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CLUB MEETINGS

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From 7:00 to 9:00 PM at

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Buck Murray Receives AMA Award

Jim Rice (AMA District VIII VP) presented **Buck Murray** (ARCS VP) the AMA District VIII Service Award for his outstanding work with the ROTC program at Clark High School and his tireless efforts in getting the new flying field. Buck has truly done an Outstanding Job!!



We are also proud to announce that **Ray Withhauer** (of Pavilion construction fame) has been selected for Eagle Scout. The presentation will be later in this year.

Congratulations to both.

Upcoming Events

J. H. Rice Memorial Fly In, Oct 4th-5th at Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, Texas.

Tri-Cities 1st Annual Electric Fly-In, Oct 18th at Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, Texas.

Contact Jim or Gary Rice at:
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Election of ARCS Officers on Sept 16th at the monthly club meeting.

ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

Sep 16 Meeting, 21 Fun Fly
Oct 21 Meeting, 26 Fun Fly

Nov 18 Meeting, 23 Fun Fly
Dec 9 - Christmas Party—Acadiana

RCAC 2008/9 Schedule

Thursday Sep 18 4:15 - 6:15 pm Classroom
Saturday Sep 27 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday Oct 11 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday Nov 15 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Sunday Dec 21 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday Jan 10 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying

Saturday Feb 14 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday Mar 7 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday Apr 4 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday, May 9 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Flying
Saturday May 16 Texas RCAC Championships

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.

August Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

INTRODUCTION: August 19, 2008 – President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the July 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: Jim & Sandy Witthauer, Pam Peterson, Moe Clipperton, Sarah Centeno, Charles Harris

OLD BUSINESS

THE RUNWAY IS FINISHED!

Reminder!! The grass has been left long between the runway and the pit area to provide some protection to the pits and pilots. Please stand behind the long grass barrier to fly.

Web Site Update: John Graham has been updating the web site and is working on the database to access all the pictures etc.

Saturday, August 23rd is a workday. We need to trim the grass, trim the runway edges and blow off the clippings.

The Fun Fly is Sunday, August 24, 2008 (10am-5pm). Be there! It is the Field Warming and Open House. Remember, we are the hosts and we should let our guests have priority flying. Dewey Newbold and John Renker will be handling the transmitter impound for the event. Hot dogs will be grilled about noon.

The membership voted to extend the Membership Drive through August 24, 2008. Join the club for two years and pay \$170 and the club will waive the initiation fee and the remainder of CY 2008 dues. Membership will remain paid-up until December 31, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

A special Thank You goes out to Phil Everman. He donated a new electric start mower to the club. We can now trim the grass with ease. It will be stored in the landowner's trailer. If you need the combination, contact a club officer.

The new Clark High School ROTC training days (2008-2009) will be published on the web site and in the August Newsletter. Ray Witthauer is the new Clark High School ROTC commander!

Buck Murray announced that we need volunteers so that the club can pursue additional ROTC cadets from other high schools. We need your help to make this happen.

The club has been asked to train a group of UTSA students to fly R/C. The group is attempting to do aerial mapping. Jerry Delinger of Rebel Hobbies has built the airplanes and installed the radios, so we know the installations are correct. We are trying to work out the training

details. We will keep you posted on the results.

Jim Rice, AMA District VIII Vice President and club member provided some words of encouragement to the club. We have done a remarkable job with the new field however; we should always be looking for additional places to fly. We never know when something could happen to change the field status. New fields might be beneficial to other clubs in San Antonio.

Rich Hansen is now a paid AMA representative working air-space issues with the FAA. He knows what he is talking about being both an airline pilot and R/C pilot. The AMA is fighting to keep the current regulations as they are, while the UAV folks want changes to the current weight limits of aircraft. The FAA is currently siding with the AMA.

The District VIII has 250 clubs and only one has enrolled in the Takeoff and Grow (TAG) program. Clubs can apply for \$1000 to get folks interested in Flying R/C. Details are on the AMA web site.

Remember to vote in the AMA elections! Only three to four percent of the AMA members voted to elect the current officers. Vote whenever you can!

An all-electric Fly In will be held at Kingsbury on September 18th.

The eighth annual Jim Rice Memorial will be held 4-5 October. A third scale CAP and engine will be raffled off. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or a "Pull" (both arm lengths) for \$20.

