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September Fun-Fly

Sept 26th, 2010: Fine weather (except for the cross-winds). Enough pilots to make it interesting and provide for some great conversation. No major mishaps that I am aware of.



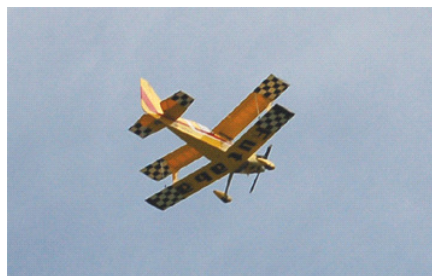
Donald Nolan and his "Big Beautiful Doll" P-51. Didn't get specs, but it is L A R G E!



Part of the "fun" at a fun-fly is good conversation. Jim, Ken and (mostly) Bill yak it up.



Another large one—Pete Dubree's Vortex ducted fan. Threw the fan on takeoff on it's maiden flight. He'll be back!



Jim Agnew's bipe and Kenny Robles Cub make their presentation fly-by's.



ARCS 2010 Club Schedule

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.

September Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary



ARCS Officers unanimously re-elected for yet another year of service! Left to right: Buck Murray, V.P. and Safety Officer; Bill Ponseigo, President; Frank Patterson, Treasurer; and Jim Keck, Secretary. Thanks guys, for all that you do for us.

September 21, 2010 – President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the August 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: Bianca Palmi, Kurt Hierstetter, Harvey Holcomb

OLD BUSINESS:

Roy Ehlers did a super job completing the "Buddy Box Storage Container". It holds all the radio equipment needed to train new pilots. If you need it, use it. The combination is the same as the gate code. Thanks again Roy for an outstanding job!

We received no additional contact from Nitro Planes (NP) to act as a sponsor for their products. We will keep you posted on further details.

NEW BUSINESS:

All the current club officers were reelected to serve for another year by unanimous vote. Congratulations!

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 Tuesday, Dec 14th from 6:30-10 pm. 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 \$20) to participate in the gift exchange. Dinner will be served at 7 pm. 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 each child has a gift and is part of the fun. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$20 for an arm length pull.

SAFETY:

Folks we really need to be careful with the electrics! We had an incident that could have been extremely serious. The pavilion was full of spectators watching the night

flight show. After a night flight, one of the pilots turned the aircraft lights off, but neglected to disarm power to the motor and receiver. Shortly afterward the transmitter was turned off; the airplane went to full power and hit the chain link fence. The motor and prop were in the fence and the airplane beat itself to death on the asphalt. No one was hurt, however if any of the spectators had been hit, there would not have been enough first aid supplies to take care of the wounded. Remember folks, these motors are powerful and if the prop is slightly obstructed, it only draws more current to spin it up. It does not stop like a fueled engine. **MAKE SURE TO DISARM THE MOTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER FLIGHT.**

Thank you goes out to Brian Ploe for his outstanding work on website. He continually works with Les Freund to improve the site.

Frank Patterson donated a lawn mower to the club. It is almost new and works like a champ. Thank you Frank!

NOTE: We need the grass cut folks. If you get the urge, use the mower. If you see something that needs doing, just do it!

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Bill Ponsiego has been flying his Revolver aircraft frequently; however, landing while keeping the landing gear attached to the airplane seems to be a problem. He has sheared the gear off twice. He also attempted to take off across the runway and was in the grass when he hit an irrigation pipe. The gear came off.

Eric Amundsen was flying his foam Extra with great success. The "peanut gallery" coaxed him to fly lower and do a 4 point roll at about 25 feet in the air. The first 2 points were great, however, he pulled when he should have pushed on the 3rd point. You guessed it; the Extra hit the ground and crashed. Only the wing broke in two pieces and was easily repaired. Eric's pride was a bit damaged. He listened to the "peanut gallery".

The winner was Eric Amundsen.

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Minutes (continued)

SHOW-AND-TELL:

Jim Keck brought in his new toolbox purchased from PDY Systems (remember the e-mail on the club special). The box opens and locks such that it can be turned upside down when locked and not mix the contents.

Bill Ponseigo brought in the fully covered wings for his large (110") wingspan Extra 300. The red and white Monokote with a checkerboard panel should be easy to see. Great job Bill! Have we seen all the pieces yet? You should have a whole airplane soon.

Jim Caton was at the field recently when a former club member (Sam Stafford) brought out a pickup truck full of airplanes and R/C gear. He was getting out of the hobby and was putting his father into a nursing home. Club members that were at the field were given all of his equipment and planes. Jim received a P-51B (Top Flite) airplane. He brought the fuselage in to get help removing the engine. It seems a lot of RTV was holding things fast. The fuselage is a thing of beauty.

Hope all the club members helped Jim. A special thanks goes out to Sam for such an act of giving.

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. In addition, a Thank You goes to Jim Caton who graciously donated the electric glider to the raffle.

- Escapade ARF — Frank Patterson
- Foam Rubber — Don Nolan
- Monokote Smart Stripe — Harvey Holcomb
- 2 Pancake Breakfast Coupons from Whataburger — Ron Steward
- Assembly Stand — John Dunaway
- Landing Gear — John Dunaway
- Dead Center Tool — John Dunaway
- Gallon of Fuel — Don Nolan
- Electric Glider— Jim Noblett



Left: Bill shows his Extra Wing as Frank looks on.



