



# ARCS News



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Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

**Chaparrita's Mexican Rest.**

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**The wind sock says it all : Windy!!!!**



The February Fun Fly was attended by 28 people which included several visitors. Cold north-northeast winds blowing at a steady 10-15 MPH led to several crashes, particularly at the north end of the runway. It was a rare sight to see members wearing gloves, hoods, and heavy coats in the 50-degree temperatures. Nearly every type of RC aircraft was on hand and took to the air. Lupe Talamantez's *Escapade* died on the runway and Bill Surratt nearly lost his *Viper 70mm EDF Jet* to an errant aileron servo, which initiated a ground and drone search. That same day the club acquired two new members: Jesus Rivera and Bill Johnson.

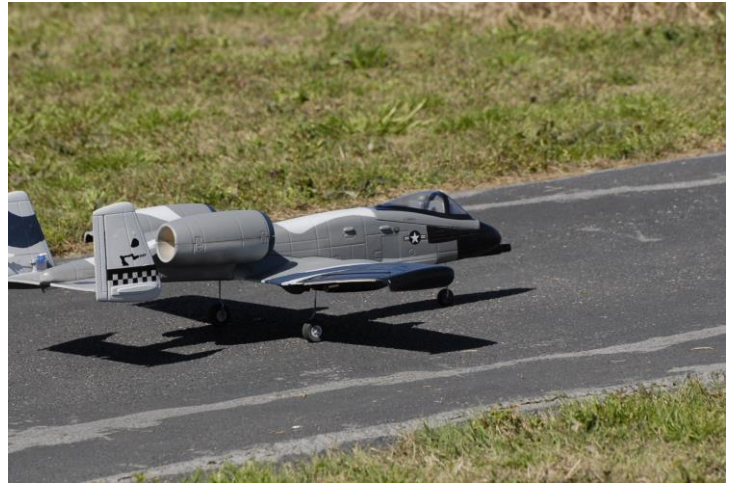
**At the request of, Patricia Garcia, owner of Chaparritas Mexican Restaurant, club meetings will move to the third Thursday of the month beginning in March. This is a temporary change. An announcement will be made when monthly meetings will return to the third Tuesday of each month.**

**Beginning in March the ARCS Newsletter will only be available on the club website. It will no longer be published in an email as was done previously. This change was discussed and approved by membership present at the February meeting. This method of distributing the newsletter will be evaluated in six months to determine if it should become permanent. The newsletter will be posted at least a week in advance of the monthly meeting to give everyone time to read the club minutes**

Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, September 27 & 28. The ARCS will once again sponsor a swap-meet at the VFW Post on Austin Highway. The swap meet is organized by Tom Richards and will need support from all club members to assure the event's success. Swap Meet Details will be forthcoming. Reserve your table early! JRW



Juan Galvez's new Freewing F-4 Corsair



and his new A-10 with new repaint.



Phil Everman's F-86 ready for a sortie



and his new Electric police chopper



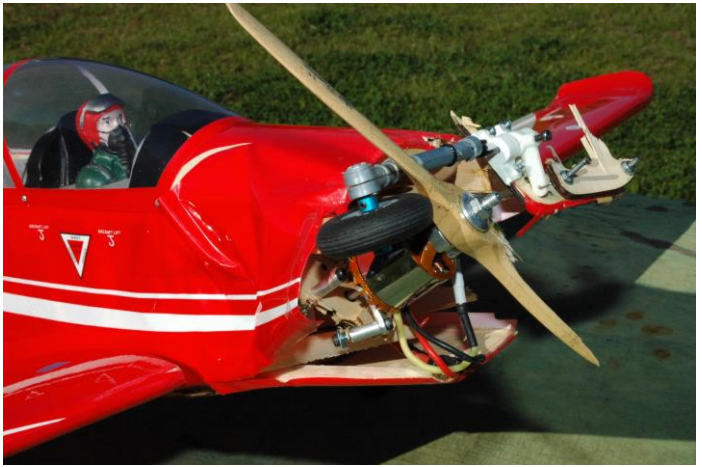






## THE Carnage





## **February 24, 2019**

The meeting was called to order February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the January 2019 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

**NEW MEMBER:** Saul Cordova

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The **Fun Fly** is **February 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 203 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in January 2019. Let's try to make 2019 even greater than 2018. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put 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:**

*Pray for a few days of warm temperatures and no rain. 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.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **IMPORTANT!!**

The Club meetings have been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. **Chaparrita's Mexican Restaurant** will be closed on Tuesdays until further notice. Please mark your calendars. Same time, same place, just a different day. Buck will be changing the Web



Site.

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.

Effective February 25, 2019, all drones (fixed wing aircraft are drones) must be marked on the outside of the UAV with your individual registration number. Please mark your aircraft. Also remember about the AMA requirements for markings on the inside with name, address, etc. and AMA number.

The Club approved a Swap Meet for September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be at the VFW on Old Austin Highway. Tom Richards will be running the event. We need lots of volunteers for selling food, setup and clean up, extra table set up etc. Please support the Club. Come look at the goodies and buy something. This will be an AMA sanctioned event. Details will follow next month.

Tom Richards bought a new "wind sock" for the field. It will be installed on the North side of the field so you can see it when flying. Thanks Tom!

## **CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

*An "almost crash":*

Jimmy Neff was getting ready to drive to Florida, so he topped off the car with windshield whipper fluid. Well, the fluid looked sort of blue, so he dumped it in and took off for Florida. Near the Florida state line it started to rain. So the whippers came on and so did the washer. The windshield suddenly fogged up to instant white. At the side of the road, Jimmy discovered that he had poured about \$15 worth of fuel in the windshield washer reservoir. After a lot of work and Downy Liquid the problem was solved.

Bob Palmini brought out "old yeller" for some flights around the patch. He put in the "safety plug" and took off. For some reason the safety plug fell out of the airplane and it proceeded to hit the ground out near the pond. Total destruction.

Winner: Bob Palmini

## **SHOW AND TELL:**

Jimmy Neff showed the Club his Super Cub on Floats. He added a water rudder for better control. Flies great!

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.

Lupe Telemantez showed us his new starter and bracketry to house the starter and Lipos. This is a custom 3D printed starter that can be changed to accommodate different batteries.

### **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.

Great Planes Escapade ARF – Tony Centeno

Gallon of Fuel – Phil Everman

15 min Epoxy – Bill Ponseigo

LiPo Battery – Rich Beardsley

Hobby Knife – Jimmy Neff

Heat Gun – Rich Beardsley

