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ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society

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October 2021

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

The next club meeting is scheduled for October 19, 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

ARCS HOSTS ALAMO CITY IMAC CHALLENGE

ARCS hosted the **ALAMO CITY IMAC CHALLENGE** at Harold Cannon Field the weekend of October 9 and 10th. Led by Ken Rogers this inaugural event was attended by 13 pilots from around IMAC's Southcentral Region, including regional director, Amanda Darling. The cadre of competing pilots also included ARCS members Ken Rogers and Jimmie Neff.

A huge crowd that totaled more than 100 people was treated to spectacular demonstrations of aerobatic flight, amazing displays of free form flight, and immense servings of Texas barbeque and fajitas; all under a beautiful cloudless sky complimented by pleasant temperatures.

Congratulations to both Ken Rogers and Jimmie Neff who came away with awards for their flying skills. Ken won both Seniors Class and Sportsman Class, and Jimmie Neff took home an award for the novice category.

Many in the ARCS worked to prepare and accommodate the guest pilots and visitors prior to the event and during each day's proceedings. Their efforts were extraordinary and are deserving of plentiful praise. Setting the bar high this year, it can be expected that next year's *Challenge* promises to be even better. JW





Among the 22 people who came out for the September Fun Fly were 18 pilots and two visitors who also took to the sky. First there was Robert, a hobbyist, who decided to return to the hobby and keep his collection of RC paraphernalia filling his garage. Looking for a club he found ARCS to be his new RC home. After introductions from President Bill Ponseigo, JD Smith and Stephan Christensen served as hosts and in a short time had Robert solo flying an ep “foamie” without a buddy box.

Our second flying visitor, Rick, was a guest of Mike Gurney. While waiting for Mike to arrive Rich spent time getting acquainted with club members and taking about flying helicopters. Mike finally arrived and after some ground training, Rick was flying with a Buddy Box. With Mike’s guidance, Rick was successfully making complete take-offs and landings in short order. Looks like the ARCS will soon welcome both Robert and Rick as new members.

There were other notable features of the September Fun Fly also:

- The flight of Bob Severance’s *Slow Ride* 3D ARF. Making super slow maneuvers against the blue sky, it was the prettiest airplane of the day.

- Pete Dupree and Andrew Obaya flew identical F-86 Sabre jets.
- Chris Freeman’s P-51D *Duchess Arlene*, took the category for best looking warbird.
- Saul Cordova flew his USMC UH-1 helicopter complete with open doors and a door gunner who appeared to be waving as the chopper flew by.
- Saul also flew a nitro powered 4-Star 60, the sound and smell of which were reminiscent of the days before the dominance of electric powered aircraft.

Jim Witthauer

Minutes of Meeting September 21, 2021

Club President Bill Ponseigo called meeting to order at 7 PM with pledge of allegiance

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 donations to date total 1,080 pounds.

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) Web page is up and working.

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

Old Business

IMAC event October 9.

Event mugs are still available at \$20 each, 4 remaining.

Some discussion about getting more with the club logo perhaps modified to add an image of a jet. Also other colors would be nice.

Ken Rogers says it is time for volunteers.

Some discussion of setup, where to put tables, parking, etc.

Ken unveiled a new banner to be attached to the fence. It can be used for future events.

Full setup will be Friday. The field will be available for flying Friday with precedence for IMAC flyers who want to practice.

Some discussion of food and ice. Buck has arranged a food trailer that will sell food for lunch Saturday.

Ken will bring a PA system

IMAC will provide unknown sequences for pilots to fly on Sunday. Saturday will be known sequences. Ken invited members to enter as novice flyers. No charge to enter. Judges will provide feedback to flyers as to airplane setup and flying technique. Novice will only fly on Saturday.

New members get hats from Eric

Field Condition: Good.

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.