Right: Jim Caton gets a little help from fellow club members.



Left: Jim Caton shows the P-51.



Right: Jim Keck explains the virtues of the PDY Systems toolbox.

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.

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.

Those of you reading this print edition should visit our website at www.alamorcs.org to see the full eleven pages in living color.

Other Stuff.....

Universal Laws:

1. Law of Mechanical Repair -After our hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
2. Law of Probability -The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
3. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
4. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
5. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the airplane, the pessimist, the parachute.

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage helicopter fly-ins?

There are only three things the copilot should ever say:

1. Nice landing, Sir.
2. I'll buy the first round.
3. I'll take the fat one.

He who demands everything that his aircraft can give him is a pilot; he that demands one iota more is a fool.

An old pilot is one who can remember when flying was dangerous and sex was safe.

Airlines have really changed, now a flight attendant can get a pilot pregnant.

I've flown in both pilot seats, can someone tell me why the other one is always occupied by an idiot?

There are only two types of aircraft -- fighters and targets.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Death is just nature's way of telling you to watch your airspeed.

Real planes use only a single stick to fly. This is why bulldozers & helicopters -- in that order -- need two.

Some Web Links for ya.....

Some helpful articles from the **AMA Insider** Newsletter. Just click the link following each subject below. Good Stuff to know even for the experienced:

Servo centering info:
http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/10_09/servosarms.htm

And **Control linkages**:
http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/10_09/mechanics.htm

This is so neat.....

Click and drag for a 360 degree view of the P-51 Mustang cockpit. You can even zoom in! Play with it for a bit...you'll be amazed!

http://www.stclairphoto-imaging.com/360/P51-Mustang/P51_swf.html

AVIATION RULES AND REMINDERS

- * If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger, if you pull the stick back they get smaller. Unless you keep pulling the stick back . . . then they get bigger again.
- * Flying is not dangerous; crashing is dangerous.
- * The propeller is just a big fan in the front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. Want proof? Make it stop; then watch the pilot break out into a sweat.
- * The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
- * Every one already knows the definition of a 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. But very few know the definition of a 'great landing.' . . . it's one after which you can use the airplane another time.
- * The probability of survival is equal to the angle of arrival.
- * Helicopters can't really fly -- they're just so ugly that the earth immediately repels them.
- * Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
- * There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
- * The only thing worse than a captain who never flew as copilot is a copilot who once was a captain.

The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this." Whose funeral is it?

"My wife's."

"What happened to her?"

The man replied, "My dog attacked and killed her."

He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?"

The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her."

A very poignant and touching moment, of brotherhood and silence, passed between the two men.

"Can I borrow the dog?"

The man replied, "Get in line"

A U.S. Marine Colonel decided to pose a question to his staff. Just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?"

A Major chimed in with 75-25% in favor of work.

A Captain said it was 50-50%.

A Lieutenant responded with 25-75% in favor of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the Colonel turned to the PFC who was in charge of making the coffee and asked for HIS opinion?

Without any hesitation, the young PFC responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The Colonel was surprised and as you might guess, asked why?

"Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."



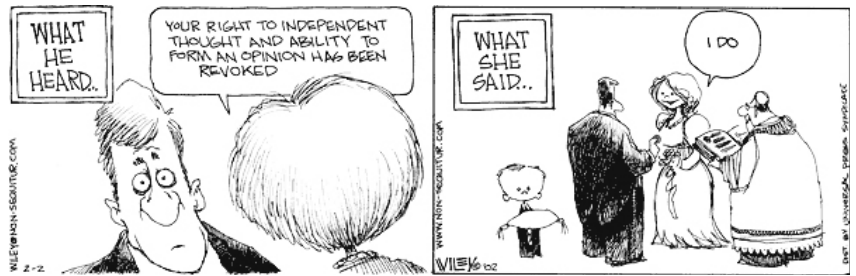
Colin's Edge.....he flies it well!



I get a little education on electrics.



Phil's venerable AT-6.



There are Rules and there are Laws. The Rules are made by men who think that they know better how to fly your airplane than you. Laws (of Physics) were ordained by nature. You can, and sometimes should, suspend the Rules but you can never suspend the Laws.



Who says our club members aren't helpful:

Left: Sal gets lots of advice from Chuck.

Right: Donald gets more help than he needs from Ken, Jim and Frank.



Left: Kenny Robles (Al's son) does some work on his Cub.

Right: Jim Agnew assembles his Ultimate.



Other Stuff.....

Mary had a little lamb.
 Her father shot it dead.
 Now it goes to school with her,
 Between two hunks of bread.

 Jack and Jill went up the hill
 To have a little fun.
 Stupid Jill forgot the pill
 And now they have a son.

 Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
 All the kings' horses,
 And all the kings' men.
 Had scrambled eggs,
 For breakfast again..

 Georgie Porgie pudding and pie,
 Kissed the girls and made them cry.
 And when the boys came out to play,
 He kissed them too 'cause he was gay.

