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It isn't just about R/C!

Jim Noblett who is recovering from a recent serious illness came to visit with us at the fun fly. Sure was nice to see you again Jim. The bad news was that he discovered a flat tire on his truck when he tried to leave. About five guys immediately jumped to the rescue. Bill Ponseigo, ever prepared and willing to help, pulled a nail and a screw from the tire, plugged the holes and then reinflated the tire saving the day for Jim. Is this a great club, or what?



Assisting Bill were Rich, JD Smith, Conrad, and Phil (who is mostly hidden by Conrad).

April Fun-Fly

Sunday, April 20th: Good crowd, pretty good weather in spite of the clouds and haze, several visitors, and plenty of "entertainment". With so many pilots/flights, mishaps are inevitable. Fortunately none seemed too serious.



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ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

May 10 JROTC Training
17 JROTC Contest
20 Meeting, 25 Fun Fly
Jun 17 Meeting, 22 Fun Fly
Jul 15 Meeting, 20 Fun Fly

Aug 19 Meeting, 24 Fun Fly
Sep 16 Meeting, 21 Fun Fly
Oct 21 Meeting, 26 Fun Fly
Nov 18 Meeting, 23 Fun Fly
Dec (TBD) - Christmas Party

JROTC training is conducted at the club field from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the Saturdays above.

CLUB FLYING SITE is located just West of Macdona at 10024 Shepherd Road. (Lat 29.22.07 Long -98.45.55) See the map and driving directions on the last page of this newsletter. Fun Flies are held on the Sunday following the monthly club meeting. Guests are welcome. AMA required to fly. Frequency control via numbered pin system.

April Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary



INTRODUCTION: April 15, 2008 –President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the March 2008 meeting as published in the newsletter. The motion to accept the minutes was approved. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

GUESTS: Sandy Witthauer (Ray's Mom)



Ray and his folks put together a picture story-board depicting the pavilion project. Very well done and interesting.

OLD BUSINESS: The ROTC Competition is May 17, 2008 from 9 am to 3 pm. We hope several High Schools will participate (dependent on airplane availability). We are expecting 50 to 100 Cadets at this event. Most will be watching what we do. We will need a minimum of 6 judges and 6 additional workers for the competition. Three areas will be judged for the competition: Ground School, Preflight, and Flight Operations. Mark your calendars. Step up and volunteer. Give Jim Agnew your name. You will have fun. Jim Agnew will be the contest director for the AMA chartered event. Prizes and food are being donated for the event. Roy Ehlers will be fixing hot dogs and burgers!

The Fun Fly is Sunday, April 20, 2008 (10 am-2 pm) at the new field on Sheppard Road. Be there!

The following are scheduled ROTC fly days: April 26th and May 10th from 9am to 1pm. We will need instructors for these days.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Bailey, the current Webmaster, is moving to Dallas and cannot continue to maintain the web site. He will help train John Graham to handle the task. John stepped up and volunteered for this important job in the club. Thank you John. A special thanks goes out to Dave Bailey for his superb job with the Web Site. This is a First Class operation!

There has been some discussion of a different meeting site. Some folks are not pleased with the accommodations or the food service. Several places have been looked at, but all want to charge a fee for the facility and

cannot handle a group such as ours. If you find something, please let Buck know.

Many people may be in the area on business or school (especially military people) for a few months. Our club by-laws make provisions for these folks to fly at the field for \$5.00 a month with AMA insurance. We do want a club application filled out with contact information and a copy of the individuals AMA card. Provide one of the club officers or Gene Trevino the information and we can make this happen.

Construction on the new field Pavilion has been completed!! A very special Thank you need to go to Buck Murray! He DONATED all to the materials used for the Pavilion to the club!! Again, THANK YOU!

Field Update: We are flying from the asphalt base for the runway. Please be careful. There are some places that are not smooth and have a few loose rocks. Don't worry; it will be asphalted just like the pit area. Remember, we are getting a reduced price on this installation, so please be patient. We expect completion (weather permitting etc.) in late June. This has been a major effort and is a work in progress. We are insured, so come out and fly!

Remember, if you bring something to the field, you must take it away. We do not have trash pick up. Clean up after yourselves. If you crash, pick up the pieces. The land-owner makes money from the hay that he harvests. He can't sell the hay with airplane parts in the bails. If you smoke, be careful. We don't want to burn up the owners hay crop. Use the "Butt Cans" for disposal. Please, use common sense.