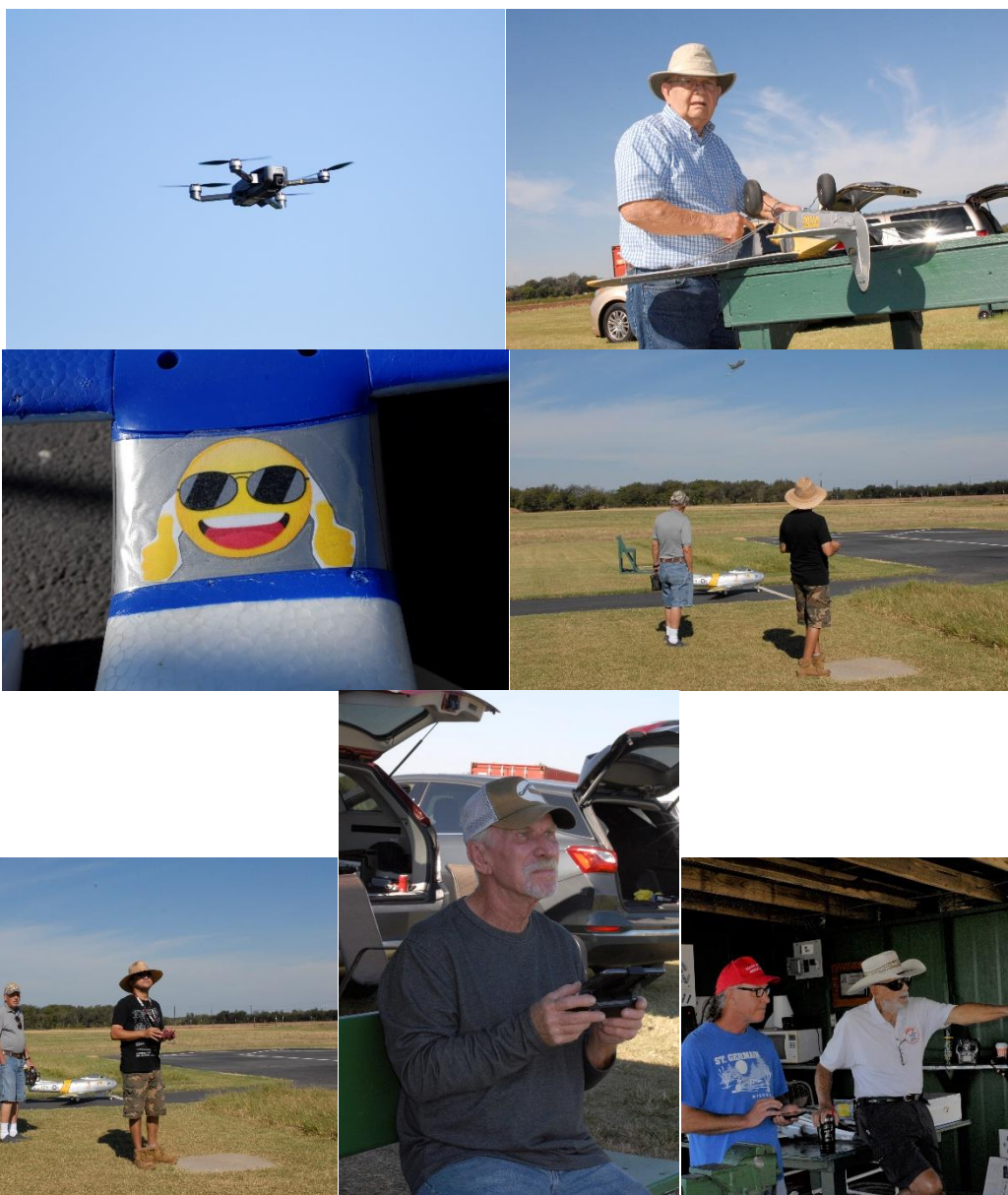
New Business: None

Raffle

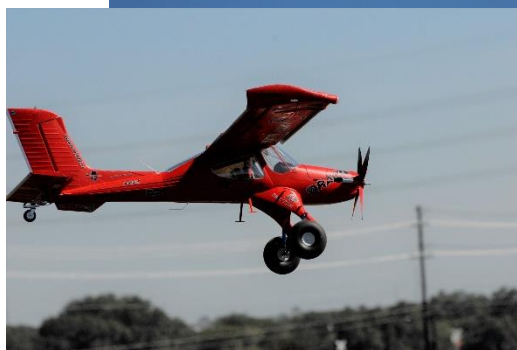
Meeting adjourned approximately 8:20PM.

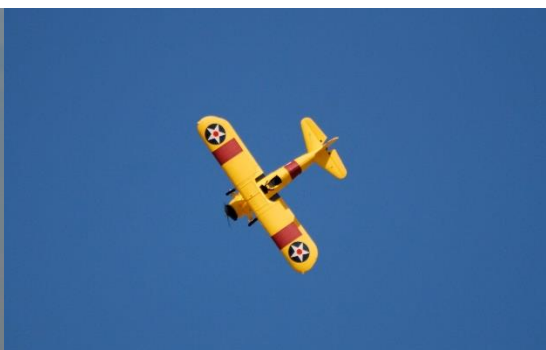
New jet owner

**September 2021 Fun Fly Photos
(Jim Witthauer)**

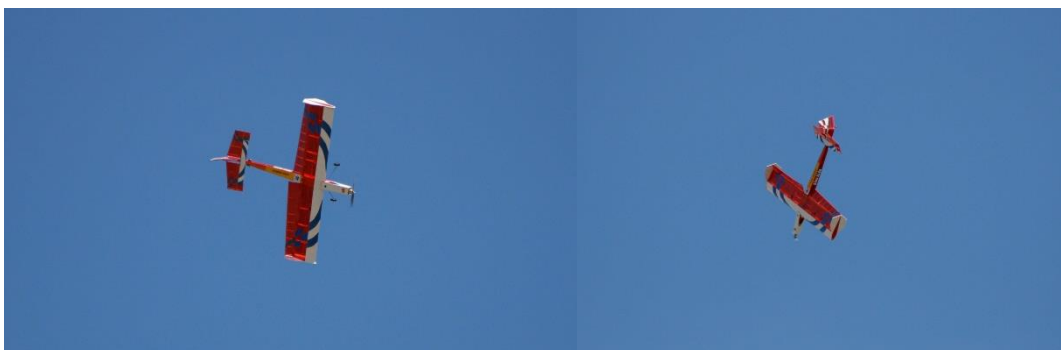












At the Meeting in September



Memories of the IMAC Contest

Note: It was difficult to get shots of the competition, but Jim did get some shots of the lunchtime Freestyle flying.