A father watched his young daughter playing in the garden.
 He smiled as he reflected on how sweet and pure his little girl was.
 Tears formed in his eyes as he thought about her seeing the wonders of nature through such innocent eyes.
 Suddenly she just stopped and stared at the ground.
 He went over to her to see what work of God had captured her attention.
 He noticed she was looking at two spiders mating.
 'Daddy, what are those two spiders doing?' she asked.
 'They're mating,' her father replied.
 'What do you call the spider on top?' she asked.
 a Daddy Longlegs,' her father answered.
 'So, the other one is a Mommy Longlegs?' the little girl asked.
 As his heart soared with the joy of such a cute and innocent question he replied, 'No dear. Both of them are Daddy Longlegs.'
 'The little girl, looking a little puzzled, thought for a moment, then lifted her foot and stomped them flat.
 'Well", she said, "that may be OK in California , but we're not having any of that s__t in Texas ."

Billy died.... His will provided \$30,000 for this elaborate funeral.
 As the last guests departed the affair, his wife, Joyce, turned to her oldest and dearest friend, Jonelle.
 "Well, I'm sure Billy would be pleased," she said.
 "I'm sure you're right," replied Jonelle, who lowered her voice and leaned in close.
 "How much did this really cost?"
 "All of it," said Joyce .. "Thirty thousand dollars."
 "No!" Jonelle exclaimed. "I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?"
 Joyce answered, "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The whiskey, wine, food and snacks were another \$500.. The rest went for the Memorial Stone."
 Jonelle quickly computed the total of \$7,500 and said "\$22,500 for a Memorial Stone? My God, how big is it?"
 Joyce answered, "Two and a half carats

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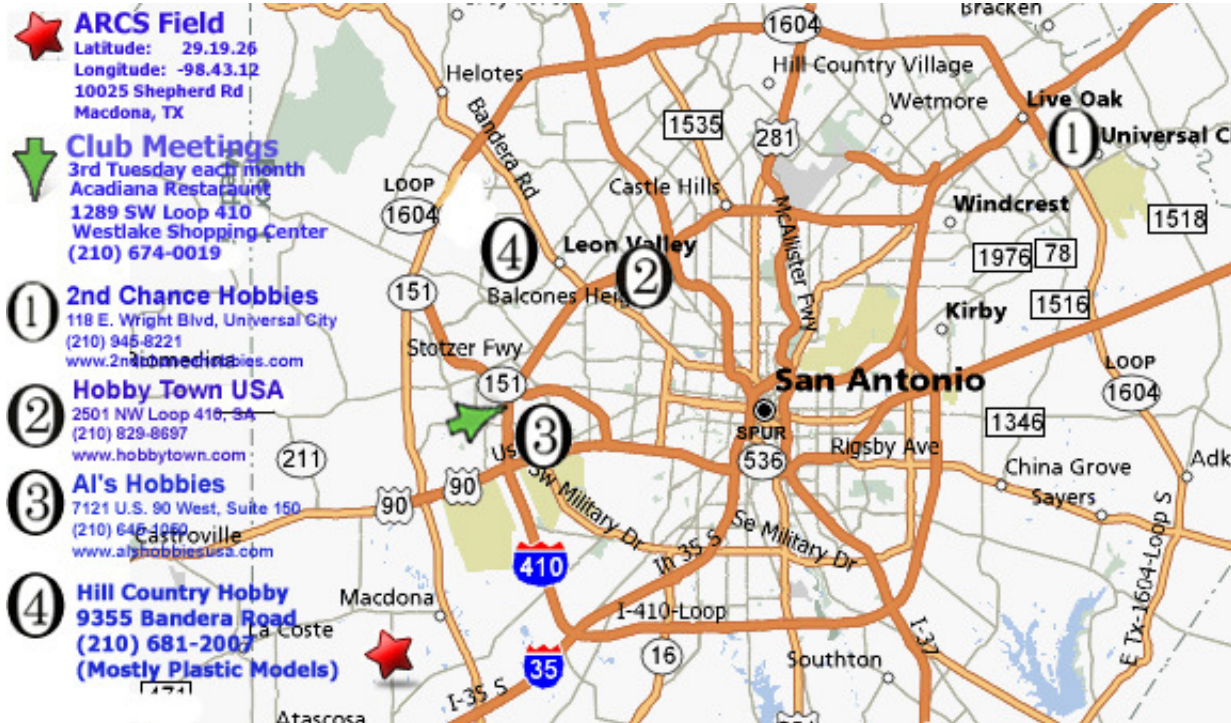
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A small editorial by ARCSEditor:
 Local, State and National elections will take place before you receive your next newsletter. I take this opportunity to urge you to both **do your homework** and then **VOTE!** Do your homework because the **White Knight** in shining armor may very well have a track record as a **Robbing Hood**. Sometimes the lesser of two evils is the better choice. Have your Healthcare premiums gone up? Are you ready for the "transaction fee" (read: tax)? Tired of supporting those who don't work or even want to? Tired of all of the secret deals? **Then be sure to Vote!**



In God we trust; all others must pay cash!



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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