



ARCS News



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Club Meetings

Held the 3rd Tuesday of
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7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at
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Fun - Fly



Peter Shavney and his 1938 Super Buccaneer after test flight by Bill Prez and Richard Sanders

"The Flight of the Super Buccaneer" The key feature of the April Fun Fly was the flight of Pete Shavney's *1938 Super Buccaneer*. Built by Pete during the days of free flights when there was no radio control or ARCS, the *Buccaneer* still sports original covering and parts. It languished for years in Pete's home near Philadelphia, PA. not having flown in over 40 years. Shipped to San Antonio in pieces, the wing was unwittingly cut into three sections. Pete skillfully rebuilt the wing and airplane. A tribute to the piano tuner's skill, the wing's airflow is perfect! At the Fun Fly, Pete, Bill Ponseigo, and Richard Sanders got the plane ready to fly and took it to the air.

To say that flying the plane was a challenge is understated. Winds were averaging 8 mph, with gusts 18 to 25 mph, coming directly across the runway from the north. In seconds the plane was airborne and in seconds the engine stopped; the plane was now flying dead stick! With the huge wing area, large dihedrals, and no ailerons coupled with its feather-weight, the plane was essentially a huge glider with no power to fight the wind. Bill struggled with

the controls. He maximized the elevators and rudder with no success. To avoid a crash Bill handed the transmitter to Richard who safely brought the plane down in a gentle landing some distance from the field. Stephan Christensen graciously retrieved the plane for the “old” guys. Remarkably after 40 years, the venerable *Super Buccaneer* had taken to the skies and will fly again!

Other remarkable flights included Juan Galvez big Yak 54 flying 3D, Chris Little’s Turbine Jet, Tony Hand’s inverted ground-hugging P-47, JD Smith’s *Little Stinger*, and Pete Dubree’s *Projet A-10*. As always, a great Fun Fly. Jim Witthauer



Tony “Low Pass” Hand putting his Top Flight P-47 thru the paces



Chris Littles LDS JetMach powered by a Kingtech K-80 Turbine running on kerosene fuel.



Pete Dubree’s Twin 70mm EDF Projet A-10 Warthog



J D Smith's Little Stinger clocked at 90MPH



Phil Everman's newest Chopper





Minutes of Club Meeting

April 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order April 17th at 7:00 p.m. The March 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.

New Member: Robert Freeman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **April 22nd** 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 37 lbs. of food for the San Antonio Food Bank this month for a total of 271 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. If you miss the hard surface the grass is great. We are continuing to monitor the small cracks in the asphalt. Current repairs are working well.

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

ARCS has signed a new 5 year lease for the field. There are a few changes to the lease.

1. Flying for electric airplanes begins at 8 am, glow, gas and turbine airplanes can start flying at 9 am.
2. All flying must stop 1 hour before sunset so that all folks have departed the field by darkness.
3. No flying on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

REPEAT

The Club has been re-chartered with the AMA for 2018. Club insurance forms and certificates are on file. Fly safe!

NEW BUSINESS:

The Club has a new Web Site. www.alamoradiocontrol.club Thank Buck Murray for this effort. He completely started from scratch and brought us into this century. It is still a work in progress and all of the buttons will work and the pictures will be posted. 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.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Bill Ponseigo was out doing his thing during the egg drop at the "Food Fly". He had dropped his egg and Chris Little dropped his very near the target. Bill was a little surprised and watched the drop and not his airplane, a super flying Edge. After brief panic, Bill saw the Edge in a vertical dive 10 feet off of the ground. The crash splintered everything. Bill broke rule number 1; don't ever take your eyes off of your airplane.

The winner is Bill.

SHOW AND TELL:

JD Smith showed everyone his new on-board glow driver system from Dave's R/C Electronics. (Dave was a vendor at the October Swap Meet) It can be programed to supply power to the glow plug based on throttle position. The on-board glow driver is powered by a "C" size 2000 MAH cell. Check out www.davesrce.com for all the goodies.

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.

Great Planes PT-19 – Buck Murray
Prop Balancer – Chris Freeman
Wheels – Tony Centeno
Dead Center Hole Locator – Jim Keck
Epoxy – Al Staats
Gallon of Fuel – Juan Galvez
Pliers – Stephan Christensen

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