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NEW MEMBERS: Charles Harris

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Dennis Gurtner resurrected his SIG Senior Cadet and converted it to electric power. Everything turned out well. Dennis put the airplane together but somehow left out the metal tube spar. Everything was normal until he made a level turn. The right wing departed the airplane and the rest is history. The Senior Cadet went home in a trash bag.

Phil Everman was flying his P-51 rapidly around the field. In a high G turn a wing snapped in pieces. Most of the P-51 was destroyed, but one wing is lost in the deep hay field North of the runway.

Curtis Clipperton has had a few mishaps with his airplanes recently. One of his planes went out of control and drifted West of the field about a half-mile and crashed. Another went through the trees near the pond and broke the prop, but the rest of the plane was unharmed. Lucky! The winner is Dennis Gurtner!

August Meeting Minutes (continued)

SHOW AND TELL

Tony Centeno showed off his World Models Sport 40. He says this is a Super little airplane that flies great. Tony said the only drawback was tight fit of the fuel tank. He had to lube the outside of the tank to get the fuel tank into the airplane.

Bill Ponseigo showed off his recently build U Can Do that he won at one of the club raffles 2 years ago. Bill stuck a Saito 120 in the nose and it flies great. Bill also brought in the new fuel cap replacement for his Du Bro fuel station. Seems the first one broke and Du Bro replaced it for free. It pays to do business with good companies.

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.

- Tony Centeno –
- Don Nolan – Gallon of Fuel
- Harold Sauls – Hinge Slotting Tools
- Phil Everman – Fuel Pump
- Rick Zondlo – Hanger 9 trim sealing iron
- Dwight Ragsdale – Power Panel
- John Barton – Magic V 2.0 ARF
- Jim Agnew – Coiled Fuel Tubing

MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 pm.

August Open House Photos

The A.R.C.S hosted their "Field Warming" and Open House on 24 August. A large number of visitors, including Jim Rice AMA Dist VIII VP, and club pilots enjoyed the festivities. Also present was Steve Koelle, Dist VIII photographer. Steve took quite a number of interesting **photos and videos**. You can see them on his website at: <http://icanflyrc.com/ARCS/index.html> Due to space limitations I'll limit photos in this edition to those taken by our club member photographers Dave Bailey, and Jim and Sandy Witthauer. My thanks to all for the photos. They sent me so many it was hard to choose which to publish



Aerial photo of our new field courtesy of Steve Koelle.



Jim Rice tending to his biplane.

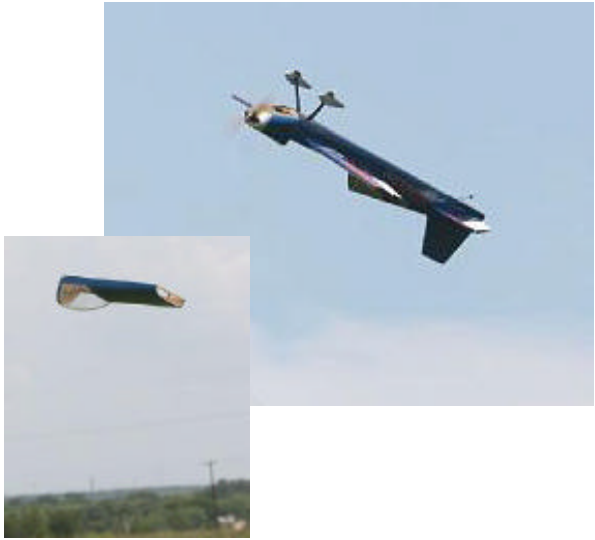


Left: Frank Patterson's "GAS OVERFLOW TANK" What an excellent idea. Don't you wish everyone had (and used) one?



Left: Dennis and Marilyn feed all of the troops.

