



ARCS News



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 is scheduled for September 21, 2021, at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410

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Club Meeting:

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday. Acadiana Café,
1289 SW Loop 410

Final Flight, Pete Shavney (by Jim Witthauer)

The Alamo Radio Control Society gave a final farewell to one of its senior member.

Nonagenarian Peter (Pete) Shavney, "The Man with Too Many Hobbies" passed away last month. Peter had not been a club member long having moved to San Antonio from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in recent years.

However, he had been a model builder for decades building airplanes and boats, as well as being a model railroad enthusiast. Peter came to the ARCS with an ancient Super Buccaneer with wings literally sawed off by his brother who shipped it from Pennsylvania to San Antonio. With help from club members, the wings were reattached and the Buccaneer flew once again! Peter boasted of a time in his youth when he put a plane into free flight near Philadelphia and the plane literally flew across the Delaware River and landed in a field in New Jersey, completely intact! Arguably a contender for a record free flight!

Pete often said he should write a book entitled, "The Man with Too Many Hobbies." He was a true renaissance man. Among his many interests, he was a model builder, a car enthusiast, and a musician. He had been an amateur radio operator. He owned two grand pianos and taught piano here in San Antonio. His youngest student was seven and his oldest was 42. He always carried a harmonica in his shirt and would play an appropriate tune consistent with the moment to the amusement of others. His interest in cars included opening the first European luxury car dealership in Philadelphia.

Pete presented a slight, frail appearance. He spoke in a slow, raspy voice. He lived an independent, full life until the end. Always cheerful, patient, and friendly he lived a marvelous, inspired life; one to be admired and envied.

Farewell and Godspeed Peter.



August Fun Fly

It was the *Jet Mafia* that kicked off the August Fun Fly. Led by Bill Surratt and Curtis Chambers, both took off into the rising Sunday morning sun to begin speeding, twisting, and maneuvering above the runway of Harold Cannon Field with wild abandon. Bill at the controls of his F-16 Falcon and Curtis flying his FA-18F, both pilots opened the door to a day of fun and enjoyment attended by 22 people who came and went as the day progressed.



Arguably the most remarkable airplane of the day was Bob Severance's big red *Travel Air* Biplane piloted by a mustached, pipe smoking pilot donning a vintage leather aviator's cap, and a somewhat bemused expression of confidence. The plane owned by Bob for more than 15 years, it was notable in both its size and its attention to detail. However, it was most impressive when it took to the air looking very much like the venerable biplanes from back in the day. Bob is justifiably proud to own such a beautiful aircraft.



Other noteworthy aircraft included Phil Everman's F-100 Super Saber with Thunderbird insignia, Jim Agnew's glider, soaring above the field, and Bill Surratt's F-16 Falcon with reverse thrust. And no one could resist watching Raul Colunga's *Raven* perform eye catching maneuvers against the blue sky and then land without incident with only one wheel. All due to the superb skills of the pilot. On the ground the most unique attraction was the radio controlled 6-wheel drive 1:16 scale military truck driven alternately by Tony and Sara Centeno, while seated in the shade.

Bill Grozdanich treated everyone with a crockpot of delicious BBQ meat balls. Everyone seem to enjoy them so much the crock pot was nearly scraped clean



James Munro

Finally, long time member James Munro retired and has returned to his home in South Africa. His plans are to start his own RC Club at a nearby airfield, a club patterned after the ARCS not doubt! Congratulations and good luck James. You will be missed.

And on a more somber note, the ARCS lost one of his senior members when Peter (Pete) Shavney passed away. A man of many interests and a modeler longer than many in the club have lived, he was a fascinating person to know. Yes, it was yet another great day of flying (and driving) for the ARCS.

Jim Witthauer

Minutes of Meeting August 17, 2021

Club President Bill Ponseigo called meeting to order at 7 PM with pledge of allegiance led by Charlotte and Ethan with the flag.
Secretary's report (Richard Sanders) Minutes of June meeting approved as listed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report (Juan Galvez) Approved.

Historian and Food Bank (Jim Witthauer)

Food collected: 881 pounds for the year to date.

Newsletter (Jim Neff) Newsletter has been published with thanks to Jim Witthauer for providing the photos.

Web Page (Buck Murray) Last month's fun fly photos are on the site in their own gallery. The contents of the fun fly gallery will rotate with the last set of photos, the old ones moved to another place. The newsletter is on the site.

Badges and shirts (Eric Amundsen) Name badges are up to date, pinned on the board at the field.

Old Business

IMAC event October 9.

No change from last month's report.

Field Condition: Good.



New members get hats from Eric

President thanked members again for keeping the flying site clean and for closing the pavilion when they leave. Closing involves shutting off electric power, stacking chairs and picking up trash and removing it.

Repeat Safety Caution: President repeated the warning that the sides of the pond (or tank) are very steep and the first step off the bank lands one in 5 feet of water. Members are cautioned to take care not to get close to the north and south sides of the pond. The bottom does slope more gently off the east and west ends. Clue for direction, the runway runs generally east-west. Be especially cautious about children going near the pond.

New Business: None

Raffle

Airplane: Jim Neff, .



New jet owner

Meeting adjourned approximately 8 PM.

Editor Notes Our secretary cannot attend meetings due to Covid sensitivity in his family so I record the meetings on my little Go Pro camera and compile the minutes later. Your editor flunked Go Pro camera operation at the August meeting and so did not record all that transpired, including names of new members. Apologies there. In a hurry, I had it on time-lapse which does not record audio. So I had to make do with memory and notes from the Prez. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.

Finally, a big thanks to Jim Witthauer without whom the newsletter would be pretty short. Jim not only does photos of the monthly fun fly, he also writes a column about it. Your editor cannot attend the fun fly and so depends on Jim for the heavy lifting. While at the fun fly Jim also collects the food for the food bank. Strangest thing, Jim apparently does not fly. Thanks Jim.

August 2021 Fun Fly Photos
(Jim Witthauer)













