



# ARCS News



Alamo Radio Control Society

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

## Fun - Fly



Dog Days of Summer. It was hot and humid!

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#### Club Meetings

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of

each month (except Dec)

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at

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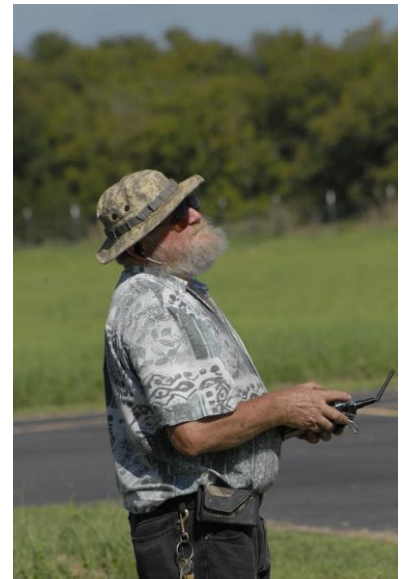
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*It was the Day of the Drone!* Just as the phenomenon of the drone has become a dominate feature of modern model aviation, drones were the dominate feature of the August Fun Fly. Drones represent a small segment of all the types of model aircraft but seem to command the most attention. Though clearly outnumbered by the more conventional aircraft that filled the pits and the grounds, many of the 29 people who came out were more fascinated by the small, lightning fast flying machines that hovered, twisted and turned over the runway at Harold Cannon Field. Of the 15 pilots who came and went throughout the day only 5 flew a drone. However, observers seemed more fascinated by the flight of the drones than that other types of aircraft. The attraction of the drone is easily understood.

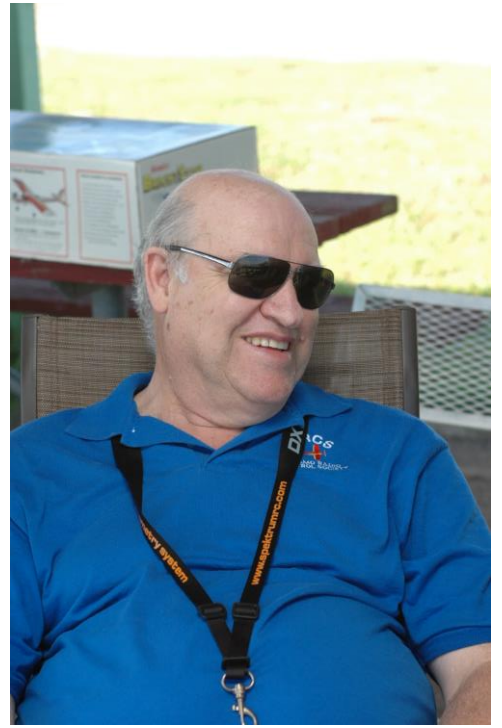
With the advent of *first-person view* and the convenience offered by their small size, seemingly effortless flying, and relatively minimal expense, it is easy to understand how flying a drone can be captivating. They present an uncomplicated avenue to model aviation with a short learning curve. Since FPV gives the pilot – and observers – a sense that they are sitting at the controls in the

cockpit of these flying machines the enticement to explore drone flying is irresistible. Even veteran pilots who have flown model aircraft for decades have taken to the drone. Though drones will have significant impact the future of the hobby they represent a new era in the world of Model Aviation. Drones have clearly taken their place in the hobby and they are here to stay.

Jim Witthauer









## Meeting Minutes

**August 28, 2017**

The meeting was called to order July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The July 2017 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.

**GUESTS:** Judy, Mary, Marsha and Donnie

**NEW MEMBER:** Pete Shavney

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The **Fun Fly** is **July 20<sup>th</sup>** 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. Blue hats are \$15. New members, hats are free. A new name tag board will be attached to the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag.

The Club has donated 126 lbs. this last month for a yearly total of 774 lbs. Let's try to make 2017 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.

### **Repeat:**

We will be having a Swap Meet October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway, San Antonio, TX 78218. Doors open at 10am Saturday and 9am Sunday. Table rental is \$12.50/day and includes entry fee for vendors. Admission is \$5 per person, \$2.50 for women, children under 17 free. Food and drinks will be available on sight. Contact Tom Richards for table rentals. 210-669-1953 or [t-richards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t-richards@sbcglobal.net) All AMA Chartered Clubs within 250 miles has the fliers. Our advertisement are in the August, September and October issues of ***Model Aviation Magazine***.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Next month (September 19<sup>th</sup>) is the annual election of Club Officers. All current Officers are willing to serve another year at the pleasure of the membership. If anyone wishes to become a Club Officer, come to the meeting and be nominated.

### **Repeat:**

Club membership is at a standstill. We have few members under 40 years old and only a couple of folks under 25. Most of the Club is over 50. We need young members to keep ARCS going into the future. Do you have a plan to get new members? Brainstorming is encouraged

It has been our experience, most of the folks under 25 do not build, use tools, or repair/refurbish anything. Also, many cannot follow the instructions that accompany most of the ARFs on the market. It is mostly plug, play, fly, crash and buy new airplanes and radios. We need all of those folks to be successful.

Put on your thinking caps!

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

Brent Vannes his new DGI Mavic drone with a 3S5500 ma. Batteries and 3D goggles with head flight tracking. Move your head and the drone flies that way. This is just like the "gun tracking" in the ARMY's Apache Helicopter. Cool, but on the expensive side—approximately \$1900 for the whole thing.

Pete Shavney brought in his Berkley Super Buccaneer that he originally built in 1938. He is rebuilding it and converting everything to RC. Great Pete! We have a builder!

### **CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

Brent Vannes was on the maiden flight on his large ducted fan jet. Brent was getting ready to approach the field and got out near Madonna La Coste Rd. He took his eyes off of the go fast machine (120 mph) and it took a nose dive into the field North of Madonna La Coste Rd. It disintegrated on impact and the batteries smoldered. Very small pieces were found. Ouch!

## **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. Special thanks go out to Hobby Town for providing the raffle prizes to the Club at a reduced price.

Hobbico Bright Star ARF – James Munro

LiPo Battery Pack – James Munro

LiPo Battery Pack – Rich Beardsley

Robart Super Stand – James Munro

Wheel Chocks – Mike Dees

Electric Fuel Pump – Bill Ponseigo

Gallon of Fuel – Lorenzo

Spinner – James Munro

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