August Open House Photos (Continued)



August Open House Photos (Continued)




FINANCIAL PLANNING
LONG TERM: THE CAR IS CHEAPER



Humor Section

FIREARMS REFRESHER COURSE

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. Colt: The original point and click interface.
4. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
5. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
6. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
7. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
8. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.
9. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
10. The United States Constitution (c) 1791. All Rights Reserved.
11. What part of 'shall not be infringed' do you not understand?
12. The Second Amendment is in place in case the politicians ignore the others.
13. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
14. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
15. Know guns, know peace, know safety. No guns, no peace, no safety.
16. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
17. 911: Government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
18. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
19. Criminals love gun control; it makes their jobs safer.
20. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
21. Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day the wife and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Dumb ass. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tres. So Mary called him a shit head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived and we got on it and went home.. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?' Well...I'm fortunate to have a few friends who have chemical engineering backgrounds, and one of the things we enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Jack Daniels, bourbon, and martinis into urine. We're pretty damn good at it too!

Sixteen reasons why airplanes are easier to live with than women:

- 1) Airplanes usually kill you quickly - a woman takes her time.
- 2) Airplanes can be turned on by a flick of a switch.
- 3) Airplanes don't get mad if you do a "touch and go."
- 4) Airplanes don't object to a preflight inspection.
- 5) Airplanes come with manuals to explain their operation.
- 6) Airplanes have strict weight and balance limitations.
- 7) Airplanes can be flown any time of the month.
- 8) Airplanes don't come with in-laws.
- 9) Airplanes don't care about how many other airplanes you've flown before.
- 10) Airplanes and pilots both arrive at the same time.
- 11) Airplanes don't mind if you look at other airplanes.
- 12) Airplanes don't mind if you buy airplane magazines.
- 13) Airplanes expect to be tied down.
- 14) Airplanes don't comment on your piloting skills.
- 15) Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong.
- 16) However, when airplanes go quiet, just like women, it's usually not good.

High Urinals

A group of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to the local racetrack (Churchill Downs) to learn about thoroughbred horses and the supporting industry (Bourbon), but mostly to see the horses. When it was time to take the children to the bathroom it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other. The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the little boys up one by one, holding on to their 'wee-wees' to direct the flow away from their clothes. As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring the teacher said, 'You must be in the 5th grade.'

'No, ma'am', he replied. 'I'm the jockey riding Silver Arrow in the seventh race, but I appreciate your help.'

A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young Mothers and their small children. 'You all have obsessions,' he observed. To the first mother, Mary, he said, 'You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy.' He turned to the second Mom, Ann: 'Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny.' He turned to the third Mom, Joyce: 'Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy.' At this point, the fourth mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy By the hand and whispered, 'Come on, Dick, we're leaving. Your brothers Peter and Willy are waiting for us.'

Humor Section (continued)

Life is all about A:
You are either covering it,
Laughing it off,
Kicking it,
Kissing it,
Busting it,
Trying to get a piece of it,
Behaving like one,
Or you live with one!**

**When I die, I want to die like my grandfather--
who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming
like all the passengers in his car.'**

'The problem with the designated driver program, it's not a desirable job, but if you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house.'

'Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student.
At least they can find Afghanistan '

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person — Andy Rooney

My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am!

The reason that dogs have so many friends is because they wag their tails, not their tongues!

One out of four people in this country are mentally unbalanced. Think of your three closes friends...if they seem OK, then you're the one!

Jesus is Watching: A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, **'Jesus is watching you.'** He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, 'Jesus is watching you.' Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot. 'Yep,' the parrot confessed, and then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you. 'The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?' 'Moses,' replied the bird. 'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?' 'The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler "Jesus."'

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him. Morals of the story:
(1) Not everyone who Craps on you is your enemy.
(2) Not everyone who gets you out of Crap is your friend.
(3) And when you're in deep Crap, it's best to keep your mouth shut!

A turkey was chatting with a bull. 'I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree' sighed the turkey, 'but I haven't got the energy.' 'Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?' replied the bull.. They're packed with nutrients.' The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree. Moral of the story: Bull Shit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, 'Can I also sit like you and do nothing?' The eagle answered: 'Sure, why not.' So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it. Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

A cowboy is driving down a back road in Texas when he sees a sign in front of a restaurant that reads:
HAPPY HOUR SPECIAL
'Lobster Tail and Beer'
'Lord almighty' he says to himself, 'my three favorite things!!'

A Few Parting Words

Luke AFB is west of Phoenix and is rapidly being surrounded by civilization that complains about the noise from the base and its planes, forgetting that it was there long before they were.

