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We Have A New Home!

On Saturday, 15 March, approximately 44 club members, JROTC students and Scouts came together to begin construction on the new field pavilion. Under the leadership and guidance of Ray Witthauer (Eagle Scout candidate project manager). Jim Keck (Chief Architect), Buck Murray and Bill Ponseigo (Club officers and project "movers and shakers") the Saturday group worked until nearly nightfall constructing the basic structure. A super-dedicated group returned the next day, Sunday, and finished the job. And what a job they did! All that remains is some painting, moving over the benches, etc. from the old field and install the new pin and first aid boxes that Roy Ehlers built.



The Sunday "finishing crew". L-R: Ray Witthauer, Jim Keck, Buck Murray, Rich Low, Phil Everman, Don Bottoms, Sandra Witthauer, Dustin Yansky, and Bill Ponseigo.



Left: This is what the Saturday crew accomplished. JROTC students even dug the fence post holes in the not-so-soft ground and cemented them in.

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ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

Apr 13 & 26 JROTC
15 Meeting, 20 Fun Fly
May 10 & 17 JROTC
20 Meeting, 25 Fun Fly
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

JROTC training is conducted at the club field from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the Saturdays above.

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.

March Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

INTRODUCTION: March 18, 2008 –President Bill Ponseigo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made and approved to accept the Minutes from the Feb 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: Sandy and Jim Witthauer (Ray's folks), Sue Renker

OLD BUSINESS: Construction on the new field Pavilion has been completed!! Over 40 people (Venture Scouts, JROTC cadets and Club members) came out on the 15th and 16th to build the pavilion. This is the largest workforce ever assembled at an ARCS event! Building the pavilion was Ray Witthauer's his Eagle Scout Project. He did a super job of keeping the entire workforce focused on getting things done. Ray organized teams to get things done without having everyone standing around doing nothing. Many of the JROTC cadets dug the postholes for the fence by hand and poured the concrete. This was a backbreaking job. If us older folks had done the job, we would have been in the hospital. Many of us older folks took care of the sawing, leveling, and attaching the structure. A super job was done. Sandy and Jim Witthauer provided the food (great burgers), drinks, in addition to a lot of work at building the pavilion. They get special thanks! Sandy is very proficient at using a drill driver on the steel roof. Ray you need to buy your mom a drill driver.

The pavilion is now ready for Roy Ehlers to install the new First Aid Box and Frequency Pin Box. Some of the benches, tables, etc. have been moved to the new site. Additional items need to be moved. If you have a truck and can move something, do it. We need to get all the stuff from the old field to the new one by 3/31/08. The chain link fence in front of the pavilion will be installed this week.

The asphalt base for the runway and the pits has been installed, compacted and oiled. We can fly on the base. Asphalt will be installed shortly. Remember, we are getting a reduced price on this installation, so please be patient. This has been a major effort. This is a work in progress. We are insured, so come out and fly!

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.

NEW BUSINESS: *The Fun Fly has been rescheduled due to Easter to Sunday, March 30, 2008 (10am-2pm)* at the new field on Sheppard Road. Be there! Roy

Ehlers will be fixing hot dogs!
The following are scheduled ROTC fly days:
April 13th, 26th and May 10th

We will need instructors for these days.

The ROTC Competition is May 17, 2008. We expect several High Schools to participate. We will need judges and workers for the competition. Mark you calendars. Step up and volunteer. You will have fun.

Jim Agnew will be the contest director for the Club 40 races at the new field on September 27th. This will be major event, so come out and enjoy the fun.

Jim Keck gave Ray Witthauer a Sig Four Star 40 ARF for his super job on the Pavilion construction. This was from a very old Eagle Scout to a new one (almost). Ray is a proficient flyer, but needed a sleeker airplane to hone his skills. Keep them flying.



Rick Zondlo informed everyone of a potential problem with the Futaba 2.4 GHz radios. Some of the Transmitters were shipped with a test code installed in them. The test code will allow other radios to interfere with the new 2.4 GHz radios with the test code. Hobby Town is the local Futaba center. If you have one, get it checked out. It takes a few seconds to check. Futaba will pay the shipping and will fix your transmitter if it fails the inspection.

NEW MEMBERS: Ben Gurau, Michael Nielsen

CRASH OF THE MONTH: Bill Ponseigo gets this award by default. Bill was flying his new Tango and was just fooling around when his brain and fingers became disconnected. The Tango landed on its nose and broke. Seems Bill was taking cold medication and it caused him to crash. Bill did get the Flu the next week, but this is a pretty lame excuse. "Don't fly on Drugs".

SHOW AND TELL:



from a kit. Yes, folks there are folks that build. It sports an OS 55AX in the nose and should scream. Rick went overboard with the super monokote trim. Rick has far too much time on his hands.

