ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society www.alamoradiocontrol.club
San Antonio, Texas AMA Charter 603
November 2026

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.

ARCS BIDS FAREWELL TO BILL PONSEIGO



Family and friends gathered at the October Fun Fly to say a final farewell to Bill Ponseigo, ARCS's longest-serving club president. In tribute, Bill's ashes were scattered over Harold Cannon Field, a place he loved and nurtured, where he spent countless days enjoying his cherished hobby.

Under somber gray skies on a cool day, a B-25 Mitchell Bomber, piloted by Juan Galvez, took to the air with Stephan Christensen and Chris Freeman standing by. After several passes around the field to test the wind, the warbird entered the downwind leg, raised its nose, and released the urn containing Bill's ashes. As it floated beneath a parachute, the urn opened, releasing the ashes to drift on the gentle wind. Family, friends, and fellow pilots watched solemnly as the ashes gradually faded from view. It was as though Bill's spirit was freed to roam the sky. Afterward the family gathered for photos. To close the ceremony, Cliff Chetwood presented them with a new sign reaffirming the pavilion's name: "*Bill Ponseigo Pavilion*."



Bill's son Michael mounted the new metal sign in a prominent location in Bill's honor. Attendees then enjoyed a meal of barbecued pork and hot dogs with assorted condiments and desserts. More than 50 of Bill Ponseigo's friends and family attended, from the very young to the young at heart. For the youth members of the ARCS there was a model build project led by Rob Lane and Steve Jenkins. The day concluded with a flying gaggle of seven pilots whose aircraft danced across the sky. All seven aircraft landed safely, with no midair collisions. It was a day of remembrance, camaraderie, and community for friends and family united directly and indirectly by those with a passion for model aviation.
model teamwork.

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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

Cliff's Notes



Hello ARCS members! What a great memorial Fun Fly we had last month. Thank you to everyone that attended and helped make it a special day for the Ponseigo family. They expressed their great appreciation and gratitude to the club for honoring their loved one, Bill Ponseigo.
Let's not forget that this month's meeting and Fun Fly will be the last ones of the year. Next month we be having our **ARCS Christmas Party** on December 15th. Please pay online if you are planning to attend so that we can have an estimated headcount. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting, Fun Fly or at the field soon. Until then, blue skies and butter landings to everyone!

Cliff Chetwood
ARCS President



Member Spotlight

This month I would like to recognize Chris Freeman. Since joining the club I have witnessed that Chris doesn't hesitate to help a fellow member in need. Whether they needed advice on repairing, assembling, or help with a maiden, he has often volunteered to help. While he was the safety officer, Chris also supplied the club with great safety guidance and provided important safety signage. Thanks to you, some of our members have been successful in learning the hobby and we have had a safer place for our club members and visitors. You and your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you Chris Freeman!

ARCS Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order October 20th at 7:00 p.m. The September 2026 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was read.

Checking $1,689
Savings $9,894
Total $11,583

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **October 25th** from 10 am to 2 pm. It will be the Bill Ponseigo Memorial Funfly. 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: Newsletter

Buck Murray: Website

Jim Witthauer Pictures and Foodbank

The Club donated 242 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in September 2026. Total for the year is 2538 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

Jim Agnew: Safety Officer's Report:

- At the November meeting the club will vote on the following FPV Safety Proposals:

    1. Any pilot flying FPV (airplanes or quadcopters) will be required to have a spotter at all times per AMA rules
    2. FPV pilots flying quad copters are required to fly south of the runway when airplanes are flying since they are difficult to see.

Rob Lane: Pavillion and Table Maintenance

Sheila Morse / Caden Morse: Youth Group Committee- Rob Lane reminded that the youth group will building foamboard jet kits during the Sunday Fun Fly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Field camera abuse- Unfortunately a few people have been abusing the use of the field camera by turning it back on the members under the shed and keeping it on them watching for extended periods. This is both against the camera usage rules and just plain creepy for those under the shed. Methods of restricting camera view movement to exclude the shed as well as camera removal were discussed. It was decided that the camera password be changed first to restrict camera usage to current club members only along with re-emphasis of proper camera usage. If this fails and "creepy" usage continues, more extreme measures will be taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cliff said we are still waiting to hear back on the correction to the incorrect FRIA size with the AMA
- Club officers were re-elected for 2027 by acclimation.

