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AFJROTC Contest Winners

The AFJROTC 2nd Annual competition was held on May 17th. Needless to say, it was a huge success. The weather was pretty nice, the food was most excellent, and most important of all, there were absolutely no crashes! More in the meeting minutes. Club members and subscribers will receive a special supplement to this newsletter with greatly expanded coverage of the event. Others can visit our website at <http://www.alamoradocontrolociety.com> and click on Newsletters.



May Fun-Fly

The May fun-fly was held Memorial Day weekend which probably had much to do with the smaller than usual turnout. Even so, we got in some good flying in spite of the turbulent winds. The conversation was varied and interesting and no memorable mishaps!



Harold Saults proudly displays his raffle prize (won at the May meeting) after a successful maiden flight.



Half spectators, half pilots...hard to tell who was who from this picture.

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ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

Jun 17 Meeting, 22 Fun Fly
Jul 15 Meeting, 20 Fun Fly
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 (TBD) - 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.

May Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

INTRODUCTION: May 20, 2008 –President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the April 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 (Ray's Folks), Ron Stewart, Eddy & Roy Latigo, and Jason Rogers. If anyone was left off the list, please forgive the secretary. ARCS welcomes you!

OLD BUSINESS: The ROTC Competition on May 17, 2008 was a huge success. All the cadet fliers got awards and there were no crashes! This event could not have happened without the help of all the volunteers. A special thanks goes out to Jim Agnew for acting as Contest Director and coordinating the event. Roy Ehlers cooked great hot dogs and burgers and kept everyone fed. THANK YOU ALL!

The club would like to thank all the instructors, model builders and repair people who donated time, airplanes, money, glue and tools to the Clark High School JROTC program. The cadets coming back next year will be doing some of the instructing for the next class of cadets. With the success of the current program at Clark High School, the club will be sponsoring another High School program. We will keep everyone posted.

Field Update: We are flying from the asphalt base for the runway. Please be careful. There are some places that are not smooth and have a few loose rocks. Don't worry; it will be asphalted just like the pit area. Remember, we are getting a reduced price on this installation, so please be patient. We expect completion (weather permitting etc.) in late June. This has been a major effort and is a work in progress. 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.

Please remember to lock the gate if you are the last one at the field. We left the gate open recently. If Joe Rohmer (owner) or his relatives are working at the field, they will lock the gate. They usually ride around on little ATVs, tractors or a pickup. Joe sometimes has his little dog "Molly" with him. Introduce yourself and talk. They want us there! We need to be good stewards of the land.

Remember, if you bring something to the field, you must take it away. We do not have trash pick up. Clean up after yourselves. If you crash, pick up the pieces. The landowner makes money from the hay that he harvests. He can't sell the hay with airplane parts in the bails. If you smoke, be careful. We don't want to burn up the owners hay crop. Use the "Butt Cans" for disposal. Please, use common sense.

With the new field, it is extremely easy for children and unknowing adults to get into areas that are unsafe near the runway. If you see someone nearing the runway or pit area and who are not flying or are not crewmembers, say something. We do not want an accident. Please be courteous! FLY SAFE!

Web Site Update: John Graham is the new Web Master for the club. He will be maintaining the site. John is working in Seattle and will be updating the site remotely. If you need to post an update, contact Rick Zondlo or John.

The Fun Fly is Sunday, May 25, 2008 (10am-2pm) at the new field on Sheppard Road. Be there!

NEW MEMBERS: Donald Shackelford, Eddy Latigo, Gregg Cicchetto

SOLO WING AWARDS: Zachary Watson



CRASH OF THE MONTH

Roy Ehlers was attempting to fly his Big Stick when it became a "lawn dart"! Take off was normal until about 4 feet in the air, when the wing came off the airplane. The wing floated, but the fuselage took a ballistic path. Investigation showed the light ply hold down failed. I think things need to be reinforced.

Jim Keck was flying his Blue Max when the engine quit. He landed in the grass but hit one of the irrigation pipes. Well, the big brass coupling on the pipe grabbed the wing and broke a spar.

Ray Witthauer was flying the Clark High School LT 40 and was on a very long and "oh too low" approach near the hay bales at the field entrance. It seems that one of the little (less than an inch in diameter) trees grabbed the airplane and threw it on the ground.

Harold Cannon was flying John Fests airplane for a check out. Seems he landed short and hit an irrigation pipe.

The winner is Roy Ehlers!

SHOW AND TELL

Brian Chitty showed off his new Futaba 2.4 GHz 12 channel transmitter and receiver. This is the "Cadillac" of transmitters with servo grouping and a memory card for "thousands of models".

Harold Saults showed off his Sportster 40 Bipe. He got the

May Meeting Minutes (continued)



Brian and Radio



Harold and Bipe

old kit from the back room at 2nd Chance Hobbies. The plane is fast and flies super!



Dennis Gurtner brought in his new Graupner Electro Cadet. The planes flies well and is well built except for the engine mount. It was replaced with metal standoffs.

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.



- Harold Sauns – Majic ARF
- Mike Nielsen – Super Stand and a Gallon of Fuel
- Roy Latigo – Prop Wrench and Electric Fuel Pump
- Frank Patterson – 5-Minute Epoxy
- Leo Eide – Z Bend Pliers
- Jim Keck – Sanding Block
- Ken Lew – Miter Box and Exacto X-tra hands

MEETING ENDED AT 8:30 pm.

May Fun-Fly (Continued)



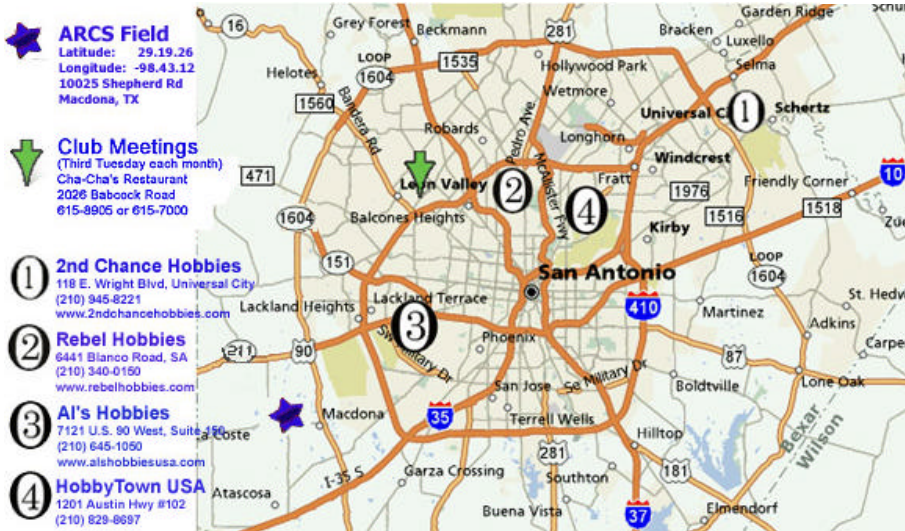
Maiden flight postponed due to a bad servo...heckuva big (and beautiful) airplane..



Keep trying Pete, you'll get the right combination of everything one of these days! (Just kidding.....)



LEFT: Close-up of the ARCS logo and the AFJROTC championship trophies. Quite something, weren't they?



ARCS Field
 Latitude: 29.19.26
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