



ARCS News



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Alamo Radio Control Society

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CLUB FLYING SITE Is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Shepard Road

The next club meeting will be held on November 17 at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410. There will be plenty of room for social distancing and eating. The restaurant has installed a partition that will allow the club to use almost half the dining room without interference between other patrons and the club meeting. (Remember, it is time to pay annual dues.)

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Club Meetings

Normally Held the 3rd
Tuesday of each month
(except Dec) 7:00 PM to
9:00 PM. Due to Covid-19
meetings are held at the
field on Sunday after 3rd
Tuesday.

Fun Fly

Those who prefer to fly jets arrived early for the October Fun Fly. With the Fun Fly officially beginning at 9:00 they were taxiing out of the pits at 8:59 to take to sky and fly as much as possible before other pilots arrived. Under an overcast sky and with the absence of any significant wind the "Jet Squad" was joined by many by mid-morning making the October Fun Fly one of the most attended for the year. There were 22 pilots flying by 10:00.

Aircraft of note included Jimmie Neff's F1Rocket EVO, Bill Grozdanich's B-25 and VTOL, Dick Reisch's Hobby King Hawker Tempest, and Raul Colunga's Sig Four Star 60. Even Joe Rohmer brought an EP powered free flight jet. And of course, there was the usual collection of Jets gathered at the south end of the pit area. There was only one crash of note, that being Curtis Chambers' A-10 which crashed in the north field after losing power. Its fly days are over.

Among the new faces at the Fun Fly were Michael Motameni and son, and Thibaut LeFevre. Michael treated everyone with boxes of breakfast tacos and Thibaut came all the way from France to join the ranks of the ARCS Cadre. Welcome to both!
Jim Witthauer

ANNUAL ARCS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Set aside the date: December 8

Time: 7 PM

Place: Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410, San Antonio

Menu: Cajun Deep-Fried Turkey or Catfish, veggies, dessert.

Cost: \$21 includes entre with sides, dessert and non-alcoholic drink. Payable on the web site via credit/debit card and PayPal. Alcoholic drinks will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Gift Swap if you wish to participate, bring gift worth \$25, no gag gifts please.

Minutes of Meeting, October, 2020
(Taken from recording of meeting by editor)

President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7 PM

After the pledge of allegiance, Bill introduced our visitor from France, Thibaut Lefevre (Hope name is spelled OK). A member of the French Navy, he is studying at the Defense Language Institute and will be headed to Pensacola, Florida to become a fighter pilot. He will be visiting until mid-December. Had been flying RC for about 10 years

Bill introduced new members: John, Rick

Secretary's report was approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report (Juan Valdez) – Expenses: Port-a-potty, items for raffle reimbursement to Bill Ponseigo for mower gas and to Eric for club hats and nametags for new members. Income from raffle.

Dues may be paid online via the web site, or mailed in.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Photo, historian and Food Bank (Jim Witthauer) –

--Photos are on website. If member have a special plane, bring it to the Fun Fly and Jim will be sure to take and post a photo of it and send the photo to you if you give him your e-mail address.

--Food. The club collects food for the San Antonio Food Bank every Fun Fly. There is a list of preferred food items on the web site if a member is unsure what to donate. The Food bank also takes infant and baby care items, diapers, etc. All new please. Currently the club is at 975 pounds of food donated for the year. That is about 400 pounds shy of our usual rate due to the Covid-19 pandemic effect. Members may also bring food to the meetings and Jim will collect it there.

Newsletter (Jim Neff) Newsletter is published. If any member has an article of something they'd like to see in the newsletter, contact the editor.

Web site (Buck Murray) Up to date.

--Information about the Christmas party is posted. Members can pay for the party on line. It is \$21, dessert, entre and non-alcohol drinks. It is either turkey or catfish. If you pay with check pay Juan. The party will be at Acadiana. Capacity is 74. That is enough for our normal Christmas party. Party will also have gift exchange and raffle and special drawing for prizes for women attending. The gift exchange requires a \$25, or more, gift to participate. Something of value, not candles, no gag gifts. Remember one of the ladies may get the gift. Raffle tickets are sold by arm's length, both arms stretched out fingertip to fingertip for \$20. Tickets earned by flights during the fun fly will also be entered into the drawing. There may be up to 25 raffle prizes. You have to be present to win. It is difficult to get things to raffle due to Covid.

--Pete requested music and space be provided for dancing. Buck will bring suitable music.

-- It may take up to 2 days to load and post items to the web site. Time sensitive items must be submitted to Buck with that delay in mind.

-- Any changes needed to information on the web site must be coordinated with Buck. His e-mail address and phone number are on the site. No pages can be added, the site is limited to 15 pages and 4 are the photo gallery. Links to all pages are at the bottom or via the drop-down menus on the top.

