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Annual Elections

Next month is the election of club officers. If you want one of the jobs, step up and volunteer. All the current club officers are willing to take on the duties for another year unless some one else is elected. Be at the September meeting to vote!

August Fun-Fly

We had a pretty good crowd of pilots and spectators in spite of the **HOT** weather. And, best of all, club members donated 59 lbs of food to the San Antonio Food Bank. Thanks folks!



Above: Bill Grozdanich's fleet covered up to ward off the sun. Left: Ace ARCS photographer Jim Witthauer takes a break out of the sun along with Bill Grozdanich and Phil Everman.



Above: Pete Alongi's Nite-Lite (LED) equipped AJ Slick Extra. Inset shows the LED installation in more detail. Pete and some others periodically have "night fly's" at the field. A sight to see-Wow!



Above: Bill and John retrieve Bill's *Revolver* after it's maiden flight. Exhaust stack lost in flight kept engine at high-idle making the landing a harrowing (and very fast) situation. Got it down OK overrunning into the grassy area.

ARCS 2010 Club Schedule

Sep 21 Meeting, 26 Fun Fly
Oct 19 Meeting, 24 Fun Fly

Nov 15 Meeting, 21 Fun Fly
Dec 14 - Christmas Party

CLUB FLYING SITE is located just West of Macdona at 10025 Shepherd Road. (Lat 29.19.25 Long -98.43.11) 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

August 17th, 2010 – President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the July 2010 meeting as published in the newsletter. Approved. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

GUESTS: Kathleen, Barbra and Ed Cannon
The Cannon's conducted estate sales. Business was brisk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roy Ehlers is still working on a box for our training gear. It should be completed this week. We will have Buddy Boxes etc. at the field so that we can train folks without searching for equipment.

We received an offer from Nitro Planes (NP) to act as a sponsor for their products. The club will display Nitro Planes banners and signs at the field. In return for local advertising, ARCS members (only) would receive varying discounts on their products. In addition, we could receive some free products for our raffles. The club has not received any response from Nitro Planes. Local hobby shops would also be given the same opportunity for advertising...we need to continue to support them.

The "foundling" electric Cub is still unclaimed. Help find the owner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robin Cook was presented his Solo Wings from Bill Ponseigo. Robin has almost flown the wings off of his airplane gaining his proficiency. Great job Robin!

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Dec 4-5th we are having a Super Fun Fly. This will be a two-day event. Pete Alongi will get an AMA Sanction and provide details in the coming weeks.

Christmas Party is scheduled on Dec 14th from 6:30-10pm. It will be the same as last year. We will have a large raffle, Chinese gift exchange (NO GAG GIFTS) and special gift drawings. You must bring a gift (worth at least \$25) to participate. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Food will be turkey and all the trimmings similar to last year. Children are welcome. If you decide to include a child at the party, please let Frank Patterson know so that the child has a gift and is part of the fun. You must bring a gift (worth at least \$15) to participate. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$20 for an arm length pull.

SAFETY:

Folks, everyone needs to take a frequency pin and display your AMA card on the board! Yes, even the 2.4 GHz

folks. This lets everyone know that you have insurance and have paid your club dues! If you do not have a red sticker on your card, see Frank Patterson immediately.

On busy Fun Fly days, we (the club) encourage the use of spotters with each pilot. Another set of eyes is good. We do not want folks to get hit with an airplane. The pilot has enough to do without watching for someone else. Remember, only 4 fliers at time. Please stand on or near the concrete pilot station pads. This allows pilots to see their airplanes. Do not do 3D and hover over the runway.

Folks, lets be courteous and let everyone use the tables. Don't be a "Table Hog". Assemble your airplane and then move your stuff to another location. On busy days there is not enough room to store all your gear on a table.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Chris Freeman was just going to run the engine in his Tavano. Well the engine ran fine so a flight was made. Things were OK until the airplane slowed down. It "tip stalled" and as Chris added power the engine quit. The plane landed in the tree next to the pond. Tree climbing is now part of the skills need to fly airplanes.

