



ARCS News



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October Fun-Fly

The day broke uncharacteristically cloudy — but it was warm at the field with the breeze mostly down the runway, and the sun did break through. If you were there, then you know that Joe Roamer finished enlarging the tank North of the runway so we can use it for water planes. As you can see below, Bill Ponseigo made some flights from this latest feature at our field. If you weren't there, then you missed a great day!



Buck Murray helps Bill Ponseigo prepare for a flight from the expanded tank...



...and the successful take-off that followed. Bill made three flights from it that day.



Josh Young showing his incredible flying ability with his electric powered AJ Slick!



Sorry not to have caught the name of this terrific helicopter pilot.

ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

Nov 18 Meeting, 23 Fun Fly

Dec 6 - Christmas Party—Acadiana

RCAC 2008/9 Schedule

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 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

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.**

October Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

October 21, 2008 – President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the September 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, Mo Clipperton

OLD BUSINESS

Web Site Update: John Graham has updated the Web site with the database to access all the pictures etc. If you have something for the Web site, send it to John. .

The eighth annual Jim Rice Memorial was held 4-5 October. It was a great success. Jim Rice announced that he had sold his hobby shop and will be building airplanes in the back room. As for ARCS, the new owner wants everything to be "business as usual". We will still receive a substantial discount for the club raffle items.

The Club Pylon Races were cancelled due to Jim Agnew's illness and lack of event sponsor participation. Rich Lowe and Bill Ponseigo did race and Bill did crash. See Crash of the month.

ROTC program needs your support. Buck Murray was the only club member helping the cadets at the last flying session. We need a lot more help. The next ROTC fly day is November 15th. Be there if you can help!

We need a lot more help if we are to take on an additional school.

NEW BUSINESS

Sad news folks; Jim Agnew has been diagnosed with cancer. He is undergoing Chemotherapy and is showing progress. The club sends its thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Les Freund is the new Newsletter Editor. Thanks you Les! We know you are up to the task.

We welcome the UTSA students to the club. The fliers are AMA and club members. They are flying as part of a program at UTSA. They currently have one pilot, Ilhan Yilmaz and several folks maintaining the equipment. We will assist them in any way we can.

The Christmas Party will be December 6th at 6:30 pm. It will be Turkey and all the trimmings and be less expensive than last year. There will be a ladies gift raffle, a Gift exchange (\$20 gift—No gag gifts) and the Regular Raffle. Tickets will be sold for the Raffle. Details will follow.

Joe Roamer has expanded the pond near the runway so it will now support water takeoff and landings.

The club received correspondence from AMA wanting to know what kind of philanthropic events we have had and the amount of cash we have donated to charities. After much discussion, the club has chosen to support the San Antonio Food Bank. If everyone will bring *non-perishable* food to each of the Fun Flies during the year, it will be delivered to the Food Bank. Additional information will be available at the next meeting and on the web site. Everyone please help!

We are planning a Fly In and Swap Meet in the spring. We need someone to step up and volunteer. Things need to get rolling so we can get it sanctioned and advertised.

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. We will be widening the tall grass to provide some additional space between the runway and the flyers.*

Please don't fly over other fliers and the pits. Fly North, Northeast or Northwest of the runway. Please kill your engines prior to getting to the pit area.

Because of prior incidents with the large hay bales, Joe Roamer moved and stacked all of the bales to the east of the runway where they are much more out of the way.

The Tri-City Flyers are having a Blue Santa Fun-Fly at the Kingsbury Aerodrome on November 16th.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Les Freund was out flying his new Seagull Edge 540 with a Saito 100 in the nose. The first flight was great. Les made some programming changes and forgot he left the transmitter in the 3D mode. He ran off the side of the runway during takeoff and caught the right wing tip on the ground. The Edge fuselage was pretty much destroyed.

Bill Ponseigo has been attempting to break Buck Murray's record for the most crashes of the month. Bill was racing his LA Racer with Rich Lowe. Bill banked to the left at the corner, but the airplane went right and spun into the ground. The LA Racer was destroyed. Post Mortem showed that the aileron servo went to full right when any power was applied. Bill decided to fly his rebuilt Tango. Things were going well except that the engine quit while Bill was low. Trying to stretch the glide just a few more feet caused the Tango to reach the critical angle of attack and it quit flying. The nose was broken off again.

Don Nolan came out flying his 4 Star 40. Don was having a good time flying when he suddenly saw a flock of sparrows. He gave chase. He got farther and farther away chasing sparrows, when the tall grass (6 feet high) caught the 4 Star 40. Score one for the Sparrows!

The winner is Don Nolan!

October Meeting Minutes (continued)

SHOW AND TELL

Phil Everman brought in his new electric gear driven retracts for his P-51. They are really solid and have a scale retraction speed. They are about \$150 per set that is about the same cost as servo or air driven units.

RAFFLE RESULTS

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

- Dennis Gurtner – Quick Drill Set
- Don Nolan – Xacto Miter Box and Saw
- Mike Nielsen – Majic Formula 3D ARF & a Gallon of Fuel
- Rich Lowe – Electric Fuel Pump
- Harold Saults – Electric Edge 260 (Donated by Phil Everman)

MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 pm.



Picture of Phil's new retracts taken at the Fun-Fly.

October Fun-Fly (continued)



Harold Saults preparing for another flight of his Katana.



A view of some of some of the planes at the Fun-Fly.



Josh Young's AJ Slick before he attached the hatch. Notice how much the ailerons can deflect.



Mike Guthomson brought an older model of a Supermarine Schneider Trophy Racer. Would like to see this fly from the tank.

Editor's note: As you know from Jim's minutes, this is my first newsletter. The club owes Rick Zondlo heartfelt thanks for his years as an outstanding Newsletter Editor. I would like to personally thank Bill Ponseigo, Jim Keck, John Graham, and especially Rick for their tremendous help and support to get me started as Editor.



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