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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 February 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.

Bill Ponseigo, President, Alamo Radio Control Society 1998-2026

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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



When Bill Ponseigo stepped into the role of President of the Alamo Radio Control Society in 1998, after serving six years as vice-president, he brought with him a simple vision for the club. His vision was that the ARCS would welcome anyone who was searching for a place to fly or who was interested in learning to fly. His goal was to build a club where everyone felt comfortable and appreciated. A club where people are friendly and helpful. Bill understood that clubs that are unfriendly or exclusionary will become obsolete. This was something that Bill observed many times in his flying career. He wanted everyone to understand that without a stream of new (and younger members) the Alamo Radio Control Society would eventually cease to exist, and so too the hobby.

He envisioned that ARCS would be guided by few rules. He sought rules that were appropriate, practical, and compliant with directives from agencies that influence the hobby. He strove to establish guidelines that were not burdensome or overly restrictive. His goal was to ensure a safe and enjoyable place for pilots to enjoy their hobby without troublesome oversight. Ultimately, he wanted to protect the hobby from undue interference.

Bill was open-minded and receptive to new ideas. He carefully considered any idea to improve the experience of flying for club members. He embraced the changes through which the hobby transitioned. Bill went above and beyond to keep Harold Cannon field in excellent condition and the club financially sound. He made many efforts to improve and maintain the club flying field, making it an enviable flying venue. As such the ARCS field has been leased by companies seeking a place to demonstrate their flying products. The ARCS has hosted competitions and demonstrations by such organizations as IMAC.

Gregarious by nature and always hospitable, he welcomed all who came to fly or visit. Regardless of their age, or if they were, a newcomer, or an old friend, his engaging demeanor was consistently friendly and welcoming. His handshake was genuine, and his ever-present smile sincere. He was always cheerful and laughed readily. Bill was supportive, and empathetic, reaching out to club members whom he had not seen in many months. He was an excellent teacher and instructor. Whether it was about flying or the club activities his advice was respected and carefully considered. He was quick to praise success. He was lavish in his appreciation of all who contributed to the success of the ARCS. He made recognition of individual successes and contributions a key feature of his leadership. The Alamo Radio Control Society will enjoy long-lasting benefits of Bill Ponseigo's steadfast leadership. Bill led the ARCS with integrity, self-awareness, resilience, and a strategic vision. Because of Bill Ponseigo the ARCS and the hobby will remain strong long into the foreseeable future.

Final Flight Complete, Blue Skies and Godspeed Bill!

Memorial Services will be held for Bill Ponseigo at Ft. Sam Houston Pavilion 2 on March 3, 2026 at 11:15 am. A reception will follow at Fort Sam Houston Golf Course, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209. All club members are invited to attend. See the following link:

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(Bill's official obituary)

William Roger Ponseigo
November 20, 1943 – January 29, 2026



William R. Ponseigo 82, of San Antonio, passed away peacefully in his home on January 29, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born on November 20, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois to Joseph and Albina Ponseigo. He spent his life devoted to his family, friends and community. Bill worked for many years as a Service Manager, Assistant Chief of Country Club Hills Fire Department and finally at Creative Leather Repair of San Antonio. He never met a stranger and

was always ready to lend a hand.

He loved his family, especially his great-grandchildren, Mason, Aubrey and Violet Marconi. He loved being president of The Alamo Radio Control Society, which he lead for 27 years. He loved flying remote control planes and sitting under the pavilion solving all of the world's problems with other members of the club. Above all, Bill cherished time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were the light of his life.

Bill is survived by his wife of 62 years Bay Ponseigo; their children, Debra (Tony) Carrola, Michael (Kathleen) Ponseigo, Sherry Dillard and Bonnie Hill. Grandchildren, Tyler (Emily) Dillard, Anthony (Macie) Ponseigo, Amanda (Avery) Payne, Robyn (Dane) Marconi and Andrew Ponseigo; He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Joseph and Judy.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Bill will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Bill Ponseigo, My Perspective

Jim Neff

I joined the Alamo Radio Control Society sometime in 2019. Pete Dubree handed over the newsletter editor job to me as of the September, 2019 edition. The photo on the right shows a typical day with Bill gassing up his U-Can-Do, notable for the doll-head pilot sitting out in the slipstream, hair flying. He loved that plane. Bill was bigger than life, always wore a big straw western hat. He greeted everyone with a friendly smile and a hearty hello. Bill would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. "You need XXX? Come on by the house I think I have one in the shop you can have."