Jim Keck was out only to do some engine runs and taxi tests on his scratch built T-50 Bobcat twin. Things went all right; so after being spurred on by the crowd, he took off. The airplane flew great and needed little trim. Several landing attempts were made but the airplane did not want to slow down. On the 3rd attempt, the plane was slowed a little bit too slow and the left engine quit and full power was added to the keep flying. Rudder and aileron could not hold the turn into the dead engine. The big twin rolled over in the tall hay. It had a broken wing and damaged nacelle. It has since been repaired. Lessons learned for the 14th time, don't get low and slow. Make sure you can keep the engines running even after you jam the throttle forward.

The winner was Chris Freeman.

SHOW-AND-TELL:

Tim Becker brought in his new Great Planes Reactor Bipe. He installed a YS-63 in the nose. It flies great and does reasonable 3D even though it is a bit underpowered. Tonight we were able to see the rudder in the vertical position. Tim rarely keeps it in that position.

Bill Ponsiego showed the crowd the Revolver aircraft he won in the June raffle. He installed his reliable SAITO 70 in the nose. It should be a great flier when he finishes it.

RAFFLE: Buck modified the rules for the raffle this month, the airplane would be the last ticket drawn instead of the first. A special thanks goes out to Hobby Town for providing the raffle prizes to the club at a reduced price.

Hangar 9 RV-8 ARF — Buck Murray
Quick Chill Tote — Dennis Gurtner
MonoKote Iron Cover—Buck Murray

Minutes (continued)

MonoKote — Bill Ponseigo
 Dead Center Tool — Chuck
 Gallon of Fuel — Tim Becker

Buck was the last person to draw for the airplane. It was his Birthday folks, so give him a break. The folks at Acadiana sang to him and gave him bread pudding. It doesn't get much better than this.=====>>

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



Robin Cook proudly displays his brand new pilot wings.



Left: Bill explains the *Revolver* he won last month. Right: Tim Becker told us a bit about his *Reactor Bipe*.



Pete Dubree "over-amped" a six cell pack. Outer wrapper burst (left). Pete decided to "neutralize" the pack by puncturing it with a long screwdriver. Smoke and fire started immediately. Lots and lots of very acrid smoke and fire. Not sure I'd try that. Battery later safe to transport for disposal.



Above: Pete's fleet. It was one of these that "over-amped"



2011 Dues can be paid now. Frank Patterson, ARCS Treasurer, advised that those wishing to pay next years dues now (to avoid having to scrape up the money during Christmas shopping season) may do so now. Remember: Next years dues are due and payable NLT 31 December.



Left: Sal readies his P-40. Right: Mower donated by Frank Patterson sports anti-theft paint job.



Please note: Those of you submitting FOR SALE items to the webmaster or newsletter, please let us know when the items are either sold or no longer for sale (for whatever reason). We like to keep our slate's up to date and not mislead our readers.

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FOR SALE

Posted 08/17/10

Ted Longobardi has for sale a Hangar 9, P-51D Bluenose Mustang 60 ARF (new in box); includes retracts; for 60 - 120 2-stroke, 91 - 125 4-stroke or 20cc gas. Price \$150.00 (cost \$319.00 new). Will also sell Saito FA-115 AAC w/muffler (new in box) purchased for the Mustang for \$150.00 (\$360.00 new). Mustang only (\$150.00) or Mustang with Saito (\$300.00). Overstocked and wants to get out of the warbird business. Contact Ted day/night at 210-496-5670, 210-332-3190 or e-mail tlongobardi@satx.rr.com.

Posted 08/02/10

Bob Ruhter has a new in the box OS AX-120 for sale. He is asking \$150, hoping for a quick sell since this engine costs \$260 retail. Bob has decided to focus on electric and gas airplanes. You can contact Bob by email at bobruhter@yahoo.com.

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http://alamorcrcs.org/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=1008

Also, if you note the options in the left pane, you can start a "View Slide Show (Full Screen)." Try it, you will surely like it!



The flight-line got kinda busy from time to time.



Left above: Pete Alongi's lineup. Right: The aftermath of "a 25 cent nut" failure.



Left: Denny get a hand from his wife.



Below: Tim applied the *Reactor* decal inverted just so that we can read it when he flies! (See inset)



Other Stuff

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, are excessively mischievous.

They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the 8 year old in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?! Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and belted, "WHERE is GOD?!"

The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time!" "GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

A very tired nurse walks into a bank, totally exhausted after an 18-hour shift.

Preparing to write a check, she pulls a rectal thermometer out of her purse and tries to write with it.

