



# ARCS News



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#### Club Meeting:

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of  
each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday. Acadiana Café,  
1289 SW Loop 410

**The next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 7 PM  
in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410.**

### **IMAC Challenge 2022**



*The Pilots*

ARCS hosted the second annual IMAC Alamo Challenge on Saturday October 9. Organized and led by ARCS member Ken Rogers the event included 13 pilots from across District VIII. 13 pilots representing five skill levels flew several sequences of precise maneuvers and were judged on their skill and execution of each maneuver earning points for each sequence. In addition to Ken Rogers, the ARCS was also represented by Jimmie Neff, ARCS Newsletter editor. The ARCS provided logistical support and served up a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs for the hungry pilots, car enthusiasts and guests. ARCS President Bill Ponseigo and Vice president Buck Murray were present and as were Stephan and Doug Christensen who manned the grill. Special guests of day were members of the *Alamo Model A's*, the San Antonio Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, led by ARCS member Tom Richards. Arriving in their vintage Model A Fords, the cars were put on display to the delight of everyone present. What would normally have been a two-day event, the challenge was compressed into a one-day extravaganza. Competition began early in the morning and award presentations were that evening. This being a single day event gave some pilots an early start on their travels to the next competition in Tucson. Well-organized, smartly executed, the impeccable support by the ARCS, made the second annual IMAC Challenge an enormous success.



### **Get Ready For The ARCS 2022 Christmas Party!**



*2021 Party, lining up for tickets*

, The party is scheduled for December 6, 2022 at Acadiana Café. Social time starts at 6 PM, serving at 7 PM

**Cost: \$21, sign up and pay on the web site. Do it soonest so Buck can get a good count on number of people for Acadiana.**

**Menu: Cajun Turkey and Fixings or,**

**Fried Catfish and Fixings**

(Includes non-alcoholic drink, There will be apay-as-you-go bar)

Buck says the owner of Acadiana Café says despite shortages he believes he will be able to get the food on the menu in time for the party. As usual, there will be a raffle with lots of great prizes, tickets sold on a fingertip-to-fingertip basis. There will also be the gift exchange, gift worth at least \$25, no gag gifts nor re-gifts. Something you would like.

ARCS Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:12 with Pledge of Allegiance

No guess nor new members

**Secretary Report:** Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Club finances are in good order.

Typical expenses:	Items for raffle
	Port-a-John
	Gas for mowers, parts for sam

Income from dues and sale of drone that was donated to the club

Treasurer's report approved by voice vote

**Food program, club historian:** No report

**President Bill Ponseigo** again thanks members who are working on the field. Specifically mentioned Bill Grozdanich and Bill Surrat.

President reported the drone donated to club for sale was sold.

**Web Site:** No report, Buck on vacation

**Caps and badges,** Eric: Hats are available. Hats provided to new members at the meeting. Make sure you pick up badges at the field.

**Old Business**

- Mowers have been fixed and both are working
- Thanks to Joe for fertilizing the grass at the field and watering it. Looks great.
- The field camera is back up, thanks to Mike Azar.

**IMAC** (Ken Rogers). Ken reports plans are well underway for the IMAC contest in October. So far 14- pilots are expected.

- 17 Cups with the club logo are available. If you buy one, the seller will engrave your name on the cup at no added charge.
  - Cups will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each category.
  - Ken will be at the field on Thursday, 6 October to start setting up.
  - Flyers will start arriving Friday.
  - Food will be on sale during the contest, hot dogs or hamburgers, chips, drink, \$5.
  - The Model A Club will bring cars to the contest for display.
- Ken encouraged more club members to sign up for novice competition.

Christmas Party: The party is scheduled for December 6, 2022 at Acadiana Café. Social time starts at 6 PM, serving at 7 PM.  
As of meeting time, the menu was not locked in. Look to the web page for latest information and sign-up.

**New Business**

- **There will be a Work Day** scheduled for Saturday following the meeting to work on patching the runway and whatever other things that may need fixing.

**Election of Officers.**

All current officers have agreed to serve for another year. Motion was made and seconded to continue those officers for another year. Motion was approved by members present.

**Announcements:**

- There will be a build and fly fly-in on October 15 at the River City club field 110 and 1604. Flyers will get a ticket for each flight toward a prize drawing.
- Landing fee \$20, includes burger, chips and soda.

**Crash of the Month:** none

Raffle: Airplane winner was Shris Freeman

Jim Neff donated an airplane to the club to be auctioned off. Winner of the action was Steve Johnson.

Meeting ended approximately 8:20PM

### Work Party

A good crew showed up at the work day. They worked hard to fill cracks growing in the runway, taxi strips and pit area. It may look like more supervisors than workers but it isn't so. There was plenty to do for everyone and everyone worked at what was a hot job. The result looked pretty good.



*The work crew*



### Tom Richard's Model A

While this is not an airplane topic, it is related to the ARCS club.

Tom Richards is a member of ARCS. He is also president of the Model A club. His 1930 Model A Ford is a bit different from the norm. While Tom appreciates the past, he still prefers some of the present automotive benefits. His Model A looks standard from the outside, but that is where the comparison ends. The engine looks just like the standard Model A engine. Looks aren't everything.



*Standard Model A Engine*

The standard Model A engine was cast iron, and had a crankshaft supported by three babbitt bearings. Isaac Babbitt created the Babbitt metal in 1839. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts on July 26, 1799. This soft, non-ferrous, white alloy later became used to produce the bearing surface. Its properties helped reduce friction. The bearings are made by pouring the melted, liquid Babbitt material into the bearing holder. It takes a bit of work. Modern bearings are half-shells that fit into grooves in the bearing caps.

Tom's engine has the standard 5 main bearing crankshaft typical of modern 4-cylinder engines with modern bearings. Other components are also of modern design. Frankly, Tom has a modern 4-cylinder engine in a shell that looks like a standard Model A engine of the 1930s.



*Tom's Modern Model A Engine*

This does several things for Tom's car. For one, it can sustain highway speeds, and the car can cruise at 60 or 65 miles per hour. Standard Model A's are limited to about 45 miles per hour. Further, Tom's engine has a modern alternator and an air conditioner compressor attached. Yes, it has under-the-dash air conditioning. Tom says it can freeze you out. So Tom can cruise cool in his 1930's Ford A. Tom switched the 1930 wheels for later, 16" wheels, still Model A original. That lets Tom use modern radial tires on his car, better and safer for highway travel. At highway speeds, the narrow old tires could catch in highway grooves and jerk the steering wheel, making steering unstable at speeds over 45mph.



*Tom's son shows off the AC and nice interior*



*This is the view Tom shows to other Model As on the road.*

IMAC 2022  
(Jim Witthauer)







