Old Business:

Dues -- It is the time of year to pay dues. President Bill urged members to pay promptly.

-- Treasurer Juan Valdez and Secretary Rick Sanders mostly involved in dues paying.

-- Dues can be paid on PayPal, with credit or debit card. PayPal makes it easier for club officers to keep track of those paying because it provides a ready list by name..

-- Those not paid up by the end of January will be dropped from membership and not be given gate code.

Proposed IMAC event next October (2021) by Ken Rogers; an IMAC pattern contest at our field. IMAC will put it on though ARCS members may be volunteering to help. Club officers will keep membership posted as details become available.

Field is in good shape. Joe Rohmer plans to install a pipe and fill in the ditch at the west end of the runway which will remove a present hazard for landings or overruns. The ditch has eaten some landing gear when planes land short. The club will help finance the project with a couple hundred dollars. Grass is growing due to it being fertilized.

No swap meet this year, will try to do it next year. The VFW site where we have the swap meet has been renovated and improved.

New Business:

-- If anyone wants to have an event let the President know. The one who proposes the event needs to run it.

--Jim Rice is planning to have an outdoor swap meet at his location in February. Information will be forthcoming.

-- Bill Ponseigo again emphasized the need for older members to prepare for the future should their family members need to dispose of their RC gear and aircraft.

Crash of the Month: Chris Freeman, jet in the pond and PT-17 in a tree.

Raffle--Buck won the airplane and auctioned it off for the benefit of the club.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:25.



Great Planes Super Sportster 60

Lupe Talamantez (San Antonio, Texas; email: talamantez_lupe@sbccglobal.net), a member of the Alamo Radio Control Society, wrote that his first Super Sportster 60 was the kit version in the 1980s. "For this one, all the intricate parts' cutting was provided by a short kit vendor, Balsa Work Bench," he noted.

Lupe modified the original plans for a slightly taller and wider fuselage. The wire main gear was replaced with fuselage-mounted fiberglass main gear. The carbon-fiber legs and tail wheel came from Graph Tech. The cowling was carved from balsa blocks, and two additional rear turtledeck stringers were added for a rounder look.

Power is from an O.S. 61FX engine spinning an APC 12 x 6 propeller with a Great Planes P-51 aluminum spinner. Control consists of a Graupner MZ-24 12-channel transmitter, a GR-12L single-line receiver, Hitec D625MW servos, and a Spektrum 2,600 mAh LiFe battery.

Lupe is proud of his accomplishment and noted that it brings him great joy to fly. "Such beauty, and I get a lot of oohs and aahs."

(Lupe Talamantez' Super Sportster was featured in the December edition of "Model Aviation" magazine on page 51. Lupe is the second club member to have his airplane featured in the magazine. Here is his story to your editor about how it got there. – Jim Neff)

Some months ago, I submitted to Model Aviation magazine's "Focal Point" department 3 photos and a short story about my Super Sportster 60 (SS60). Glad I did that before its crash. My enthusiasm would have been non-existent. Using a PDF software named Soda PDF Desktop, I was able to save the page in PNG format. You are welcomed to "crop" the photo so as to display in the next newsletter. Not necessary to post, but I am submitting if you wanted to.

After submitting, the lady at Focal Point replied that it will be a while before it's posted. That, due to the large number of submissions.

Thanks for taking the pictures! They chose to post this one over the other 2 which were of only the plane on the tarmac. Glad I looked good that day, and that the background scenery was still green.

Because my email address is included, I hope that I do not see an avalanche of emails.

-Lupe-

History of the ARCS Food Drive



In March of 2010 ARCS Secretary Jim Keck reported on a request from the AMA for information from clubs engaging in community support activities. The ARCS had long been associated with such activities most notably being the support of the AFJROTC, teaching cadets to fly and introducing them to model aviation. The suggestion was made at the March meeting that the ARCS sponsor a food drive to be conducted in conjunction with each monthly Fun Fly. The club's first food drive was in April resulting in the collection of 55 pounds of dry goods. In 2010, our first year, donations totaled 335 pounds. Since then the ARCS has consistently donated food to the San Antonio Food Bank every year with ever higher total donations. 2019 saw a record donation of 1705 pounds. And despite a temporary interruption presented by the COVID-19 Lock Down, ARCS members have donated 1299 pounds this year. The Club could possibly match last year's donations if not exceed them. This is a remarkable gesture of generosity of which every club member can be proud. If anyone is curious as to what to donate, a list of the 12 MOST WANTED food items is posted on the ARCS Website homepage. A sincere thanks to everyone who participated either through donations of food or money in the past ten years. The ARCS can take pride in knowing that for ten years we have provided a valuable service to our community that results in countless benefits to so many!

Jim Witthauer

Fun Fly Photos