When she realizes her mistake, she looks at the flabbergasted teller and without missing a beat, she says:

'Well, that's great.... that's just great.... some a \$&hole's got my pen!'

And my favorite.....

The only trouble with retirement is that you never get a damned day off!

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired'? Well..I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, and margaritas into urine. And I'm pretty damn good at it, too.

SEX AT 83

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox informing me that I can have sex at 83!

I'm soooooo happy, because I live at unit 81..... so it's not far to walk home afterwards!

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security.

The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's License to verify my age.

I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home.

I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'.

So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.

She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application..

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office...

She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

And then the fight started...

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror.

She was not happy with what she saw and said to me,

"I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly.

I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

And then the fight started.....

A C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, 'watch this!' and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that?

The C-130 pilot said, 'That was impressive, but watch this!'

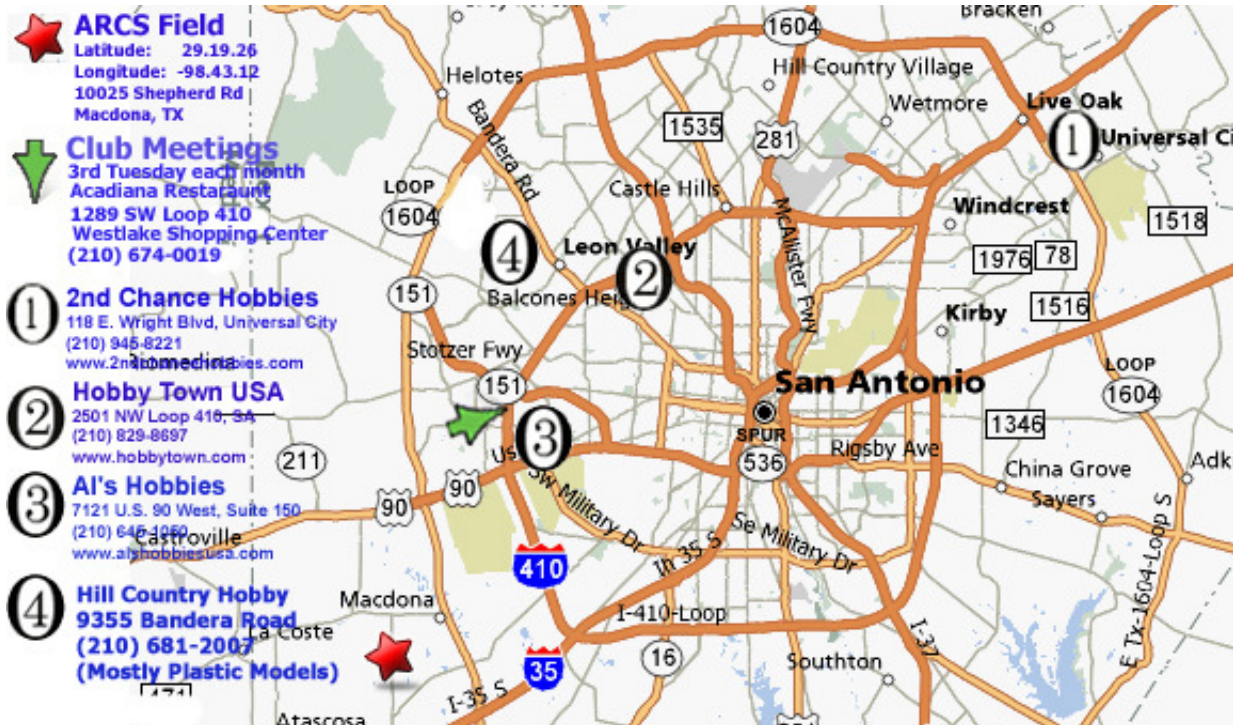
The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said: 'What did you think of that?'

Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked, 'What the heck did you do?'

The C-130 pilot chuckled. 'I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, took a leak, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll.'

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor!'



ARCS field is located at 10025 Shepherd Road in Macdonna. (Lat 29.19.25 N Long -98.43.11 W) How best to get there depends on where you are coming from. It is located just about 300 yards South of the intersection of Shepherd and Macdonna-LaCoste roads. If you are coming South on 1604W, cross the Medina river bridge then just continue on to Macdonna-LaCoste (a left turn). From US90 and points West, take West Montgomery toward the South, to Macdonna-LaCoste toward the East, to Shepherd Rd.

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