A certain lieutenant colonel at Luke AFB deserves a big pat on the back. Apparently, an individual who lives somewhere near Luke AFB wrote the local paper complaining about a group of F-16s that disturbed his/her day at the mall. When that individual read the response from a Luke AFB officer, it must have stung quite a bit.

The complaint:

'Question of the day for Luke Air Force Base:

Whom do we thank for the morning air show? Last Wednesday, at precisely 9:11 a.m., a tight formation of four F-16 jets made a low pass over Arrowhead Mall, continuing west over Bell Road at approximately 500 feet. Imagine our good fortune! Do the Tom Cruise-wannabes feel we need this wake-up call, or were they trying to impress the cashiers at Mervyn's early bird special? Any response would be appreciated.

The response:

Regarding 'A wake -up call from Luke's jets' (Letters, Thursday):

On June 15, at precisely 9:12 a.m., a perfectly timed four-ship flyby of F-16s from the 63rd Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base flew over the grave of Capt. Jeremy Fresques.. Capt. Fresques was an Air Force officer who was previously stationed at Luke Air Force Base and was killed in Iraq on May 30, Memorial Day..

At 9 a.m. On June 15, his family and friends gathered at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City to mourn the loss of a husband, son and friend. Based on the letter writer's recount of the flyby, and because of the jet noise, I'm sure you didn't hear the 21-gun salute, the playing of taps, or my words to the widow and parents of Capt. Fresques as I gave them their son's flag on behalf of the President of the United States and all those veterans and servicemen and women who understand the sacrifices they have endured.

A four-ship flyby is a display of respect the Air Force pays to those who give their lives in defense of freedom. We are professional aviators and take our jobs seriously, and on June 15 what the letter writer witnessed was four officers lining up to pay their ultimate respects.

The letter writer asks, 'Whom do we thank for the morning air show?' The 56th Fighter Wing will make the call for you, and forward your thanks to the widow and parents of Capt. Fresques, and thank them for you, for it was in their honor that my pilots flew the most honorable formation of their lives.

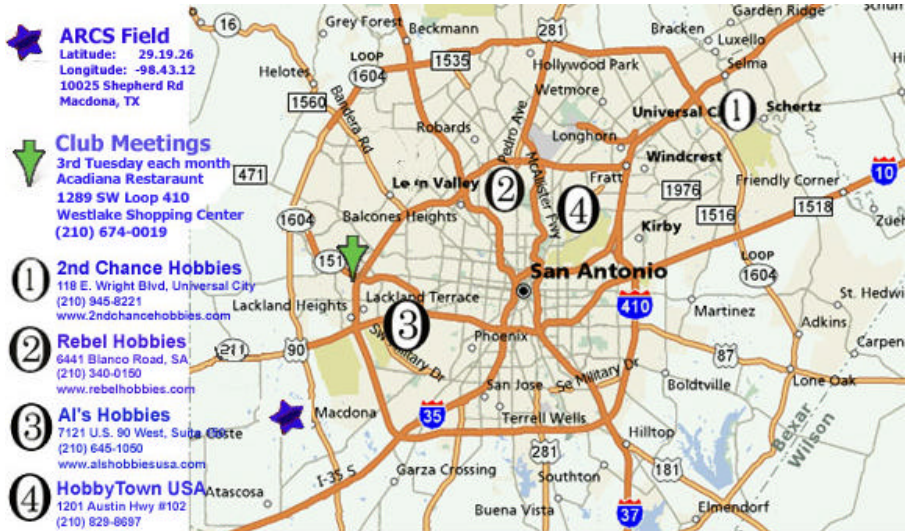
Lt. Col. Grant L. Rosensteel, Jr.
USAF

Only 2 defining forces have ever offered to die for you.....

Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul, the other for your freedom

HUGE MODELLING SALE: Harold D. Parks is Retiring from the Hobby and has a huge number of Items For Sale: R/C, control line, kits, built aircraft, engines, tools, parts, etc. This lists and pictures are far to large to include here but **can be found on our website** at www.alamoradiocontrolsociety in the For Sale section. Our Webmaster has set up links for the documents and pictures of what he is selling. You can call Mr Parks at .210-413-8078 between the hours of 0800 am t ill 9:00 pm. His Email is haroldd.parks@gmail.com





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