



ARCS News



San Antonio, Texas

Alamo Radio Control Society

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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, January 16, 2024, at 7 PM in the Acadiana Café, 1289 SW Loop 410. 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. Acadiana Café,

1289 SW Loop 410

Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024

(Jim Neff)

Welcome to 2024. The end of the year is marked by the annual Alamo Radio Control Society (ARCS) club Christmas party. This edition of the newsletter will feature photos from the 2023 party thanks to Jim Witthauer. Again it was a fun gathering, Buck did another yeoman job assembling prizes for the raffle which included a flat-screen TV donated by our landlord, Joe Rohmer.. Speaking of whom, he had a knee worked on over the holidays and we're happy that he's recovering well



Raffle prizes

December 2023 was a fairly windy month which limited flying somewhat. In December we marked the passing of a popular club member, Perry "Pete" Dubree. Pete could always be counted on to add color to what would otherwise be a dull flying session. We'll miss him.

Unfortunately the "Prop Busters" club decided to disband having lost their field. Fortunately for ARCS, in exchange for a 5-year, paid-up membership for those who elected to join (and approved by ARCS members at a club meeting), they transferred part of their club funds to ARCS. The amount equals or exceeds the dues they would have paid over the period and the club got some motivated new members.

January saw another membership addition. Four members of a drone company joined the club and will be flying drones periodically at the field.



East end of runway

The December winds, when below gale force, were often from the west, requiring a right-hand pattern. That is opposite our usual pattern. The normal approach from the west is free from any obstacles. Not so from the east. The barn and trees at the East end of the field can cause some trepidation. They look awfully close to the end of the runway and I can't easily judge how far. I find that I need to fly just above and then past the barn then make a right turn to the runway to put those

possible obstacles out of the equation. Tricky but doable.

Speaking of the runway, repair efforts will be ongoing pending good weather. Large cracks have been filled with sand, the plan is to seal the cracks with asphalt sealer once the sand has settled sufficiently.

Between Christmas and New Year's Day there were some absolutely gorgeous flying days and members took advantage of them. Thanks to George Wilson who posted several photos documenting the December and early January flying sessions.

(Hello 2024 continued)*Horizon Sky Remote ID*

I received my remote ID devices from Horizon Hobby. They're about the size of a receiver and have multiple ways for being powered in an airplane. I'll have to register their ID numbers with the FAA. If you fly at the field you do not need them. But what fun is that? I enjoy being able to put an airplane up in a different place, be it road, and field, park, pond or lake. When away from a FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA), you will need the remote ID. Our flying field is a FRIA so no remote ID devices are required to fly there.

In northern states, RC flying gets suspended due to weather (except for die-hards who fly off snow). They call it "building season" where flyers used to stay inside and build planes to fly in the spring. In South Texas we are blessed with warmer winter weather and more flying opportunities. We do have periods of cold, windy and rainy weather but nothing like snow cover up north. We don't need a "building season" and not many build anymore, unless it is an ARF. Mid-January has blown in with a hard freeze and bad weather forecast for the meeting time on Tuesday. I hope you can make it out. Looks like Hobby Town is going to re-open in San Antonio. There are a lot of events going on around our area through the coming year; swap-meets, fly-ins and such. Take the opportunity to get out to some of those and get to know other flyers and fields in the area. This New Year should be good.

ARCS Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order November 21st at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the Oct 2023 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Guests:

Jessica, Dean, Frank and Jack

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is November 26th from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring snacks (donuts etc.) for the pilots and food for the Food Bank.

If you want a club shirt, check with Eric Amundsen, he will take your order. Shirts are \$20. Extended sizes are slightly higher. There is no minimum order. If you want a shirt, call Eric. Hats are \$15. Name Tags are \$6. New members, hats and name tags are free but you need to tell Eric if you want a nametag. Email Eric at cam@clevelandnet.com if you want a nametag. Name tags will be attached to the board in the pavilion. New members check the board for your name tag if you ordered one from Eric.

The Club donated 217 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in Sept and Oct 2023. Total for the year is 1686 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

FIELD CONDITIONS:

- Sand delivered for runway and parking repairs
- Field workday scheduled for Saturday Dec 2nd at 9am
- Field camera working ok and data use is fine
- Please pay ARCS and AMA dues before year end

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim Branaum presented ARCS with the \$8000 check from Prop Busters. Welcome Prop Busters members to ARCS.
- Pete Dubree Passed away on November 21, 2023. He will be missed.
- Last day to sign up for the 2023 Christmas Party is November 30th.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Jim Agnew showed us his home built slow flyer that was cannibalized for other planes

- Jimmie Neff had a Phoenix Spacewalker from Tower Hobbies with a Saito 56.
- Laz Saenz brought in a 3D printed plane

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

- Jim Keck's Telemaster caught on fire from an overheated ESC

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.

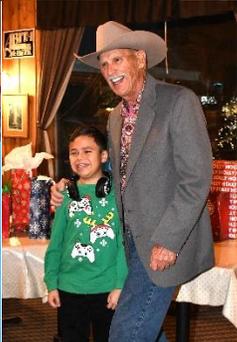
Rob Lane won the E-Flite Cirrus SR-22

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

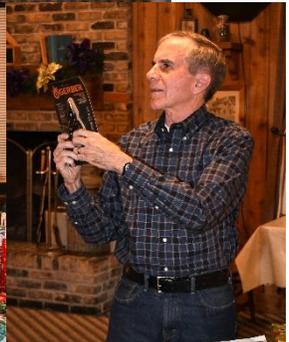
2023 Christmas Party













Holiday Flying (George Wilson, With singles by Juan Galvez, Jeremy Cribb)