March Meeting Minutes (continued)

John Graham showed off his PAU CAP Maniac (\$169 on sale). He will be installing a Saito 100 in the nose. This is a well-built ARF. We will enjoy watching it fly.

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.



- Tony Centeno – Super Sports 40 ARF
 - Jim Keck – Quick Drill Set and Metric Ball Drivers
 - Michael Nielsen – Z Bend Pliers
 - Benjamin Garrett – Fuel Pump and Forceps
 - Bill Ponseigo – Flight Box
 - Jim Agnew – Gallon of Fuel
- MEETING ENDED AT 9:10 pm.**

More Pavilion Project Pictures



Above: Teamwork was the name of the game all day.

Left: By far the hardest task of the day was performed by the JROTC folks. Digging those post holes using only primitive tools and their hands, they persevered until the holes were finished and the concrete poured.



Right: Buck Murray arrived with a trailer load of materials.



Below: Don Bottoms & Dustin Yansky



Below: Pete, Phil & Rich.



Below: Ray Wittbauer checks the project book.



Sandy and Jim Wittbauer provided food and drink for the entire crew. (Jim performed cook duties.)

Left: Even the not-so-able bodied lent a hand where they could. Bill Rice uses his walking cane to help straighten a support post while it is being fastened.



March Fun-Fly

The March fun-fly was delayed a week because of Easter. That was a blessing because the weather, though not great, was a bit better. The day started out with intermittent showers but got better as the day progressed. Turnout was better than expected and most of us got in quite a few flights in spite of the weather. Roy Ehlers cooked us up a bunch of hot dogs to munch on between showers. Rex O'Connor got in a couple of flights after about a dozen year layoff—nice to have you back Rex. We had about the usual number of mishaps; however, one was quite Unusual as you'll see in the pictures. The new field turned out really great. All that remains now is the paving. Once again, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who devoted so much time and effort to make the new field a reality. The old field is CLOSED.



In case you can't read it, our sign says: "Please be safe, Help flyers when you can, Happy Landing."



Roy Ehlers did a terrific job constructing the new pin-box and impound shelf. Bill Ponseigo getting a pin for his transmitter.



Above and right: Taking a break during on of the morning showers. Plenty of room under the shelter.



Left: Roy cooks up the hot dogs for us. Above: He didn't get to fly—but he went home with one more airframe than he came with.

March Fun-Fly (Obituary Page)



Left & Right: Another "first". J.D. Smith retrieves Frank Patterson's electric from the pond overflow area. When asked for the cause, Frank just replied: "She just no go" Hmmm, perhaps rain getting to the electric motor?



Left: Bill Ponseigo appears to be paying his final respects to his airplane. Right: The accident Investigation board does it's work. Final words: "Y'know, it just wasn't right from the start." How often have we heard that! Same cause in the one below.



Just to be fair about all of this sadness: Hernando broke one in half on landing but he got it all put away before I could get to my camera!



Buck's big, beautiful Skylane with the four-stroke twin.

Running on only one cylinder during the takeoff run, shouts of "abort, abort", were heard but not heeded.



Top left, the plane bounces.

Bottom left: The gory evidence.



March Fun-Fly (Continued)



Left: Bill with a better functioning airframe.



Right: Brain puts on one of his usual 3D displays. I missed a photo of his scattering the ducks off the pond.



Colin Gipp was back with us after a long recuperation.



Below: J.D. Smith prepares one of his airplanes.

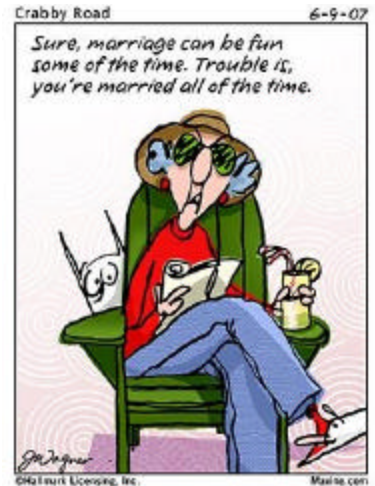


Left: Rich Low (foreground) and Bill Ponseigo prepare for flight.

Right: Rich gives J.D. a hand with his flying wing.



How About a Little Humor Break?



CONCERNED ABOUT TOO MANY CARBS IN YOUR DIET?

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

DAILY THOUGHT: SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES - NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS.

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.

We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, and mine is in Texas.

I take my wife everywhere.... but she keeps finding her way back.

I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!' she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said 'There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!' So I bought her an electric chair.

My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, 'In the lake.'

She got a mud pack, and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, 'Am I too late for the garbage?' The driver said, 'No, jump in!'