Bill loved a good story and there were several told as we sat under the fans in the pavilion in the summer, trying to stay cool. The "hanger flying" was the best part of going out to the field to fly and Bill never disappointed. In the Air Force Bill had been an aircraft crew chief, think it was, for a jet fighter. It was not just any jet fighter, it was the one flown by the commanding officer. Bill lived in the Chicago area where Sig model company was. He told how the Sig folks would bring a new design to the local flying field to try it out. He had some stories about that. Bill's roots run deep in the RC hobby.



After fellow flyers and RC flying, Bill loved running the zero-turn mower and mowing the grass at the field. I think he just liked running the mower. I don't blame him, it looks like fun. Almost every weekend you'd find Bill on that mower, cutting the grass short. He kept it like a golf course fairway.

The club is the sum of its members, and we have great ones. Bill, though, was the face of the ARCS. He was at every function, standing up front, acting like a kid in a toy store. His constant enthusiasm, even when he felt bad, was catching. He loved helping new flyers, especially the young ones. He knew they were the future of RC flying. It will be hard to go flying and not have Bill there to cheer you on, give you a pat on the back and laugh with you when you did a maneuver less than one "mistake" in altitude with an unintended contact with the ground. Bill had a few of those too. I never saw him mad about it. He'd just pick up the pieces and come back with the plane glued back together next week. That U-Can-Do had to have been "re-kitted" a dozen times!

I've lost some good flying buddies in the past few years. But Bill, he is in a special category all his own. I'll miss you good buddy, fair winds and smooth landings.



Field closure Scheduled

Our corporate member Darkhive has reserved the ARCS field for customer demonstrations on:

Tuesday February 17 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday February 18 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Thursday February 19 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Darkhive has generously contributed \$450 to the club for exclusive use of the field for those periods.

It is fine to use the field on those days outside of the exclusive use times, but if you do, please make sure that you have packed up and departed the field prior to the start time on each day.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

ARCS Meeting Minutes January 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order January 20th at 7:00 p.m. Bill Ponseigo is out with health issues and Buck was out on vacation. The November 2025 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read.

Checking	\$2174
Savings	\$9855
Total	\$12029

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **Jan 25th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

Eric Amundsen handles hats for club members. For new members, hats are free. Replacement hats are now \$15. Eric will need to reorder hats and price may go up.

Jimmy Neff: Newsletter sent out on time. Really nice and long due to the many pictures from the holiday time.

Buck Murray: Not here to discuss website. Will need to catch up on pictures when he returns

Jim Witthauer: Pictures and Foodbank

The Club donated a total of 2652 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in 2026. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

FIELD CONDITIONS:

Joe Rohmer has his men do some repairs to cracks in the pit in front of the pavilion. Looks real good.

Chris Freeman will make sure we get grass mowed prior to the funfly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Richard Sanders asked about TRUST training and certification for members. AMA wants all flyers to have certification. Richard will send out a letter to inform newer members and reminder older members to make sure they do the training.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Gormley was talking with Joe Rohmer and Joe asked about the potential of a bathroom and septic system vs a port-a-potty. This never gained much traction before. Will discuss with club leadership when all are back.

SHOW AND TELL:

Dick Reich brought in his Freewing F9F panther.

Jacob Basinger brought in Stephan's old Beaver that he plans to fix up and fly.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Juan Galvez had his F4 Phantom jet get interference and actually crash into one of the high voltage lines across the road. Totally demolished. He also lost ESC power in a 60" 3D plane and it was also totalled.

George Wilson wrecked his Carbon Cub twice. It was squirrely after the first major repair leading to the second crash.

Raffle:

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.

Strangely, George Wilson won the Carbon Cub grand prize to replace the one he crashed twice.

Rob Lane won the bid on Jim Branham's field workstand donated by Pat Flores. He won it for \$50 but then paid \$100 to the club. Thanks!

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Historical Photos with Bill
2004



Working on the Pavilion





2011



2012



2013



2014



2015







2016 Christmas



2017







The rest of the photos.





























