



ARCS News



San Antonio, Texas

Alamo Radio Control Society

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AMA Charter 603

March 2021

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

The next club meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410

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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.

The February Fun Fly began with a small group of 7 pilots wondering if they would be the only ones to come out and fly that day. Their thoughts of a slow day at the field proved to be entirely wrong. By day's end over 25 pilots and several guests had arrived to participate in an unexpected swap meet and enjoy plenty of flying with excellent flying conditions. Conditions that were also perfect for flying giant bubbles!



At mid-morning Will Sharp and his wife, who recently moved to Texas from Tucson Arizona, dropped by with two car loads of planes, electronics, kits, parts, wood, and everything else he had collected over decades as a hobbyist with the intent to give it all away. Everything was free for the taking to anyone interested. His collection covered one large worktable and the shelves underneath. Despite Bill Ponseigo's many attempts to convince Will to reconsider his decision to leave the hobby, Will was determined to give away all that he had. Many were delighted to acquiesce to Will's wishes coming away with bargains like a brand-new Saito 4-stroke engine still in the original box. By the time Will left all that remained were pieces of balsa wood.



Best looking plane went to Juan Galvez 82" P-51 and Ike's 300 EXP. Saul Cordova brought a collection of helicopters: A Marine Gunship, an LA City FD chopper and a third brilliantly detailed in patriotic colors. Saul performed a bombing run with his OV-10 Bronco complete with exploding bomb, and demonstrated fire suppression with simulated fire retardant with his LA FD chopper. The Marine gunship flew beautifully until the engine died and it crashed upright at the very edge of the pond. The door gunner sat dazed in the open door. Saul's son showed everyone how to blow giant bubbles (with the help of Mom) that floated across the pit area. Finally, we collected 146 lbs. of food. It was indeed an unanticipated Great day for ARCS! Jim Witthauer

Remote ID Effective Date Delayed (From AMA Website)

Because of President Joseph Biden's regulatory freeze and review process, the FAA is delaying the effective date of the final rule for Remote ID until April 21, 2021. The original effective date was March 16, 2021. As a result of the delay in the effective date, the compliance date for production requirements for Remote ID broadcast modules has been delayed until April 21, 2021. We do not expect this delay to have an impact on the September 16, 2023, compliance date for recreational users.

Minutes of February 2021 Meeting

Meeting was delayed a week due to weather.

President Bill Ponseigo opened the meeting at 7 PM with the pledge of allegiance

Treasurer's report by Juan was approved.

Historian and Food Bank, Jim Witthauer

No food collected this year. Last year 1,512 pounds were collected and given to the Food Bank. That was about 190 pounds below that collected in 2019. It reflects 3 months not flying due to Covid-19 restrictions. January collection did not happen due to weather. Jim hopes to get out to the field for the February Fun Fly to collect food and take photos. He says things should start getting back to normal. President Bill thanked those who are taking photos and posting them on Facebook. It means a lot to those who cannot come out to the field.

Buck reports we are getting in excess of 3,000 hits a month on the club website. He requested that anyone who sees something on the web site that is not working report it to him. Buck stated that the web site has newsletters from January 2017 to February 2021. There are also photo archives on the site. Letter from FAA is also on the web site about aircraft identification.

Newsletter was published the Sunday before the scheduled meeting, which was postponed due to the freeze.

Hats and Nametags. Eric Amundsen. Lot of nametags on the board at the pavilion. He is up to date. Thinks he may buy new hats with ear muffs (referring to the cold). He has new hats.

Other Business

There was some discussion about the guys from the Air Force who come out occasionally to test fly drones, part of their job. They pay dues and are a plus for the club.

IMAC October 10, permit and registration paid for. As we get closer there will be more to discuss. Bill Ponseigo spoke about a work day to paint the tables. If 8 or 10 show up, it won't take long. Top of big table was replaced, two fronts to the right of the pavillion were replaced as well. Now there are no tables falling apart. Bill also encouraged members to put their names on their equipment in case it is left at the field.

Safety. Be careful of the tie-down ropes attached to the fence. Bill Ponseigo got a foot tangled in one without knowing it and had a nasty fall. Don't get distracted and fail to pay attention to the ropes.

