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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 October 14, 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.

September Fun Fly Event Recap

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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 Joint, 10106 State Highway 151, San Antonio, TX 78251

Overview

On a September Sunday, ARCS members gathered for a remarkable event, accomplishing in one day what is typically achieved over a series of Fun Fly gatherings. The September Fun Fly saw an impressive turnout and a variety of memorable activities and incidents.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance surpassed 26 members, with several others arriving after the initial head count. The large number of participants contributed to a bustling and lively atmosphere throughout the day.

Flight Highlights and Mishaps

The event featured several notable flights and crashes. Cliff Chetwood experienced a crash with his Sig Extra 300 during its maiden flight, resulting in the aircraft being reduced to salvageable parts. Caden Morse also crashed his F-15 on takeoff, noting that the plane simply refused to fly. While Cliff's plane was beyond repair, Caden's F-15 appeared salvageable and may fly again after some repair work. Additionally, Steve Jenkins lost his Aero Scout when he and his spotter lost sight of it, and unfortunately, the plane was not recovered.

Rocket Launch and Young Pilot Achievement

Jake Basinger successfully launched a rocket just past the runway, which gently descended into the pond and was retrieved near the shore. Jake also graduated from flying a mini airplane to piloting a larger aircraft visible in the sky, marking a significant milestone in his piloting skills.

Facilities and Refreshments

Every worktable was utilized, both under the pavilion and outdoors, with some tables holding two or three airplanes. Due to limited space, three boxes of doughnuts were served on the bleachers, along with cookies and George Wilson's tortilla wrapped kielbasa sausages, ensuring plenty of refreshments for all attendees.



Chris Freeman, Graphic Artist

Improvements and Artistic Enhancements

Richard Sanders and Stefan Christensen completed essential repairs by removing and replacing rotted roof supports and bracing the sagging pavilion roof, helping to shore up and support the Ponseigo Pavilion. Additionally, graphic artist Chris Freeman enhanced the new ARCS sign by painting the missing propeller arch segment, making the sign more accurate and visually appealing.

Conclusion

The September Fun Fly was a day filled with excitement, camaraderie, and achievement. From a diverse array of aircraft to memorable flights, repairs, and artistic enhancements, much was accomplished and enjoyed. Although President Bill Ponseigo could not attend due to recent surgery, the success of the event was a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of all ARCS members.

—Jim Witthauer

ARCS Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order September 16th at 7:00 p.m. The August 2025 minutes was approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. Total funds were \$11,423. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Guests:

Jennifer, Pam, Sandy, Charolette

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **September 21st** 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 \$15.

The Club donated 359 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in August 2025. Total for the year is 2004 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel". Jim said in the last 15 years the club has contributed 21,565 lbs. of food to the Food Bank. Outstanding!!! Jimmy worked with the Food Bank to get us in their online newsletter and will be working to get an AMA service grant for the club. Thanks Jim!

FIELD CONDITIONS:

- Termites continue to spread at the field. If you see encroachment of termites to our pit area when you are at the field, there is a bag of Bug-B-Gone granules that you can broadcast spread to try and stop them. Thanks for any help.
- 5 new tables are complete. Used TREX on the last one and it looks really good. We will use it on future tables. Just bought steel for 5 more tables. Getting a lot of member contributions for tables on the new webpage link. Thanks for the contributions to our great new tables. Please donate!
- Shed has a rotten beam on the runway side. Bought a 2x8x10' board to reinforce the bad spot. Will install Sunday at the FunFly.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Jimmie Neff brought his new 38cc electric start EPHIL gas motor that he got for ~\$450. Bought it for a new 88" Tiger Moth.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

- Chris Freeman's B-25 started losing power for unknown reasons. Stalled and crashed trying to turn back to the runway. It was totalled...

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.

- Chris Freeman won the E-Flite Pitts S-15 850mm biplane. Congratulations!



The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

RC NOTAMS

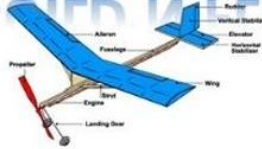
✈ **Lee Moore Memorial Buld-N-Fly:** Please forward this information to the club. I didn't put it in the doc but this event was a big deal to Jim Branaum. Many of the prizes are coming from new items he had on hand, approved and supported by his widow.

George Wilson




River City RC Presents: Lee Moore Memorial

BUILD'N'FLY




By Modelers – For Modelers

When: October 18th, 2025
Where: River City RC, TX-1604 Loop, Schertz, TX 78154
Cost: \$20 Landing Fee (includes lunch)

This is an event for R/C Models built by modelers, not by factories. RCRC loves ARFs, BNFs, PNP's and RTFs; they are a real boon to getting airborne when the need to fly is critical, but they only satisfy the flight impulse. For many of us, modeling is a primary facet of the hobby, and we want to provide encouragement to those who fly models now and those who would like to give building a try.

This is a non-competitive fly-in, a chance to come out and show off your latest project(s) and fly it/them in a relaxed manner. We award prizes based on participation, with chances based on receiving one ticket for each modeler-built R/C airplane and one ticket for each flight. You do not have to be the builder to enter.

Once Again – Vintage R/C Society Sponsorship: A lot of the great models for building were designed or kitted 35 years or more ago. VRCS specializes in promoting the enjoyment of vintage flying. Bring out your vintage airplane (the design has to be vintage; the airplane can be new) and show it off. There will be special prizes for vintage fliers. <http://www.btemodels.com/vintage-resources.html#kitlist>

Note: RCRC Does Not Allow Turbines or Airborne Cameras (FPV or Not)

Our 10th Annual!

✈️ **Renewal Time**

It's time to pay 2026 Club dues (\$60) and Field Fee (\$25) for a total of \$85 dollars. Please go to the ARCS Website alamoradiocontrol.club and click on the Annual Dues and Field \$85 USD, add to cart and checkout with Paypal. EASY PEASY. Add \$10 items for youth or spouse memberships (no extra field fee required, just the one per family). For a youth only membership, cost is \$10 and field fee is waived.

And please just go and pay them now. We have 137 members and I know some will keep dragging out the payment through November, December and into January. It is a real pain for me to boot up and just process a few payments at a time as they trickle in versus processing a big bunch (or hopefully all of them at once). We all have to pay, let's just get it over with. You can also pay by check at a meeting or at the field if you must, but it is harder to track and handle them.

Note that former PropBuster Members are already paid up through 2028 and members Chip Brown and new member Walter Padua are already paid through 2026.

Also check your AMA membership (most expire in December) and renew if needed. It just takes a few minutes to pay these fees.

Prompt payment of the fees (and I mean right now) would really be appreciated. I just paid mine and it took less than 2 minutes! Thanks....Richard Sanders

✈️ Thanks to Jim Witthauer for his continued efforts in managing the Club's Food Bank Donation Program.

Here is the link to the Food Bank Newsletter Article about our Club:

<https://safoodbank.org/taking-flight-against-hunger-alamo-radio-control-society-supports-the-food-bank/>

✈ Club Officers and Support Staff

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Fun Fly Photos
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