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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

CLUB FLYING SITE Is located just west of Macdona at 10025 Sheperd Road

The next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 15, 2026, at 7 PM at Biggs Burger Joint, 10106 State Highway 151, San Antonio, TX 78251, (210) 543-2029.. Monthly Fun Fly the following Sunday.

Teamwork and Alert Thinking Highlight September Fun Fly

On Sunday, September 20th, at 9:43 AM, a Royal Saudi Air Force PC-21 Turbojet piloted by Phil Everman skidded off the runway and came to rest in tall grass. As the pilot attempted to taxi the aircraft from the grass the obstructed propeller caused the ESC to overheat and smoke rose from the fuselage.

Recognizing the danger of a grass fire, Bill Grozdanich called for a fire extinguisher. Other pilots immediately responded. Rob Lane covered the PC-21 with powdery fire retardant, and the smoke cleared the danger ended. The Intense heat damaged the fuselage, melted the canopy and destroyed the ESC. The condition of the battery and engine remained unknown. Fortunately all fire extinguishers had recently been inspected and found to be ready for use. Prior to the incident, a new F-35 piloted by Juan Galvez crashed, damaging the nose and landing gear. Although the damage was not severe, the aircraft required significant repairs before the jet could fly. Ironically Juan was one of the



key responders in the PC-21 incident. In the afternoon, Reyden Lopez successfully completed the maiden flight of his new *Elite* F4U Corsair by narrowly avoiding a midair collision with a bird. Assembled by Reyden and Rob Lane, they took the airplane from the box to the sky in a single day. Rob guided Reyden through the building process and Chris Freeman coached him through the maiden flight. Overall, the day featured excitement, disappointment, pride, alertness and model teamwork.

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Cliff's Notes



Hello ARCS members! I would like to remind every one of our up coming FunFly. This month we will be honoring our late president Bill Ponseigo with a new pavilion sign. We will also have a dedication gaggle. Please bring a plane to join in. We would like to have as many participants as possible. The youth group will be having a foam board plane build as well.

At this month's meeting we will be voting on the implementation of a rule regarding takeoff direction for turbine jets. It is also time to nominate members for officer positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone for ANY position, please attend the meeting to make your nomination. Another topic to be discussed will be the abuse of the field cam and working on a resolution. If you have any concerns to voice, please attend the meeting to be heard. I look forward to seeing everyone at Tuesday's meeting and/or at the FunFly. Until then, blue skies and butter landings to you all!

Cliff Chetwood

ARCS President

Member Spotlight

Last month we had our club's first AMA sanctioned event in a while and I would like to recognize those that made it happen. Thank you, Jim Agnew for organizing the event with AMA and for working with HobbyTown in getting us raffle prizes. Thank you, George Morales for suggesting the event and volunteering to handle the attendee sign ins, donating the ARF for the raffle and handling the raffle itself. Richard Sanders, thank you for going out and helping take care of the landscaping before the event. Dusty Blowers, thank you very much for helping me the night before in setting up banners and canopies as well as donating your customization skills as a raffle prize. Daren Manson, thank you for working with Horizon hobby in getting us raffle prizes. Also, thank you to Joe Rohmer for the awesome signage. It really helped make everything look official. Collectively you all made this a great success. Awesome job guys!

Cliff Chetwood

ARCS Meeting Minutes September 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order September 15th at 7:00 p.m. The August 2026 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read.

Checking \$2,032
Savings \$9,882
Total \$11,914

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Rayden Lopez's Grandma was a guest attendee (Remember this !!!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **Sep 20th** 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.

Jimmy Neff: Looking for newsletter article donations. Plans to come out with a special addition for the Warbird Event.

Jim Witthauer Pictures and Foodbank

The Club donated 270 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in Aug 2026. Total for the year is 2296 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

Chris Freeman/Jim Agnew: Safety Officer's Report: From confusion during the Warbird event, looks like it is best to set a rule for events that all flying needs to be north of the projected southerly edge of the runway to the west.

Rob Lane: Pavillion and Table Maintenance: Repairs for the table tops under the shed are continuing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Ponseigo's daughter Sherry thinks that October 25 would be a good time to have the first annual Bill Ponseigo Memorial Fly in event.
- Cliff is still checking into the issues with reduced FRIA size
- Will vote at October meeting for Club Officers. It has been suggested that same officers continue on. If you would like to run for a club officer, come to the next meeting to throw your hat into the ring.
- It was suggested to add power plugs to each table.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Warbird event went great but it was REALLY hot! Had 32 pilots. 4 brought food donations and 28 paid \$10 each for \$280 in funds. Also had a \$50 donation. Thanks to Jim Agnew and George Wilson for coordinating the event. Thanks to Joe Roehmer for the lighted roadway sign. Thanks to Cliff Chetwood for the excellent food.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

- Clifford Chetwood crashed his AC1500. After a successful parachute drop, his rates were on low but needed them on high to pull out before the crash.
- Jimmy Neff crashed his T-28 when he did not hear his expired time alarm and just ran out of battery.
- Chris Freeman crashed his new \$600 Super Tucano when it did an uncontrolled loop on takeoff probably due to a gyro issue.
- Clifford won the ticket.

SHOW AND TELL:

- George Wilson brought his new P-40 Warhawk (Dynam \$250). It was plug and play with some assembly required.
- Charlie Campa brought his Gator RC 54" Seagull Extra ARF. Had some CG questions and had to do some CG calculations.
- Cliff Chetwood brought his scratch built flat foamboard jet he made from plans on parkjets.com. Should be good for events like limbo or combat.

Raffel:

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.

- Rayden Lopez won the E-Flite F4U-4 Corsair 1.2M on the Guest Ticket he got from his Grandma. Thanks Grandma!

Closing Notes:

- Pick up after yourselves and if you see something left by others pick it up too.
- See everyone at the Funfly September 20th!

The Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.



At The Meeting (Jim Neff)

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A.R.C.S TOP GUN ELECTRC WARBIRD FLY-IN TAKES OFF



On September 12, 2026, at precisely 8:00, the **Inaugural A.R.C.S. TOP Gun Electric Warbird Fly-In** commenced. It initiated with a pilot's meeting led by Jim Agnew the event CD. 32 registered pilots listened intently as event rules were briefly explained. With safety paramount, it was emphasized to all that a spotter always be present while flying. The event, organized by Jim Agnew and George Wilson began under overcast morning skies which dissipated by noontime. Winds were generally favorable throughout the day. With enthusiasm and excitement clear, pilots flew warbirds from WWII and before. Aircraft were in abundance. At lunchtime pilots took a recess and the 50+ attendees feasted on a lunch of BBQ pork and chicken with assorted sides, condiments and drinks to assuage any hunger or thirst. Once fed the pilots returned to flying until the south Texas heat and sun encouraged everyone to seek cooler spaces. Strong attendance, a wide variety of aircraft, and camaraderie among enthusiasts of all ages suggest that the ARCS Top Gun Electric Warbird Fly-In will be a recurring event for years to come. JRW

Top Gun Electric Warbird Fly-in Photos Jim Witthauer





















