



# 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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## September Fun-Fly

*It was a dark and stormy night* — somewhere in the world I'm sure, but here in San Antonio the day dawned nicely cool and sunny with a bit of a breeze mostly down the runway. The mostly usual collection of pilots and planes graced our tarmac. Donuts, cookies, spectators and good conversation were abundant in the pavilion. If you weren't there, then you missed a great day!



Bill Ponseigo prepares for a flight.



Dewey Newbold assists Rex O'Connor with his 25+ year old Jungmeister. Rex did a great job flying it.



Phil Everman taxis his B-25 back after a very graceful landing!!!



Here's Dewey taxiing out his nostalgia piped pattern ship.

## ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

Oct 21 Meeting, 26 Fun Fly  
Nov 18 Meeting, 23 Fun Fly

Dec 9 - Christmas Party—Acadiana

## RCAC 2008/9 Schedule

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.

## September Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

September 16, 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 August 2008 meeting as published in the newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**GUESTS:** Jim & Sandy Witthauer, Keith Cole, Larry Howe

### OLD BUSINESS

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

The Fun Fly Sunday, August 24, 2008 was a great success! We got 4 new members, had some good hot dogs and a lot of flying.

Fire Marshall inspections should be a thing of the past. Bill Ponseigo met with him and explained everything. We are doing everything correctly. Thanks, Bill.

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.

### NEW BUSINESS

It is time to elect club officers. All current officers are willing to serve for another year. The motion was made to elect the current club officers for another year. The motion was approved. By unanimous vote, all officers will continue to serve for 2009.

The club has been asked to assist in training a group of UTSA students to fly R/C. Folks from UTSA contacted Jim Keck for details on membership etc. One of the students is an experienced flyer and will do most the instructing. At the current time, UTSA will have two or three student members. They are obtaining AMA insurance and will send the club the applications and money for membership. We are trying to work out the training details. We will keep you posted on the results.

Folks, we must think safety when we are driving as well as flying!

Rick Zondlo slowed down to make a turn onto Pue Road just past the Madina River to go to the field. He was rear ended by an F350 pickup doing at least 70 mph. The Honda Pilot was destroyed; Rick was taken by ambulance to Wilford Hall with lots of cuts and bruises. The F350 driver left the scene. Rick had most of his stuff tied down. Some of his starter batteries hit a full metal fuel can and crushed it, but no leaks or sparks. Amazing!!

Remember, things can get out of hand in a hurry when flying also. The third dimension gets you and all those sudden stops. For all you 3-D flyers, don't try to hover and touch your airplane. It is against the AMA rules and you can really get hurt.

**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.

Watch out for the large hay bales. A low final may eat an airplane.

September 27<sup>th</sup> is Club Race Day. We expect 15 to 20 participants. We need volunteers for the event. Contact Jim Agnew if you can work. September 27<sup>th</sup> is also an ROTC training day. The cadets will fly after the races.

The Castroville R/C club is having a Fly-In at Dunley on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### CRASH OF THE MONTH

JD Smith was practicing spin maneuvers with is Senior Falcon. In the back of his mind he was trying of a low altitude recovery. Seems the Falcon got inverted, he pulled when he should have pushed. The Falcon bit the dust. Only the fuselage was broken.

Bill Ponseigo was flying his U Can Do doing a few touch and goes. Things were normal until a large flock of gnats flew into his face. Bill tried to get the gnats out of his nose and hit the snap roll switch on the transmitter. The U Can Do turned into U CAN'T Do. Undaunted Bill got out his TANGO. Practicing some spins, West of the tree line that parallels Shepherd Road, Bill managed to loose control and crash half way to Macdona Lacoste Road in the tall weeds. He finally found the plane after an hour. His cut and scrapped from the weeds.

The winner is Bill Ponseigo!

### SHOW AND TELL

Michael Nielsen brought in his newly build Hanger 9 Ultra Stick with an OS 60 in the nose. This was his first ARF. Michael did a super job. It should fly great.

Bob Fritch flew his mini electric helicopter in the restaurant. It cost \$100; with the 2.4 GHz transmitter. This is a super deal.

Bill Ponseigo showed off his recently built LA Racer with an old Super Tigre 40. He plans to fly it at the Fun Fly and race it in the Club Races.

