



San Antonio, Texas

# ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society [www.alamoradiocontrol.club](http://www.alamoradiocontrol.club)  
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**CLUB FLYING SITE** Is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Shepard Road

**The next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2025, at 7 PM at Biggs Burger Joint, 10106 State Highway 151, San Antonio, TX 78251, (210) 543-2029. Monthly Fun Fly the following Sunday.**

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### Club Meeting:

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except Dec) 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Tuesday. Biggs Burger Joint, 10106 State Highway 151, San Antonio, TX

## Fun Fly Report



The grass glistened in the early morning sun when Bill Grozdanich took to the air to mark the start of the October Fun Fly. He was joined by early pilots Bill Surratt, Juan Galvez, and Daren Manson. Before the day ended over 30 people came out to participate or to observe. Here are the highlights.

Ben Weber flew his 120-inch wingspan Fiberclassics Extra 330 powered by a DA 150

and sporting a Jason Shulman schemed cover.

Walter Padua's striking NASA SR 71 flew flawlessly; its orange braking parachute contrasted sharply with the black airplane at the end of each flight.

Bill Surratt, Bill Grozdanich, and Gene Roper raised a new patriotic themed wing sock. AJ Luna and Roger Gromely flew a brilliant yellow and red Spacewalker with AJ at the control and Roger coaching. Roger donated his huge sprayer for club use.

Sal Sordo amazed everyone with his RC seagull which he built using a 3D printer. At a distance the bird appeared remarkably realistic.

Rich Beardsley sold his huge Pitts Samson to Jim Agnew at a bargain that was too hard to ignore.

Bill Surratt and Juan Galvez engaged in a challenge to see who could fly the fastest with their respective F-16 Fighting Falcon and FA-18 Super Hornet. The winner of the challenge is debatable depending on who you ask.

Daren Manson flew an S.P.A.D. he built using remnants of another aircraft.

Cliff Chetwood crashed his extra 300. Sustaining minor damage, it will fly again.

Paul Dawson introduced everyone to his sister Angie, who came to watch him fly. She was visiting, to help Paul as he convalesces from recent surgery.

Father Jeremy and Son Austin Cribb took turns flying their aircraft. So did grandson Sean Graue and Grandpa Steve Jenkins.

Dusty Plowers's Corsair was clearly the most impressive warbird of the day but was closely rivaled by Bob Severance P-39 Airacobra.

Chris Freeman, Gene Roper, and Rob Lane appeared everywhere. Whether raising the flag, recording flights, or helping others, they each did whatever was needed to make it a perfect day for everyone, as well as flying themselves. **(Continued)**

The assorted Snacks and treats were plentiful, making an attractive compliment to the tasty chili freshly prepared by Cliff Chetwood for everyone's enjoyment.

Finally, near perfect weather made for ideal flying conditions. The day's flying featured light to no winds and a sky that was clear and bright.

**Jim Witthauer**



### Christmas Party

The annual ARCS Christmas Party will be held Tuesday December 16th starting at 6:00 PM at Big'z Burger Joint 151, 10106 TX-151, San Antonio, TX 78251 . We will have our own secluded off room with plenty of space. Meal will be an unlimited supply of the Big's Burger normal menu. Cost is \$25 each and can be paid on the website at Model Airplane Club | San Antonio, TX - ARCS (alamoradioccontrol.club).

There will be a gift exchange so if you would like to participate please purchase a new gift of a nominal \$25 value and bring it wrapped to the party. Please no gag gifts and please no re-gifting of junk you don't want. Everyone should go out and buy something you would want to get yourself!

There will be a great raffle so bring cash to buy tickets. Tickets will be \$20 for a full spread arm length.

### ARCS Meeting Minutes Oct 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order Oct 21st at 7:00 p.m. The September 2025 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read: \$13,551 total (\$9,889 Savings, \$3,712 Checking). A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

**Guests: None**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **Oct 26th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

Eric Amundsen handles hats for club members. For new members, hats are free. Replacement hats are \$15.

The Club San Antonio Food Bank foe September will be added to October donations and reported at the next meeting. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

#### FIELD CONDITIONS:

- Five new tables complete, five more in progress
- Grass termites are still spreading. Roger Gormley has contributed a sprayer wagon to pull behind the mowers.
- A work day is scheduled for Saturday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am to do tractor maintenance, Pavillion and bench wood replacement, paint touch up, disposal of old tables, etc...

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Party scheduled for Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm.
- Free planes and other RC equipment was donated to the club by former member Jose Morales. Will use some larger items for raffles.

**SHOW AND TELL:**

- PAT Flores brought in an OSPREY that doesn't fly. Getting help from Jimmy Neff.

**CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

- Jacob Basinger crashed his RV-7 due to issues with unscheduled flap deployment.



**Raffle:**

The monthly raffles are designed to break even. Any access monies are used for the Christmas Party Raffle. Our wives and guests receive a free raffle ticket for attending the meeting.

Bob Lane won the E-Flite Micro B-2 Spirit twin 30mm jet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



**Other photos from the meeting:**





**New Tables Repeat  
Richard Sanders**

Photos from October 10, 2025, Photos: Simon Rodriguez, Ben Weber, Rich Sanders, Frank Balsamo. From Thursday 10/30/25. Simon borrowed Bill Ponseigo's hat.

Many of you have seen the great new tables we are building for the field. Ben Weber, Simon Rodriguez and Gari Valdez have taken the lead building the beautiful new steel tables for the field. Ben does the welding and fabricating, Gari does the powder



coating and Simon is the coordinator, material procurer and labor crew for the whole project. We have just upgraded the design to change from treated wood tops to TREX lifetime tops. They look really sharp should last "forever". Cost is just over \$250 each, REALLY LOW COST mostly because of the free donated labor..

Currently we have 5 new tables at the field and we are getting ready to build 5 more. Simon Rodrigez, Ken Rogers, and Rob Lane have each donated 1 table to the club and Darkhive (a drone company with 4 club members who sometimes rents the field for client demonstrations) has donated 3 tables! Many thanks for all those who have donated so far!

If anyone would like to donate towards the new tables, Buck has added a new link to the right of the existing pay areas on the club webpage to allow for more donations. Click on the new gold "Buy Now" box and it will take you to a new page that allows you to put in a donation amount and then go to checkout with whichever method you prefer.

I just used it to make a donation and it worked easy.!!! Why don't ALL OF YOU try it, make a donation, and let's get these tables paid for !!! It's great to have good tables at the field for setting up our planes.

Website link is [Model Airplane Club | San Antonio, TX - ARCS](#)

GO NOW! Thanks again!

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### Fun Fly Photos By Jim Witthauer





















