



# ARCS News

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## CLUB MEETINGS

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December)  
From 7:00 to 9:00 PM at  
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## We have a new meeting place....

Acadiana Restaurant, Westlake Shopping Center. 1289 SW Loop 410. Effective with the August meeting. Still 3rd Tuesday of each month.



The runway has been painted with all of the appropriate markings...“X’s” at the ends and other markings for fun-fly events. A dedicated crew painted, mowed and “RoundUp’d”.



RIGHT: Phil Everman, who always shows up for a work party, performs the first official inaugural flight with his Sopwith Camel. Assist by Dave Bailey.



Digital subscribers: Many more photos and articles starting on page 4. Paper copy recipients can see the entire edition on our website (URL in the masthead above) in the “Newsletters” section.

## ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

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 9 - Christmas Party

**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.

## July Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

**INTRODUCTION:** July 15, 2008 –President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made and approved to accept the Minutes from the June 2008 meeting as published in the newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

**GUESTS:** Allison & Danise Grozdanich, Sarah Centeno and Moe Clipperton

### OLD BUSINESS

**Field Update:** THE RUNWAY IS FINISHED! All asphalt has been installed, smooth 400 x 40 feet of it. Runway lines have been painted. Let's fly. Pilot stations have been marked and the grass has been cut. The landowner is cutting hay on the perimeter of the field.

**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 data base to access all the pictures etc. The site was hacked and allowed a virus to enter the site. The site vendor has taken care of the problem. Just a reminder, use an Anti-virus program and be safe. If you need to post an update, contact Rick Zondlo or John.

The Fun Fly is Sunday, July 20, 2008 (10am-2pm). Be there!

### NEW BUSINESS

Fuel prices are on the increase. Seems the only nitro methane producer is in China and is shutting down production for the Olympic Games. Make sure you have enough to fly. Fuel will be there, but at a higher price.

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.

Much discussion has taken place about changing the club meeting location. Seems folks are dissatisfied with the food and the service. The membership voted to change the meeting place to Acadiana near the Westlakes Mall. We will use half of the restaurant for the meeting and will guarantee we will provide the wait staff at least \$35 in tips. So folks, come early and eat Cajun food and tip appropriately!

The August Fun Fly (8/24/08) will be an Open House and Fly In. Things will start at 10 am. Members from other clubs are invited to fly from our new runway and see our facilities. They only need an AMA card to fly. We will be providing hot dogs as snacks. Be there!

**NEW MEMBERS:** Hoyte Fregeau, Roy Latigo and Jerry Giles

**SOLO WING AWARDS:** Jonathan Rivers—4 flights with Bill Ponseigo—A new record low!

### CRASH OF THE MONTH

Jim Noblett's troubles began at last month's Fly In. Jim was flying is Twist 150 to drop an egg on the runway target. The egg rolled down the wing directly to the target about 10 feet below. At 60 plus degrees of bank, the Twist stalled and broke in half. During the week, Jim returned to the field with his Twist 60. Flying low and slow, the Twist 60 stalled and broke in half just like the previous one. Undaunted, two days later, he asked Harold Cannon to fly his oldest airplane. Harold was flying over the trees to the North, when he exclaimed, "I didn't do that!" as the airplane did two rolls and continued to fly West—out of control with an occasional roll. The airplane hit the ground about ¾ miles West. Jim walked after it with Harold following in a car. You must realize, both are Cardiac patients and were the only ones flying. All are well, except the airplanes.

Jim Keck tried to extend his flight time a second or two for the Climb and Glide contest and stalled his Blue Max close to the ground. The wing came off, but was later repaired.

Michael Neilson was flying a Card Board Tail Dragger built by Dennis Gurtner. The airplane had seen better days and was held together with a lot of epoxy and wire. Michael got one of those "I didn't do that's" and the airplane turned into a Lawn Dart. 45 minutes later, the airplane was found with the engine in the mud and the rest of the airplane in one piece.

Larry Standlee was his trainer and providing Curt Clipperton some instruction. After nearly 10 minutes of flying, Larry decided to look at his watch to see if it was time to land. While looking at his watch, Larry let go of the Buddy Box button. Curt no longer had control of Larry's trainer. You guessed it. A crash. Larry, remember, your finger is not attached to your watch.