### 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.

Dennis Gurtner – Extra 300 ARF  
Don Nolan – Battery Charger

**September Meeting Minutes (continued)**

- Bob Palimini – Gallon of Fuel
- Buck Murray – Electric Fuel Pump
- Rick Zondlo – Quick Drill Set
- Salvador Sardo – Xacto Extra Hands

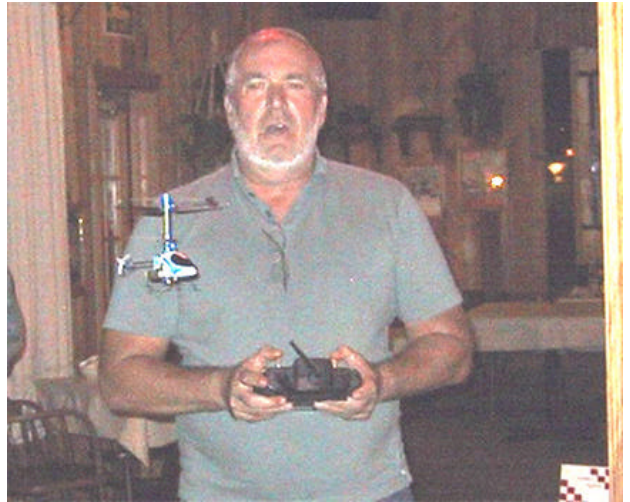
MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 pm.



Above: Bill shows off his LA Racer with an ST40. His plan to race in the upcoming pylon event may be postponed due to an unplanned encounter with a hay bale.



Right: Mike Nielsen shows his new Ultra-Stick.



Above: Bob Fritch demonstrates his micro heli. Quite stable, maneuverable and best of all it's inexpensive!



Left: Compare it's size to the raffle ticket next to it...

**September Fun-Fly (continued)**



Sometimes bad things happen to great builder/pilots! Jim Agnew's Spektrum radio quit responding. Result: One rather large gasser-Extra had to be retrieved in a "body bag" from the far North scrub field. Only about 5 flights on it.

**Nobody asked me, but:** The only crashes I've witnessed that were blamed on Spektrum radio failures were all (I think) gassers. I didn't see the radio installation(s) prior to the crashes. I wonder if maybe the transmitter signals were blocked or otherwise affected by the large engine or other close-by metal/electrical components?



I couldn't take a picture of myself so I thought why not show off my airplanes at least?



## Humor Section

The Lone Ranger was ambushed and captured by an enemy Indian war party.

The Indian Chief proclaims, 'So, you are the great Lone Ranger. In honor of the Harvest Festival, you will be executed in three days. Before I kill you, I grant you three requests. What is your first request?'

The Lone Ranger responds, 'I'd like to speak to my horse.' The Chief nods and Silver is brought before the Lone Ranger who whispers in Silver's ear, and the horse gallops away.

Later that evening, Silver returns with a beautiful blonde woman on his back. As the Indian Chief watches, the blonde enters the Lone Ranger's tent and spends the night.

The next morning the Indian Chief admits he's impressed. 'You have a very fine and loyal horse, but I will still kill you in two days. What is your second request?'

The Lone Ranger again asks to speak to his horse. Silver is brought to him, and he again whispers in the horse's ear.

As before, Silver takes off and disappears over the horizon.

Later that evening, to the Chief's surprise, Silver again returns, this time with a voluptuous brunette, more attractive than the blonde. She enters the Lone Ranger's tent and spends the night.

The following morning the Indian Chief is again impressed. 'You are indeed a man of many talents, but I will still kill you tomorrow. What is your last request?'

The Lone Ranger responds, 'I'd like to speak to my horse, alone.'

The Chief is curious, but he agrees, and Silver is brought to the Lone Ranger's tent.

Once they're alone, the Lone Ranger grabs Silver by both ears, looks him square in the eye and says, Listen very carefully for.... the.... last....time, I said..... **'BRING POSSE'**

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat. I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, 'Now you stay. Do you hear me?' 'Stay! Stay!'

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said,

'Why don't you just put it in park?'

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game, took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one." The student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. "We, the young people of today, grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, men walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing and....," pausing to take another drink of beer.

The Senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young .....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little fart, what are you doing for the next generation?" The applause was resounding..