With the new field, it is extremely easy for children and unknowing adults to get into areas that are unsafe near the runway. If you see someone nearing the runway or pit area and who are not flying or are not crewmembers, say something. We do not want an accident. Please be courteous! FLY SAFE!

NEW MEMBERS: Robert Konkel

CRASH OF THE MONTH: Frank Patterson was flying his electric Banshee when strange things began to happen over the pond at the field. For some unknown reason, the Banshee just pointed itself toward the water. Frank could do nothing. The plane floated, but the ESC, batteries, and receiver took a hit.

Bill Ponseigo was flying his Showtime when something just didn't feel right. The tail jumped up on take off and the plane flew erratically. Bill continued to fly fight it to the north of the runway. Josh Young offered to help. In a fit of desperation, Bill handed Josh the transmitter while the Showtime was in an inverted death spiral. Instant re-kit! Airplanes do talk to you.

Buck Murray had switched his Cessna 182 to his 2.4 GHz JR radio. In the process, he had not adjusted the throttle to

March Meeting Minutes (continued)

cut off the engine (Saito Twin). To shut the engine down he closed the needle valve and then reopened it to the previous setting. The throttle servo ran backwards, so it was reversed, but the engine was not readjusted. Buck fired the twin and began the take off. One of the cylinders quit. All the folks yelled at Buck to abort, but he continued to take off. At about 6 feet high, the 182 snapped into the ground. Repairable! Airplanes do talk to you.

Ben Gurau was flying just at sunset doing ACRO and having fun. While flying an inverted Harrier, he became disoriented do to lack of sunlight, and pulled a little to close to the ground. The landing gear was bent and the covering was damaged. Another 2 feet of altitude would have helped.

The Winner is Buck Murray!

SHOW AND TELL

Ben Gurau showed us his flexible screwdriver. He had a hard time getting to the heads of some bolts. Doing a tool search, he found a long flexible screwdriver in a carburetor tune up tools for about \$8.00. Super for tight places.

Robert Fritch informed the club that the 2.4 GHz JR Transmitter modules do work in Hi Tech Transmitters. The folks at JR (Horizon Hobbies) did admit that it worked. Tests have shown no problems with the modification.

RAFFLE RESULTS A special thanks goes out to Jim Rice of Second Chance Hobbies for providing the raffle prizes to the club at a reduced price.



- Buck Murray – Fun Fighter/Racer P-51 ARF
- Jim Keck – Gallon of Fuel
- Robert Konkel – Hobbico Quick Charger
- Frank Patterson – Quick Drill Set
- Hernando Castano – Sanding Stick
- Dennis Gurtner – Exacto X-tra hands

MEET ING ENDED AT 9:10 pm.

April Fun-Fly



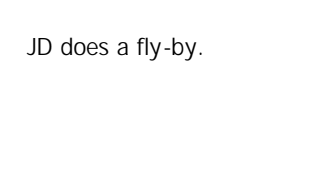
Bill gets some "advice" from Mike.



Frank and Ben prepare their machines.



Phil taxis back after yeat an- other flight.



JD does a fly-by.



Hernando prepares for flight while Rich puts on another mas- terful performance.



How About a Little Humor Break?

Definitions of Commonly Used Tools:
DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your soda across the room, splattering it against that freshly -stained heirloom piece you were drying.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Yeoww....'

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, or for perforating something behind and beyond the original intended target object.

SKIL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs. Caution: Avoid using for manicures.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built for frustration enhancement. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing wood splinters and wire wheel wires.

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps neatly off in bolt holes thereby ending any possible future use.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids, opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

President Bush said each of us is getting a \$600 tax rebate. It was to be \$800, but was lowered due to budget issues. We're also supposed to spend it all, immediately, on consumer goods in order to stimulate the economy.

However: If we spend the dollars at Walmart, it goes to China. If we spend it on computers, it goes to India or China. If we spend it on gas, it goes to the Arabs.

The only way to keep the dollars here is to spend it on beer, gambling & prostitutes.

I'm Eliot Spitzer and I approve of this message.

One hot summer day, a redneck came to town with his dog, tied it under the shade of a tree, and headed into the bar for a cold one. Twenty minutes later, a policeman entered the bar and asked, 'Who owns the dog tied under that tree outside?' The redneck said it was his. 'Your dog seems to be in heat' the officer said. The redneck replied, 'No way. She's cool 'cause she's tied up under that shade tree.' The policeman said, 'No! You don't understand. Your dog needs to be bred.' 'No way,' said the redneck. 'That dog don't need bread. She ain't hungry 'cause I fed her this mornin'.' The exasperated policeman said, 'NO! You don't understand; your dog wants to have sex!' (You gotta love this) The redneck looked at the cop and said, 'Well, go ahead. I always wanted a police dog.'