The winner is Jim Noblett!

### SHOW AND TELL

Bill Grozdanish showed off his beautiful Hanger 9 Corsair. He has a Saito 100 installed with Hanger 9 retracts. It may be out this weekend for it's first flight.

Phil Everman brought in his new Hanger 9 B-25 with a pair of Saito 56s installed. The B-25 has Robart retracts. Maiden flight is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Buck Murray showed off his miniature (\$29.95) helicopter. It flew well. Seems it is a wife harassment tool. Helicopter flight in front of the TV may not be advisable when your wife is watching her favorite program.

**July Meeting Minutes (continued)**

**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 – Gallon of Fuel
- Don Nolan – Drill Set
- Jim Noblett – Screw Driver Set
- Frank Patterson – Electric Fuel Pump & Xacto Miter Box
- Larry Standlee – Mini Hold'em Stand
- Dwight Ragsdale – Robart Super Stand
- Roy Latigo – Phoenix Sea Bee 40 ARF
- Jim Keck – Start Stick



**MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 pm.**



Right: In case you can't make it out, that's a palm-sized R/C helicopter at the top center-left of the picture. What an entertaining way to annoy your wife and family while they watch TV (or just while away rainy days in the garage).



**July Fun-Fly**

The fun-fly was a gas as usual. A spot landing event and some helicopter fishing added to the excitement.



Left: Phil's helo lifts bobber and fish from the lake. Right: The "whole deal" on the runway. OK, it was a rubber fish but so what!



A packed flight line indicates the level of participation this month. Even the pavilion was loaded with exceptional aircraft.



Field Cleanup, Painting and Fun-Fly (continued)



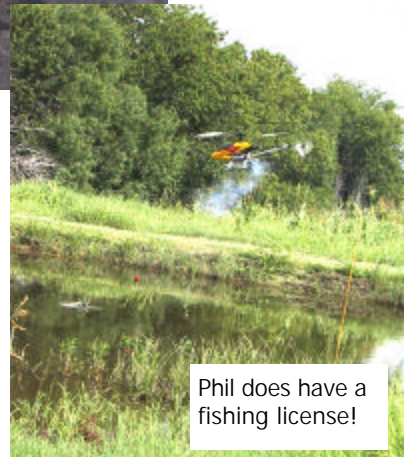
Fun-Fly Contest: Four attempts at spot landings, each graded from zero to five points. The winner was Colin Gipp (\$10 gift certificate). Jim Agnew ran a close second.



Field Cleanup, Painting and Fun-Fly (continued)



Absolutely gorgeous (inside and out) Beechcraft



Phil does have a fishing license!



Phil Everman about to taxi out for maiden B-25 flight



Some guys have all the luck: Roy Latigo with Drawing First Prize Phoenix Sea Bee 40 ARF

## The Comics Page

The guys were all at a deer camp. They had to bunk two to a room. No one wanted to room with Daryl because he snored so badly.

They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Daryl and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you?' He said, 'Daryl snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night. The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you? You look awful!' He said, 'Man, that Daryl shakes the roof. I watched him all night. The third night was Frank's turn. Frank was a big burly ex-football player; a man's man.

The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. 'Good morning,' he said. They couldn't believe it! They said, 'Man, what happened?

'He said, 'Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Daryl into bed patted his ass and kissed him good night. Daryl sat up and watched me all night.

Sister Mary Katherine entered the monastery of silence. The Priest said, "Sister, this is a silent monastery. You are welcome here as long as you like, but you may not speak until directed to do so. "

Sister Mary Katherine lived in the monastery for 5 years before the Priest said to her, "Sister Mary Katherine, you have been here for 5 years. You may speak two words."

Sister Mary Katherine said, "Hard bed." "I'm sorry to hear that," the Priest said, "We will get you a better bed."

After another 5 years, Sister Mary Katherine was summoned by the Priest. "You may say another two words, Sister Mary Katherine."

"Cold food," said Sister Mary Katherine, And the Priest assured her that the food would be better in the future.

