



ARCS News



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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

The next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 18, 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.

January 2025 Fun Fly

(Jim Witthauer)

A large, enthusiastic gathering at Harold Cannon Field marked the start of another year of flying for the ARCS. A cadre of 28 pilots and an attendance well over 30 people watched the flight of nearly every aircraft imaginable that day. And though the sky was overcast, the atmosphere was as if it was a bright, sunny day.



Competing for the day's best vintage airplane were Juan Galvez 1.6 ep powered Nieuport 28, featuring a 68" wing span, and a 18-12 prop. Against the Nieuport was Dusty Blowers E-flite T-28 sporting Kelly graphics, a sound system, and a wing span of 2 meters. Coming in at a close

second was another biplane, George Wilson's Dynam Gloster *Gladiator*, and Phil Everman's F-86 *Skyblazer*.

Stephan Christensen sped through the air with his Avantis V2, and Bill Surrat with his F-16 Falcon.

Youth pilots of the day were Reyden Lopez and Cliff Chetwood Jr. both flying identical T-28 *Trojans*.

Best supporter goes to Sal Sordo's daughter who accompanied her father and cheered him and other pilots when they were flying.

The only crash of significance was that of the T-33 which flipped upon landing searing the stabilizer from the fuselage leaving it dragging by the wires.

Parachute drops were performed by Saul Cordova who also flew two helicopters, a Marine UH-1 Huey and an LA FD Bell Helicopter. While Saul was flying, his daughter amused herself blowing and chasing bubbles as she played with her mom.



The most fascinating aircraft was a mosaic mapping drone built by the youthful Cam Weber using a 3D printer. After assembling the drone and pairing it with a laptop computer Cam took the drone out for its maiden flight. The gentle flight of the drone was a success. The drone was the key feature of a school project which Cam built for less than \$1000. It is a project for which Cam can be most proud.

The repair of Reyden Lopez's T-28 became an amusement when a committee of experts seemed baffled by what had to be done. After much debate the plane was eventually repaired and back in the air.

The center piece among the many treats was a tray of sandwiches generously made by Jeanette Chetwood. The delicious sandwiches were thoroughly enjoyed by all and elicited rave reviews. Thank You Jeanette!

With such a spectacular start, it is apparent that 2025 will be another banner year for the ARCS.

Jim Witthauer



ARCS Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order January 21st at 7:00 p.m. The reading of the November 2024 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read. Total assets was \$14,006. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **Jan 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. Shirt cost varies so Eric will have tell you the cost. There is no minimum order. If you want a shirt, call Eric. Hats are \$15. Name Tags are \$6. New members, hats are free. Name tags are available at a reasonable cost and 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 191 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in Nov 2024. Total for the year is 2419 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

FIELD CONDITIONS:

Reminders: Clean up after yourself, turn breakers off if you are last to leave, No driving in the fields to get a plane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Existing port a potty service no longer serving our area.

Best option appears to be purchase of a used port a potty unit for \$325. Cost is \$75 per service. Plan to start servicing 2x per month.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

Richard Sanders got too low on a low pass with his Tiger 2 and knocked off front wheel and firewall

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.

Cliff Chetwood Jr won the E-Flite T-28 Trojan

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

If You Haven't Paid 2025 Dues Yet, Here's How.**Please "re-up" We don't want to miss you!**

Still time to pay 2025 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. For those over 80 years old who have been members for 5 years, only the \$25 Field fee is required. Also, the former Prop Buster members are paid through 2028.

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....Rich

Pay now and don't miss a minute of good flying weather! (Yes, we do have good days in the winter—Ed.)

January 2025 Fun Fly Photos
Jim Witthauer









