



ARCS News



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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, March 19, 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

February Meeting and Fun Fly

At the meeting Reyden Lopez was presented with his wings in a ceremony at the February ARCS Club Meeting. Presenting the wings was Simon Rodriquez, who along with President Bill Ponseigo and with Reyden's mother, celebrated his accomplishment. Reyden's mother Michelle, expressed her gratitude for the kind and friendly manner in which the ARCS members welcomed Reyden and his family. She thanked everyone who had a role in teaching Reyden to fly. Reyden is now the ARCS's youngest pilot.



When Steve brought his grandson Sean along with a *Hobby Zone AeroScout* trainer to the February Fun Fly, Reyden immediately took Sean under his wing and began to orientate Sean to the world of RC aviation. Meanwhile Sean, Bill Ponseigo, Richard Sanders, and Chris Freeman prepared the brand-new trainer for flight. It was Ben Webber who provided the flight instruction as he took Sean and his *AeroScout* out to the runway. After careful, gentle direction Sean was soon soloing his airplane as Ben stood by with watchful eyes and continued guidance. It appears that ARCS will soon have TWO youthful pilot members. Both clearly demonstrate the potential to become highly skilled fliers.



Matt Ulrich and Krys arrived at the Fun Fly with their *Hobby Zone Cardon Cub* trainer. Being interested in model aviation, they attended the February ARCS meeting. There they were introduced to the club by Bill Ponseigo and invited to attend the upcoming Fun Fly. Always one to be of assistance, Chris Freeman took it upon himself to assist the new pilots by preparing their airplane, performing test flights, and giving personal flying instruction which was followed with advice and guidance. Matt tested his flying skills and after a few flights decided to officially join ARCS and completed his application that day. Matt and Krys lingered for nearly the entire Fun Fly Day observing others as they flew, and chatting with those who were present. Once again ARCS continues to grow as more new pilots join to increase the club's membership.

Jim Witthauer

ARCS Meeting Minutes February 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order Feb 20th at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the Jan 2024 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:

Steven Jenkins, Lloyd Roecker, Michelle, Sandy and Sara

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **Feb 25th** 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 287 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in Jan 2024. Total for the year is 287 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

FIELD CONDITIONS:

We just signed a new lease for the flying field till 2029. Lease fees increased from \$3800 to \$4500 per year. A provision was added where the club would share 50% - 50% on any requires repairs to the gate that cost over \$500.

OLD BUSINESS:

The field camera has been working well. Data usage is great in that we have only used 20% of our data in 1/2 of our annual period. Feel free to use the camera as per the instructions. Please don't mess with any of the settings (the alarm was going off anytime movement was detected at the field)

NEW BUSINESS:

none

SHOW AND TELL:

Dick Reich showed off his E-Flite T-28 won at the Christmas party.



Dick Reich and the 1.2m T-28

Bill Cody showed off his kit built bi-plane with 4-stroke glow powerplant.



Bill Cody and the kit-built plane

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Reyden Lopez had a hard crash landing flying too low and slow on approach

Richard Sanders destroyed his Rebel Jet because he was trying to fly Bill Ponseigo's Rebel instead of his Rebel.

Rob Lane crashed his EC 1500 twin prop transport after loosing orientation.

All three got tickets..

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.

Dick Reich won a second E-Flite T-28. He didn't need it so he auctioned it off for the club to Rob Lane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



1Rob Lane and his new plane, won auction.

Here's Looking At You!

A Friendly Reminder From President, Bill Ponseigo.

The camera at the flying field is a convenience we. It can be misused and that costs us all. It is NOT meant as a form of entertainment for bored flyers at home. It IS there so we can check quickly, the word is QUICKLY, to see conditions (the wind sock) and if there are other flyers there. Please do NOT USE THE CLEAR mode. That higher resolution costs increases bandwidth and increases our cost. Use the FLUENT mode. And PLEASE, PLEASE, DON'T TURN ON THE ALARM! It's irritating to flyers on site.



**Fun Fly Photos
By Jim Witthauer**