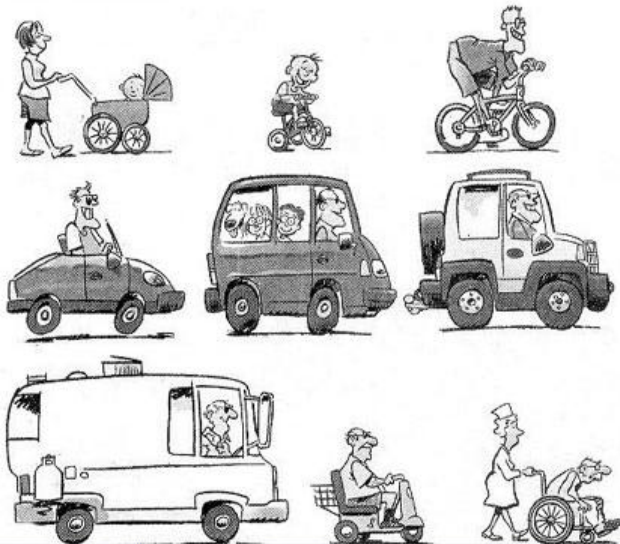
On her 15th anniversary at the monastery, The Priest again called Sister Mary Katherine in to his office.

"You may say two words today."

"I quit," said Sister Mary Katherine.

"It's probably best," said the Priest, "You've done nothing but bitch since you got here."

### The Wheels of Life



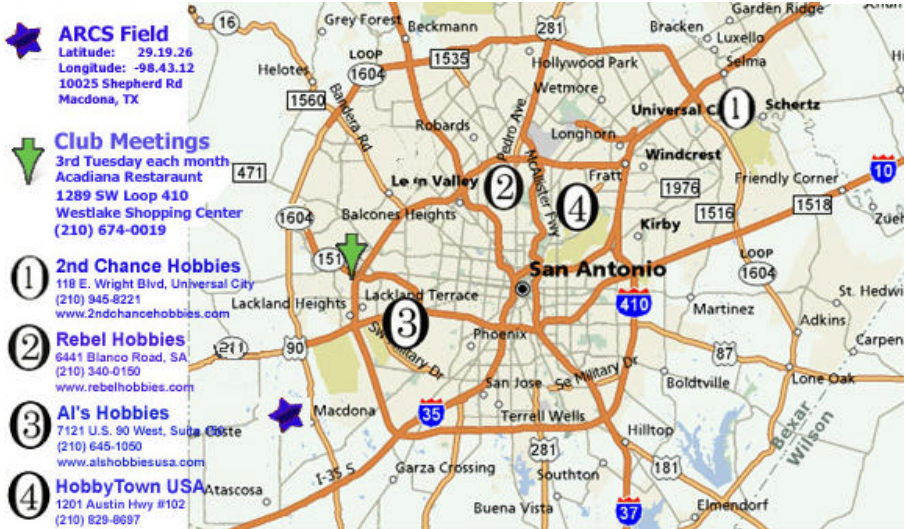
'We, in Ireland , can't figure out why you people are even bothering to hold an election in the United States

On one side, you had a pants wearing female lawyer, married to another lawyer who can't seem to keep his pants on, who just lost a long and heated primary against a lawyer, who goes to the wrong church, who is married to yet another lawyer, who doesn't even like the country her husband wants to run !

Now...On the other side, you have a nice old war hero whose name starts with the appropriate 'Mc' terminology, married to a good looking younger woman who owns a beer distributorship !!

What on earth are ya lads thinkin over in the colonies !

- 1 **My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.**
- 2 **I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.**
- 3 **Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.**
- 4 **I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.**
- 6 **You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.**
7. **Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.**
8. **Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.**
- 9 **God must love stupid people; he made so many.**
- 10 **The gene pool could use a little chlorine.**
- 11 **Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.**
- 12 **I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?**
- 13 **A hangover is the wrath of grapes.**
- 14 **A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.**
- 15 **Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!**
- 16 **They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.**
- 17 **He who dies with the most toys is none the less DEAD.**
- 18 **The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.**



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 Latitude: 29.19.26  
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