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ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society www.alamoradiocontrol.club
 AMA Charter 603



CLUB FLYING SITE Is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Shepard Road

The next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 17, 2026, 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 3rd Tuesday of each month (except Dec)
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 Tuesday - Biggs Burger

February 2026 FunFly



The February Fun Fly was extremely windy and bitterly cold. Nearly everyone arrived bundled in layers to avoid shivering against the frigid blast. All except Chet Jr. who mocked everyone as he stood dressed in a T-shirt and shorts. The icy wind blew directly from the north and raced across the runway at a near constant 12-14 MPH. At times it was gusting to 15+ MPH. The windsock was level throughout the day. The temperature barely topped 50 degrees and defied the

dazzling sun to give any kind of warmth to the eighteen people who came to fly.

Flying was a challenge. Remaining aloft and maintaining control of the airplane required unwavering focus. This was especially true for those smaller and less powered airplanes. Most crashes were minor. But Cliff Chetwood Sr entertained everyone with a spectacular crash when he put his jet into a near vertical dive over the runway. Pieces of the port wing began to break away as the jet sped deep into its deadly dive. The jet crashed as Cliff tried to level the jet. With the compromised control of the jet dominating Chet's efforts to save the plane, it crashed into Chetwood history. Readings on his G-meter indicated the jet experienced 8 g in its fatal descent. Chet tried to explain that it was repeated stress on the wing from previous steep dives that precipitated the crash. Whatever the reason, the jet's hanger is now a garbage bin. **Jim Witthauer**

Important Notice

At the February meeting, the following two members were nominated for club president:

Cliff Chetwood
Chris Freeman

The March meeting will be for the election of the new club president. The president will be elected by a majority of members present at the meeting. The candidate receiving the most votes will be our new president.

Thanks for running for this important office and good luck to you both!

Alamo Radio Control Society Minutes of Meeting February 17, 2026

Meeting Called to Order at 7 PM by Vice President Buck Murray

No new members
Jim Witthauer and Richard Sanders cannot attend.

Minutes of Last Meeting approved

Treasurer's Report

No new expenditures during January
Income from raffle and from drone company Darkhive
Expected expenditures:
Cash to Richard Sanders, reimbursement of \$130 for AMA Club dues
Cleaning for toilet: \$81
Treasurer's Report approved

Newsletter

Club members expressed approval of special edition featuring past President Bill Ponseigo.

History and Food Bank Donations

Jim Witthauer reports 248 pounds of food were donated at the January Fun Fly.

Website

Minutes of meeting and newsletter have been posted
Brick: Photos of Bill Ponseigo will be posted to the gallery. There are three, including main gallery, gallery 2 and 3. There is also a historical file of photos.
The website is being reconstituted from a former crash, that takes time and the job is still underway.

Hats and Shirts

24 new hats have been ordered. Price is expected to stay the same.

Old Business

Tables. One old table is left that needs repairing. At one time the decision was made to trash it. However an offer was made to refurbish it and the offer was accepted.

Field Closure: The field will be closed to club members' use part of two more days for the drone company. The schedule was posted in the newsletter and in e-mails sent to the membership.
Wednesday 12-4, Thursday 10-4.

New Business

Brick. The club is planning to purchase a memorial brick at AMA Headquarters in honor of Bill Ponseigo. The cost is \$1,000. There is a place on the website for donations.

Election of President to fill remainder of Bill Ponseigo's term.

VP Murray related history of Bill's presidency, how it started in 1998.

He related the list of Presidential duties as published in the club e-mail.

Nominations will be taken at the present meeting, with voting at the next meeting in March.

Nominees: Two nominees were selected by members present, Chris Freeman and Cliff Chetwood.

Safety Officer: Buck has been serving as safety officer and would like a replacement asap. No volunteers were forthcoming. The job is simple, check periodically at the field that members are observing the simple rules by the club and by our host.

Crash of the month: To Dick Reich for pulling up elevator while making a low, inverted pass over the runway.

Show and Tell: George Wilson showed his seaplane, Jacob Basinger showed his Lego A-10

Raffle Airplane Winners: There were two airplanes in this raffle, one went to Paul Dawson, one to Jimmie Neff

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Bill Ponseigo Memorial Service and Reception

Bill's memorial event was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery under the shelter number 2. There were quite a few of Bill's friends, flying buddies and family. They filled and overflowed the shelter. Bill was a veteran of the Air Force so the memorial was a military send-off with honor guard, rifle salute and the military folding and presentation of the American Flag to his widow. Those are solemn and formal celebrations of a veteran's life.

Afterward the family hosted a lunch reception at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club. The room was filled with friends and family. Bill's children and grandchildren talked fervently of how great a father and grandfather Bill was to them. Friends spoke of his work and friendship over the years as president of the Alamo Radio Control Society flying club. Bill had a great send-off for his final flight. We will miss him.





Fun Fly Photos