### EMBARRASSING MEDICAL EXAMS

**1.** A man comes into the ER and yells, 'My wife's going to have her baby in the cab!' I grabbed my stuff, rushed out to the cab, lifted the lady's dress, and began to take off her underwear. Suddenly I noticed that there were several cabs ---and I was in the wrong one.

**2.** At the beginning of my shift I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. 'Big breaths,' I instructed. 'Yes, they used to be,' replied the patient.

**3.** One day I had to be the bearer of bad news when I told a wife that her husband had died of a massive myocardial infarct. Not more than five minutes later, I heard her reporting to the rest of the family that he had died of a 'massive internal fart.'

**4.** While acquainting myself with a new elderly patient, I asked, 'How long have you been bedridden?' After a look of complete confusion she answered... 'Why, not for about twenty years - when my husband was alive'

**5.** I was caring for a woman and asked, 'So how's your breakfast this morning?' 'It's very good, except for the Kentucky Jelly. I can't seem to get used to the taste' the patient replied. I then asked to see the jelly and the woman produced a foil packet labeled 'KY Jelly.'

**6.** A nurse was on duty in the Emergency Room when a young woman with purple hair styled into a punk rocker Mohawk, sporting a variety of tattoos, and wearing strange clothing, entered. It was quickly determined that the patient had acute appendicitis, so she was scheduled for immediate surgery. When she was completely disrobed on the operating table, the staff noticed that her pubic hair had been dyed green, and above it there was a tattoo that read, 'Keep off the grass.' Once the surgery was completed, the surgeon wrote a short note on the patient's dressing, which said, 'Sorry, had to mow the lawn.'

## Humor Section

She is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car. She writes:

Dear Grand-daughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a Honk if you love Jesus bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting.

So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did, what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed I found that lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, ' For the love of God! ' ' Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!'

What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!

There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant.

He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me.

I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, I waved at all my brothers and sisters grinning, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared. So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!! Will write again soon, Love, Grandma

This took place in Charlotte North Carolina  
A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.'

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued and WON!

(Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous.. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART ...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This true story won First Place in last year's Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

The Sierra Club and the U.S. Forest Service were presenting an alternative to Wyoming ranchers for controlling the coyote population.

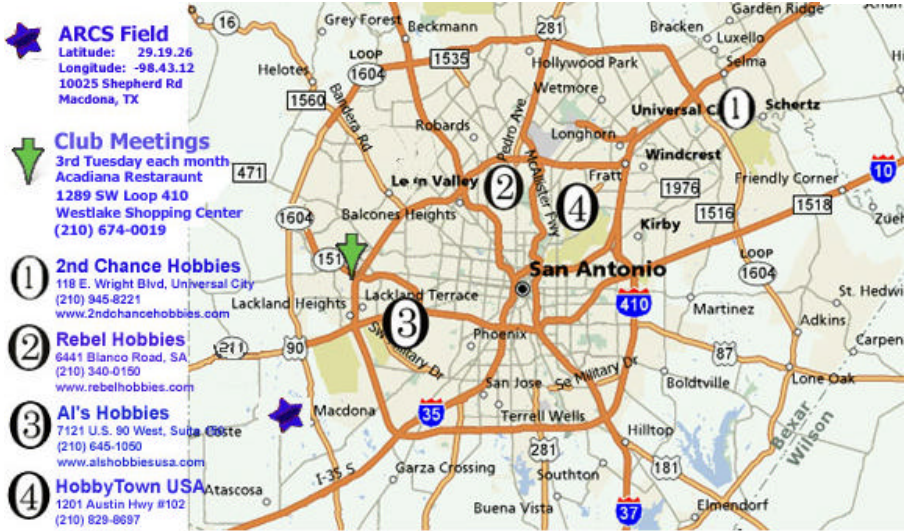
It seems that after years of the ranchers using the tried and true methods of shooting and/or trapping the predators, the tree-huggers had a "more humane" solution.

What they proposed was for the animals to be captured alive; the males would then be castrated and let loose again. Therefore the population would be controlled. This was ACTUALLY proposed to the Wyoming Wool and Sheep Grower's Association by the Sierra Club and the USFS.

All of the ranchers thought about this amazing idea for a couple of minutes. Finally, an old boy in the back of the conference room stood up, tipped his hat back and said, "Son, I don't think! you understand our problem. Those coyotes ain't screwin' our sheep - they're eatin' 'em!"

You should have been there to hear the roar of laughter.

That's all Folks!



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