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, 'What time is it?'

The tower responded, 'Who is calling?'

The aircraft replied, 'What difference does it make?'

The tower replied, 'It makes a lot of difference... If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to 'Happy Hour.'

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new lieutenant commander was sitting at his desk when an AE3 knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the LCDR quickly picked up the phone, told the AE3 to enter, then said into the phone, 'Yes, Captain, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir.' Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, 'What do you want?'

'Nothing important, sir,' the AE3 replied, 'I'm just here to hook up your telephone.'



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- Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.
- When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL."
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs."
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.
- I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
- Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper. It's worse when you forget to pull it down.
- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf

During training exercises, the ensign who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced Chief at the wheel.
 'Your car stuck?' asked the ensign as he pulled alongside.
 'Nope,' replied the Chief, coming over and handing him the keys, 'yours is.'

A guy walked into the local welfare office to pick up his check. He marched straight up to the counter and said, 'Hi. You know, I just HATE drawing welfare. I'd really rather have a job.' The social worker behind the counter said, 'Your timing is excellent We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful daughter. You'll have to drive around in his 2007 Mercedes-Benz CL, and he will supply all of your clothes. Because of the long hours, meals will be provided. You'll also be expected to escort the daughter on her overseas holiday trips. This is rather awkward to say but you will also have as part of your job assignment to satisfy her sexual urges as the daughter is in her mid-20's and has a rather strong sex drive. A two-bedroom loft type apartment with plasma TV, stereo, bar, etc., located above the garage will be designated for your sole use and the salary is \$200,000 a year.'
 The guy, just plain wide-eyed, said, 'You're bullshittin' me!'
 The social worker said, 'Yeah, well, you started it.'

During a commercial airline flight, a Navy Pilot was seated next to a young mother with a baby in her arms. When her baby began crying, during the descent for landing, the mother began nursing her infant as discreetly as possible. The pilot pretended not to notice and, upon debarking, he gallantly offered his assistance to help with the various baby-related articles. When the young mother expressed her gratitude, the pilot responded, 'Gosh, that's a good looking baby... and he sure was hungry!'
 Somewhat embarrassed, the mother explained that her pediatrician said breast feeding would help alleviate the pressure in the baby's ears.
 The Navy Pilot sadly shook his head and, in true pilot fashion, exclaimed... 'And all these years I've been chewing gum.'

Officer: 'Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?'
Soldier: 'Sure, buddy.'
Officer: 'That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again!' 'Soldier, Do you have change for a dollar?'
Soldier: 'No, SIR.'

Q: What's the difference between a fighter pilot and a jet engine?
 A: A jet engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.



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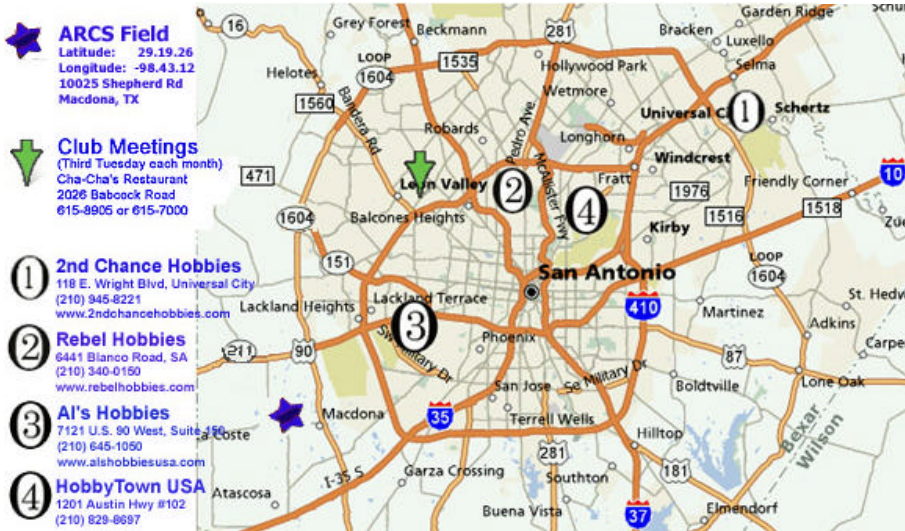


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