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

- Bill Cody- His plane had ailerons that pugged directly to the receiver. On field assembly, they were plugged in upside down (inoperable) and were not checked prior to takeoff. No functional ailerons resulted in a crash. Extension were added to remove need to plug directly to receiver.
- Jimmy Neff- Battery ran out of juice in the "Bermuda Triangle" and crashed in the cornfield
- George Wilson- Crashed from a low speed stall too low to the ground.
- Bill Cody won the ticket.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Jimmy Neff brought his Kyosho Cub kit he won at the raffle. It is a four channel model with a 4 stroke Saito 46
- Steve Jenkins displayed various tools and techniques he has used to develop parts for the foam plane kits to be used for the F22 foamboard youth build at the funfly.
- Bill Cody showed the in progress fuselage for a scratch built T-28.

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.



- Rob Lane won the E-Flite UMX Timber

The Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

At The Meeting
(Jim Witthauer)











Bill Ponseigo Memorial Fun Fly
October2026
(Jim Witthauer)









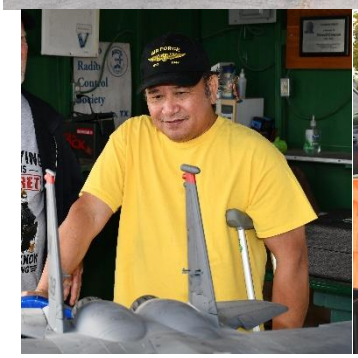



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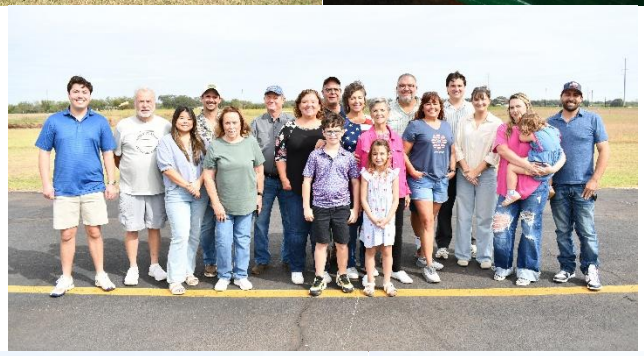













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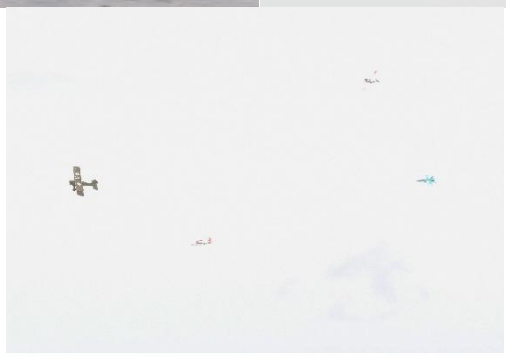




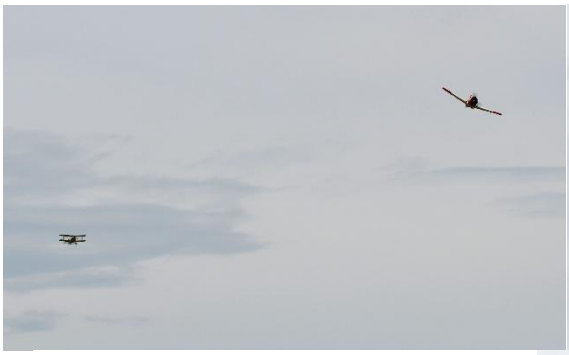














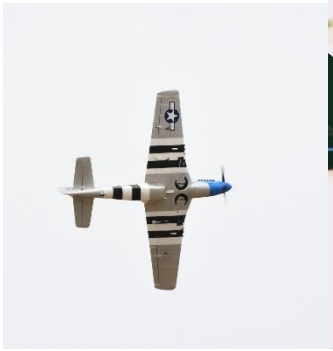


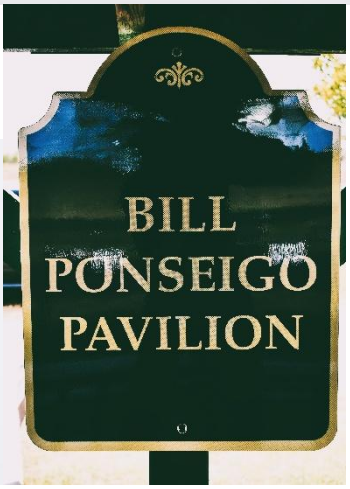







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