



ARCS News



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Alamo Radio Control Society

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AMA Charter 603

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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, July 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

June Fun Fly

Without a doubt the Jun Fun Fly was the best of the year. Abundant sunshine, endless blue sky, coupled with gentle winds blowing from the southeast together made for a near perfect day for flying. So calm were the winds that *Old Glory* and the wind sock were never fully extended all day long. It was a remarkably well-attended event. There was much flying and limitless enjoyment for most.



Chris Freeman created a Warbird row in front of the pavilion which included a B-24, B-25, P-38, and a P-51 Mustang. He performed a successful bomb run on the runway without a reprise of last month's "nose stand".

Bob Golden flew his Extra 260 equipped with a 120-engine and 106" wingspan. It was the largest airplane of the day. Afterward he sat down to rest his tired shoulder after numerous turns of the prop to ignite the roar of the 120-engine. Following the airplane's flight, he took well deserved pride in successfully flying something never so large in his flying career.



Bill Surrat flew the incredibly fast Zeus 90. However, the canopy became dislodged on the planes first flight forcing a landing to reattach the canopy. Once back in the air Bill demonstrated the amazing speed of the Zeus 90. Photographing the bird required slowing the plane to a boring airspeed in order to capture a sharp picture, definitely something the plane is not designed or built to do. Bill also flew a Fusion 180 Smart Helicopter and an F-16, inverted and dangerously low to the runway.

Crash of the day goes to Jim Keck who lost control of his Sig Taylorcraft T-Clips airplane crashing into the northwest cornfield. The wreckage was recovered by Richard Sanders, Doug Christensen, and Stephan Christensen using Richards's



drone. Afterwards while rummaging in the garbage bag that contained the ill-fated T-Clips, Jim found a souvenir ear of corn inside the broken fuselage.



Jim Agnew flew two beautiful planes: a 3D Ultimate Biplane and an F-16 Thunderbird. Arguably the finest looking airplanes of the day both in the air and on the ground.



Reyden Lopez successfully flew his new Trojan T-28 1.2 warbird on a maiden flight after a team of seasoned experts assembled the airplane for him. Jim Agnew stood by to coach Reyden during the successful maiden flight. From then on Reyden soloed his new bird on several flights during the rest of the day.

Jim Witthauer



Fourth of July (Jim Agnew)



The 2nd Annual 4th of July Hotter than Hell Fun Fly; an AMA sanctioned event was open to any AMA Member and CD'd again by Jim Agnew. Thanks to all those who prepped the field with trimming and mowing. The field looked great. Jets, Biplanes, Drones, Foamies and Pattern Planes, were flown. For those that attended, all had fun.

Attendance was down from the 25 pilots we had last year, 13 signed in this year and a couple forgot to sign in, many club members had family gatherings that conflicted the event attendance and were missed. Alas there was only one minor crash, too low, too slow. The new grill was seasoned and officially broken-in for use and is a great addition to our field.

Jim Agnew provided homemade family recipe pork/venison sausage and made taco wraps for those hungry during the day, and later cooked hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, with chips. Janette Agnew brought a homemade peach cobbler for dessert. Homemade potato salad was also brought and was delicious as well as bags

of peanuts and had extra hot dogs, if needed for those present. (Sorry that I didn't keep notes on who brought what).

Thanks to the many generous club members who donated over \$500.00 for fireworks.

Stephan and his 'crew' safely lit up the skies with a great fireworks display. Fireworks could be also seen on the horizon from San Antonio, and Castroville in the distance which added to the celebration of our Independence.

Thank you to all those who help set up the extra shade and clean up afterwards. **(See more photos below—ED)**

ARCS Meeting Minutes June 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order June 18th at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the May 2024 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. \$12,714 in savings, \$2432 in checking. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **June 23rd** 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 282 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in may 2024. Total for the year is 1,052 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

FIELD CONDITIONS:

Repairs were completed on both mowers. Both are running great. Thanks to Bill and Richard.

Bob Lane will be making repairs to the field tables on an ongoing basis. Thanks Rob.

New field camera with unlimited data working great. Be sure to try it out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grouper has run a full page ad in AMA magazine where those over 65 can have AMA dues refunded to them. One member has had a refund. Try it out and let us know if it worked for you.

The 4th of July party at the field will have food service beginning at 4pm. Bring a dish or desert if you want. Night flying before the fireworks if OK. Fireworks will begin about 9 pm when it is dark enough. If you want to contribute for fireworks, give donations to Jim Branaum at the funfly Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Jim Branaum crashed his gas engine Stinson due to an intermittent engine ignition interference problem. All too common with spark ignitions unfortunately.

Rob Lane crashed his Air Tractor also due to an intermittent issue he had with his Spektrum receiver when switching in and out of safe.

Jim Got the Ticket

SHOW AND TELL:

Steve Jenkins brought in several miniature airplane templates he laser cut to check out and demonstrate servo setup and operation. Pretty cool.

Jimmy Neff brought in his E-Flite Ultimate 3d Biplane. It has foam construction and flies great. Looks like a good deal for \$300.



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.

Jim Keck got the grand prize of an E-Flite BNF T-28 Trojan. Bill Ponseigo made a great deal when he offered Jim \$100 for the T-28 and he took it. Bill then made an even better deal when he offered to sell the T-28 to Reyden Lopez for the same \$100. I guarantee that Reyden was 10,000% more excited about getting the T-28 than Bill or Jim!!!!

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**June Fun Fly Photos
Jim Witthauer**



















July 4 Photos (Jim Agnew)



