



ARCS News



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Club Meetings

Held the 3rd Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

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Special Thanks to Dennis Gurtner!

Dennis has been a longtime "give the shirt off his back" member of ARCS. His health has recently deteriorated so that he can no longer enjoy building and flying RC. This last month, Dennis donated all of his RC airplanes to ARCS. All of the items have been sold and the monies used to purchase one of the new mowers for the Club. The next time you see the "John Deere mower out cutting grass, thank Dennis.

From All ARCS Members again Thank You Bill Ponseigo (Prez)

THE FUN FLY



Old Glory Standing Tall

Chugga-Chugga, Whoo-oo-Ooo! Eric Amundsen once flew model airplanes. Now he's an avid model railroader who brought a scale model *Bachmann Big Hauler* locomotive complete with coal tender to chug down the pit area. Of course, it never flew and the wheels were no longer round but it was a unique way to participate!

The flying was sparse. Increasing winds blowing across the runway made flying a struggle. Many fliers spent the day observing from the shade. Due to the heat and wind only 19 people attended. Nearly half of those were guests or family members. Checkout the photos, the pit area was nearly void of airplanes. By noon most had left.

The corn "*high as an elephant's eye*" captured two planes. Search efforts were augmented by a drone. As a precaution, searchers wore snake bite leg guards for protection. Good they did, as the searchers did find a 4-foot rattle snake hiding under the corn stalks.

Lawn mowing team of Bill Ponseigo and Richard Sanders, gladly posed for photos sitting on the two lawn mowers purchased with funds earned by the sale of Dennis Gurtner's entire aircraft fleet. One is a lawn tractor, however Joe Rohmer, our landlord and a farmer, emphatically stated it is not a tractor! Thanks to Dennis for his generous donation. No more aggravating mower breakdowns!

The last airplane from Dennis' collection was sold at auction to JD Smith for one penny over the closest bid. During the "Blind Auction", the bids and bidders were clearly open for everyone to see. What was blind about that????

Finally, working to spur interest in the hobby and boost club membership, President Bill Ponseigo, with help from Richard Sanders, introduced our visitors to the hobby of drone flight and the thrill of FPV. Way to go guys!
Jim Witthauer



Eric Amundsen preflights his "Loco Flyer"

The Loco Flyer speed down the runway at an amazing 2mph



J D was there

The Prez prepping a FPV Viewer





Rick Saucedo and J D fresh back from snake retrieval



Mrs Saucedo smiling for the camera



Rick Saucedo



Empty flight line says it all



Unknown Guests



New Member Bill Surratt and his son



Club Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order June 19th at 7:00 p.m. The May 2018 minutes were read. A motion was made to accept the Minutes. Approved. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **June 24th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

OLD BUSINESS:

If you want a club shirt, check with Eric Amundsen, he will take your order. Shirts are \$22. Extended sizes are \$2 higher. There is no minimum order. If you want a shirt, call Eric. Hats are \$15. New members, hats are free. Name tags will be attached to the board in the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag.

The Club donated 122 lbs. of food for the San Antonio Food Bank this month for a total of 542 lbs. for 2018. Let's try to make 2018 even greater. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!**

The field is in great shape thanks to the rain. The grass runway on the North side of the asphalt is really looking good and is smooth. Grass cutting has been taking a toll on our mowers. We are in the repair, mow, repair and mow mode of operation.

REPEAT

We are planning a Swap Meet for October 2018 similar to last year's event. We are currently coordinating the dates. You will be informed of the details later in the year. Tom Richards will be working out the details.

REPEAT

The Club has a new Web Site. www.alamoradocontrol.club Thank Buck Murray for this effort. He completely started from scratch and brought us into this century. The Web Site works on cell phones and tablets without having to get a magnifying glass to read it. We have a link to the Club Site on Facebook. Please post your "For Sale" items there to keep the work down to a minimum.

The Club will be flying and have a Fireworks display on the 4th of July. Fly during the daylight have a great time. We are going to cook some hot dogs around 6 pm and have a fireworks display with Tom Richards and Buck Murray about 9 pm. NO Night Flying! Joe and his family will be there. The Club will be supplying the sodas, plates, ice and water. This is a pot luck. Bring what you want to eat plus a little for a couple of others.

ARCS be will be hosting both the Model A Club and the Model T Club at the Fun Fly on August 26th. We will be having a covered dish meal. Bring what you want to eat, plus enough for a couple other folks. We will be having a flying event during the Fun Fly. Jim Agnew will be hosting a Climb and Glide the event. Mark your calendars. Remember food for the Food Bank.

NEW BUSINESS:

As you know the Clubs mowers are constantly being used and breaking down. Repairs have been taking longer than the actual grass cutting and parts are becoming more difficult to find. The Club officers have recommended the purchase of at least one new mower to keep the field in shape. As usual, Club members have rallied to the cause.

Dennis Gurtner donated all of his airplanes to the Club to sell. Proceeds used to purchase a mower. Well, the Bill Ponseigo single handedly got everything sold for almost \$900 which paid for the John Deere mower that was just purchased. Thank you Dennis for your generosity.

We still needed additional mowing power. A motion was made to spend approximately \$2800 of the Clubs funds for a Toro Zero Turn mower. The motion was seconded and approved for the purchase. Yes, we own a new mowers. Thanks to everyone involved. May the grass be smooth and green.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

None.

SHOW AND TELL:

Rich Sanders showed off his new 40 sized Wild Stick that was from the Dennis Gurtner collection. We should see it fly in the near future. This should turn on a dime and leave you change.

The monthly raffles are designed to break even. Any excess monies are used for the Christmas Party Raffle. Our wives and guests receive a free raffle ticket for attending the meeting. Special thanks go out to Hobby Town for providing the raffle prizes to the Club at a reduced price.

Phoenix Westland Lysander ARF 40 size – Bill Ponseigo—sold to Chris Freeman for \$25

Gallon of Fuel – Bill Ponseigo
Fuel Pump – Ed Kotzer
Prop Balancer – Buck Murray
Wheel Chocks – Buck Murray
Super Stand – Ed Kotzer

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

