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ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society 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 July 15, 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 3rd Tuesday of
each month (except Dec)
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Tuesday - Biggs Burger

June 2025 Fun Fly



Standing water hid under tall, lush grass which concealed the ankle-deep mud that lay just beyond the runway. The only hint of mud was the slippery, muddy floor of the pavilion. Those who knew wisely wore rubber boots that day. The recent torrential rains in the days prior to the June Fun Fly created wet and

muddy field conditions. The morning began calm, bright and hazy. This gave way to near continuous crosswinds blowing beneath a sunny yet partly cloudy sky.

There was a remarkable turnout for what was generally a pleasant day of flying. New/Old guy Neal Castile was among nearly 30 attendees along with the new member Roger Gromley. A former ARCS member Neal is returning to flying after an extended hiatus. Welcome Neal and Roger. And Bill Grozdanich treated everyone to a hot chili dog lunch which was complemented by an array of sweet treats. Thanks Bill!

Jeremy Cribb flew his new *Hanger 9 E-flight* Piper Cub on a successful maiden flight. Dusty Plowers flew a F22 Raptor, and an FPV equipped Spitfire. Domingo Rex flew a sharp looking Eurofighter which experienced issues with the landing gear. Darren Madson flew an immaculate Escapade and several planes including a lightning-fast Flying Wing. Cliff Chetwood and Cliff Chetwood Jr. flew together in a duo flight. The father-son flight ended awkwardly. Cliff Senior landed upside down in the grass and Cliff Junior in the tall grass and mud. Competing for "Crash-of-the-Month" Chris Freeman crashed two planes. First an OV-10 and then his Messerschmitt Me 262 into the north cornfield. And newsletter Editor, Jimmie Neff, made a rare appearance when he appeared late in the day. Scott Curtis performed a club service by vanquishing wasps which appeared from beneath the worktable he was using, with wasp repellent he found in the pavilion. And in between flights, Bill Ponseigo brought out the lawnmower to cut the overgrown grass around the pavilion and parking areas.

Jim Witthauer

Alamo Radio Control Society
Minutes of Meeting
June 17, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President, Bill Ponseigo at 7:05 PM
After Pledge of Allegiance, President noted visitor, Olga, grandmother of Rayden Lopez, and long-time not seen member, JC Smith.

Treasurer's Report. Club finances are in good shape ..Recent expenses include:

- Fee for cleaning and servicing the portable toilet
- Reimbursement for chemicals used to treat grass termites
- Field Maintenance expenses
- Reimbursement for food expenses for Memorial Day event.

Motion made and passed to accept Treasurer's report as given.

Secretary's Reprt: Rick Sanders is out of town, Last meeting minutes were approved as listed in the newsletter.

Newsletter: Jim Neff reported the newsletter was sent out, however some members did not receive. it. He will post the newsletter in the club's Facebook page. Editor is always looking for submissions and suggestions.

Website: Buck is also out of town, no report

Caps and Shirt: Eric reports caps are available for new members for free, additional caps may be purchased for \$15.

Food Bank, Photos, Historian: Jim Witthauer reported that the club gave 208 pounds of food at the last Fun Fly, bringing the total to 1,215 pounds for the year donated to the Food Bank. A list of items desired by the Food Bank is available on the club website.

Old Business:

- The grass-eating termites are under control for now.
- While mowing, Bill Ponseigo discovered wasps under one of the chairs provided for pilots. Members are cautioned to check for them when using the wooden seats. A can of wasp spray is provided in the pavilion.
- Table repairs should be completed by the July 4th celebration

New Business:

- The FAA has approved in a change to the do-not-exceed altitude from 400 to 700 feet AGL for RC flying at FRIA sites, such as our field.
- There is a July 4th cookout/potluck being organized by Jim Agnew. The meal is scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon.

- The executive committee has decided to purchase a portable sink for \$87 to be set up at events such as fun fly and July 4th. It will provide members with a means to wash hands, etc.

Crash of the Month: Cliff Chetwood for Weber for flying wing

SR-71 and and Cam



Raffle, plane winner: Chris Freeman

Show and tell:



Special Announcement:



President Ponseigo announced the recent passing of **Jim Banaum** (January 1947-June 2025). Jim was a former marine and more recently ran a computer software business. Jim was a long-time member and treasurer (26 years) for the San Antonio Prop Busters club and had been an enthusiastic RC builder and flyer since 1984. When the Prop Busters club had to cease operations, Jim engineered an agreement where Prop Busters members who desired would be given a 5-year free membership, including field fees, in ARCS in return for transfer Prop Buster funds to ARCS. Jim was also an active member of ARCS and was known for his intense flying when at the field. Unlike the rest of us,

he'd rather fly than talk. Jim helped organize events for ARCS and was a welcome addition to the membership. We will miss his enthusiasm for RC flying and watching him fly the large planes he favored. Funeral services were at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 4242 Bluemel Road, at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 25. Interment with full military honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

June Fun Fly Photos
Jim Witthauer

