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More Stuff

AMAZING SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, simply pout a cup of boiling water down your throat. Presto! The blockage will instantly remove itself
2. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop.
3. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
4. For high blood pressure sufferers: Simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.
5. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you'll be afraid to cough.
6. REMEMBER - everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
7. If you can't fix it with a hammer, then you have an electrical problem.

A blind man wanders into an all girls biker bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders some coffee. After sitting there for awhile, he yells to the server, "Hey, you wanna hear a blond joke?" The bar immediately falls absolutely silent. In a very deep, husky voice the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is only fair -- given that you're blind -- that you should know five things:

1. The bartender is a blond girl with a baseball bat.
2. The bouncer is a blond girl.
3. I'm a 6 foot tall, 175 lb. blond woman with a black belt in karate.
4. The woman sitting next to me is blond and a professional weightlifter.
5. The lady to your right is blond and a professional wrestler.

Now, think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and mutters, "No... Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

Walmart Application... This is an actual job application that a 75 year old senior citizen submitted to Walmart in Arkansas. They hired him because he was so funny.....

NAME: Kenneth Way (Grumpy Old Bastard)

SEX: Not lately, but I am looking for the right woman (or at least one who will cooperate)

DESIRED POSITION: Company's President or Vice President. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.

DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitz style severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

EDUCATION: Yes.

LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.

PREVIOUS SALARY: A lot less than I'm worth.

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked.

HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any.

PREFERRED HOURS: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS? Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment .

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER? If I had one, would I be here?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT YOU FROM LIFTING UP TO 50 lbs.? Of what?

DO YOU HAVE A CAR? I think the more appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION? I may already be a winner of the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes, so they tell me...

DO YOU SMOKE? On the job - no! On my breaks - yes!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS? Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb sexy blonde supermodel who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

NEAREST RELATIVE: 7 miles

DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE? Oh yes, absolutely.



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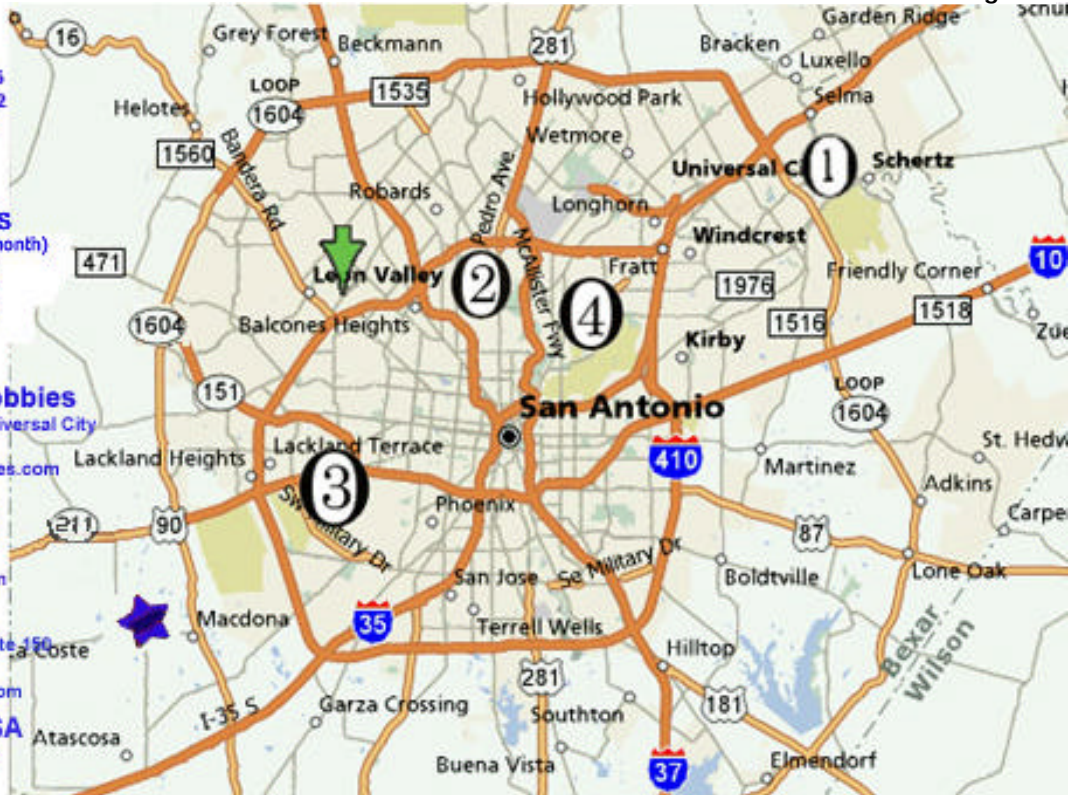
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