had a large attendance with over 25 pilots, and nearly every type of aircraft represented: fixed wing, glider, rotary wing, and drone. All in spite of a cold day, 35 degrees Fahrenheit to start, under clear blue skies and gentle breezes.

Key features included a JD Smith and Juan Galvez glider tow featuring a *Carbon Cub SS* and a 3-meter glider, Ed Kotzar's fiberglass covered Spitfire, Bill Surratt's beautiful *Old Crow P-51* and *Viper 70mm EDF Jet*, Daniel Eng's helicopter, Richard Reich's quadcopter, Stephan Christensen's *Spaceman quadcopter*, the second flight of Phil Everman's *Messerschmitt ME 262*. Flying wings were flown by Sal Sordo (with assistance from nephew Daniel Ochoa) and Harold Sauls, and FPV aircraft were flown by Bill Ponsiego, Richard Sanders, and Sal Sordo. Several visitors and potential new members, were also in attendance. Finally, Harold's crockpot of delicious chili, was enjoyed by many as the perfect warm up on a cold day! With nearly every charging station occupied throughout the day it is clear that electric-powered aircraft are ruling the day.

Congratulations on a great start to a new year of flying!

Jim Witthauer







February 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order January 15th at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the November 2018 minutes was suspended due to the absence of the Secretary. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

NEW MEMBER: Daniel Ochoa Sardo

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fun Fly is January 20th 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. Name Tags are \$6. New members, hats and name tags 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 1512 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in 2018. Let's try to make 2019 even greater. Thanks to all who donated. Keep up the good work, folks! Just drop the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

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.

Repeat

When you come out to fly, please use the Green "Sign—In" Book and please sign in. We are constantly being asked when folks are using the field and we do not know. We know when the grass is cut, but not when everyone flies. This will get the information and hopefully get people together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Buck has negotiated with one of his contractors to "Seal Coat" the runway. This should fill the cracks. It will require a couple of days in the middle of the week when the temperature is above 50 degrees F and not raining. We will keep you posted on the No Fly Dates.

Buck Murray reported that the ARCS website had been altered to make it more user friendly. It is phone, tablet and PC friendly. It has 3 years of Newsletters, links to both weather and RC related sites. Also, the home page has two places to pay dues using PayPal. Look at the Top Right of the home page under "Pay Dues" and also, the Bottom Left. There is no excuse not to find it.

Since none of the hobby shops in the area have any ARFs 40 size or larger, Buck has purchased \$1400 worth of ARFs for this year's raffles. By purchasing all at once, Buck was able to negotiate a reduced price with no shipping costs. Each all balsa ARF is valued between \$150 to \$250.

THANK YOU:

Buck Murray pulled off a super deal for the Club by buying ARFs in bulk for our monthly raffles and the Christmas Party. Thanks for all the hard work!

A special Thank You goes out to Sarah Centeno for taking notes of the January meeting. A family emergency prevented me from being at the meeting. Without her help, these minutes would not be possible. Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Bill Ponseigo was out flying his Aeroworks Trainer with the winds out of the West. The flight was a great success until the final approach over the barn. Everything looked great according to Bill, when the airplane disappeared. This was not a David Copperfield magic trick. Seems the trainer hit the lip of the open barn door and proceeded to hit things in the barn. Verdict—Trainer destroyed with lots of small pieces.

Bill also had a Big Stick ARF failure. The plate holding the wing to the fuselage was not glued well from the factory. The wing departed the airplane. The Stick was destroyed.

Stephan Christensen was flying his Dad's 30 year old trainer, when all elevator control was lost. Seems the 30 year old "Z bend" slipped out of the servo arm. Tough to fly with no elevator. Trainer destroyed.

Winner: Bill Ponseigo

SHOW AND TELL:

Saul Cordova showed the Club his new Dynam AT-6.

Ed Kotzur showed us his new Spitfire foamie that is he covered in fiberglass. Super light cloth and water based poly-acrylic epoxy. It is tough. It flies great. Check it out.

Rich Sanders showed the Club his new \$100 drone. It flies at about 35 mph. Hover around the house or in the park.

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.

PT 19 ARF – Dick Reich

Gallon of Fuel – Ed Kotzur

Spinner – Tony Centeno

Fuel Pump – Tony Centeno

Super Glue – Saul Cordova

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