Bill requested members provide idea for a better restraint system for airplanes in the pit area.

Weather station. Club is in a position to look into putting a web-connected weather station at the field, but he does not want to obligate the club for a large monthly expense. A good system would not only show the weather, but also would show if anyone was out flying. There was some discussion about options. The matter will be brought up next month.

New Business

There was some discussion of the pending FAA regulations for drones and RC. President Ponseigo recommended that members write their congressman.

Field conditions: Good. West end of runway does not have a pipe under it as first planned. Joe filled in the ditch and will re-route the drainage system. The pond is twice as wide as it was. The banks are steep and the pond at that point is almost 5 feet deep. So once filled in, be careful around the edges.

Show and Tell. Lupe Talamatez showed his scratch-built "Escapado." It is a take-off on the Great Planes Escapade 0.60 size plane (a favorite of Lupe's apparently). Lupe enlarged the fuselage, made it wider and taller, to accommodate the electronics and stuff for a 16cc gas engine. Lupe also showed his soldering station and fixture for soldering battery connector pins.



Crash of the month: George Wilson, for his zero that (according to Bill P) "...made a fencepost of itself."

Drawing winners:

Dick Riech

Mike Azar

Eric Amundson (Airplane)

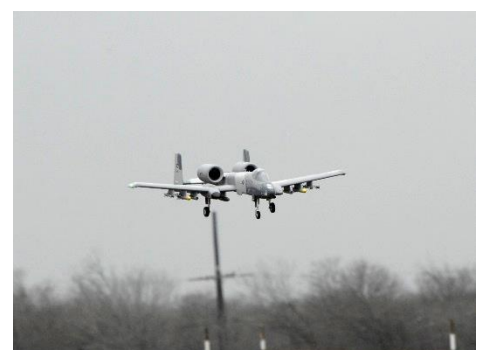
Meeting adjourned at 8:45



Fun Fly Photos (from Jim Witthauer)



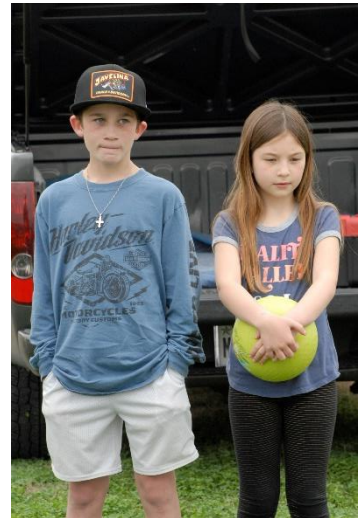














EVENTS

HIGH WING HOEDOWN

**FUN & RELAXED
FLYING ALL DAY
BOTH DAYS**

**GRASS AND PAVED
RUNWAYS**

**COME OUT FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL HIGH WING HOE-
DOWN AT HISTORIC BOMBERFIELD IN MONAHVILLE TEXAS!**
APRIL 10TH - 11TH 2021

SANCTIONED BY THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS, SANCTION NO.
10645

- HIGH WING AND BI-PLANES WELCOME
- GAS OR ELECTRIC
- PILOT FEE \$15
- CONCESSIONS ON SITE
- COVERED PIT TABLES WITH POWER
- RV HOOKUPS \$15 PER NIGHT
- AMA MEMBERSHIP RE-

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Space City RC Presents
THROWBACK FLING
Join us for our 2nd annual Throwback Fling!

**MARCH
27TH
2021** 9AM-4PM

Space City RC invites you to our second annual Throwback Fling! All planes that were available 1985 and prior. All sizes/power plants are welcome!!!

- 600'X200' Smooth grass runway
- \$20 Landing fee
- Field open to public Friday March 26th and night flying starting at dusk
- Free admission for spectators!!!

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**MAY
28TH-29TH
2021**

Space City RC Presents
CUBS AND HIGH WING
Join us for our 5th annual cubs and high wing fly in.

Space City RC invites you to our 5th annual Cubs and high wing fly in. All Cubs, High wing cabin planes, Bi-Planes, and golden age era planes of all sizes/power plants are welcome!!!

- 600'X200' Smooth grass runway
- \$20 Landing fee
- Raffle
- Free admission for spectators

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