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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.

August 2026 Fun Fly

Challenges at the Field

Overtaken railroad cars blocked the road, detours stretched across the county, and the August heat index climbed to 108. Under the blazing sun, the conditions were difficult—but they did not discourage the determined ARCS fliers from spending their Sunday at Harold Cannon Field, enjoying a hobby without restrictions.

August Fun Fly Highlights

Some of the day's highlights included the following:



- **Jose Marrero's turbine jet:** Jose flew a blazing tangerine Rebel Classic 20 Turbine Jet powered by a Licoy 120 turbine engine. He seemed to command the sky, and everyone stopped to watch the brilliant jet

sweeping above the runway.

- **Extra 260 formation flying:** Cliff Chetwood and Ben Weber flew their Extra 260s at the same time, chasing each other across the sky.
- **Affordable RC flying:** Joel McDonald flew a bright yellow and blue foam-board F-22, showing an inexpensive way to enjoy RC airplanes.
- **Dual RV-8 flight:** Jeremy Cribb and Daren Manson took off together in two RV-8s and continued into a coordinated dual flying session.
- **Trojan Trio routine:** The Trojan Trio performed their familiar group flying pattern.
- **Parachute drop:** Clifford Chetwood released parachuters over the runway at low altitude.
- **Featured warbird:** Dusty Blower's P-51 stood out as the featured warbird of the day.

- **Guest pilot:** ARCS welcomed Emmanuel Solis of the River City RC Club, who flew a trainer while his wife recorded each flight.
- **Food and fellowship:** The day's menu featured hot dogs, chili dogs, and plenty of cold drinks on ice for the 32 attendees.

**A Successful Finish**

Despite the many challenges, not a single obstacle prevented a successful Fun Fly.

Jim Witthauer

Cliff's Notes

Hello ARCS members!! This month I would like to remind everyone about the topics of our upcoming meeting. We will be discussing safety rules for turbines and we will be voting next month. I would also like to make sure that every member has the opportunity to exercise their right to vote so I would also like to recommend voting by email as an option. Drone flyers and flying areas will be another topic to be discussed. If any of these issues are of importance to you, please attend the meeting. I would like to hear from you. The grand prize for this month is a BNF 1.2m E flight F4U-4 Corsair. Please attend and purchase tickets for your chance to win. Until then, blue skies and butter landings to you all!

Cliff Chetwood

ARCS President

****Member Spotlight****

For this month's member spotlight, I would like to recognize Jimmie Neff! Jimmie has been Chief Editor of ARCS' newsletter for 6 years. I'm sure it isn't easy to find things to write about and to find the right words, but he has done a wonderful job getting club news and pictures out to us all. Thank you, Jimmie, for all you do! The club is very fortunate to have you!!

ARCS Meeting Minutes August 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order August 18th at 7:00 p.m. The July 2026 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read.

Checking \$2,251
Savings \$9,882
Total \$12,133

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Fun Fly** is **August 23rd** 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: Newsletter

- Jimmy welcomes any newsletter articles

Buck Murray: Website

- Still having issues with new website owners. May be ongoing but Buck can handle it. Thanks Buck!
- He will update the payment dropdown box to reflect dues+field cost reductions for new members joining in July, August and September.

Jim Witthauer Pictures and Foodbank

- The Club donated 268 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in July 2026. Total for the year is 2026 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".
- Jim will write and submit a article for the Food Bank newsletter after the Top Gun Event.

Chris Freeman/Jim Agnew: Safety Officer's Report:

- New safety signs installed. They were donated by Chris. Thanks Chris!
- Juan Gamez proposed a turbine jet policy/rule change to only allow takeoffs to the west and prohibit easterly takeoffs towards Joe's buildings. Will conduct discussions at the September meeting. We will then vote on the rule at the October meeting with a simple majority of members in attendance to determine rule acceptance.

Rob Lane: Pavillion and Table Maintenance

- Rob will check on status of fire extinguishers in the shed and report back.
- Joe our landowner requested that to recover a downed aircraft, it is ok to walk directly to the crash location to find and recover the aircraft, but requests that we return walking down the rows to minimize crop damage.

Sheila Morse / Caden Morse: Youth Group Committee-

NEW BUSINESS:

- New turbine jet takeoff rule discussed above
- Need to discuss formation of a dedicated helipad at the west end of the field

OLD BUSINESS:

- Topgun Electric Warbird Fly-In September 12th at Field
- Expect 50-60 people
- Will serve pulled Pork for lunch. Cliff will handle with \$250 budget approved
- Raffle Gifts:
 - Hobbytown and Horizon Hobby expected to donate prizes
 - George Wilson with donate a 60" Curtis Jennings Biplane
 - Cliff Chetwood acquired a low cost Eflite 1.2M P-51 (club will re-inburse)
 - Need to determine the raffle ticket process (tickets for entry fee, tickets for flights, tickets for purchase, etc...)

CRASH OF THE MONTH:

- Richard Sanders crashed his P-40 after takeoff when he glanced to radio for flaps and looked back up to a death spiral Luckily just broke off the nose.
- Richard Sanders dumb thumbed his Extra 330 to the turf. Snapped the fuselage in half.
- Cliff Chetwood flew sons EC-1500 inverted but ran out of air.
- Richard won the ticket

SHOW AND TELL:

- Jim Agrew showed off a vintage Cox 0.049 engine in the box.
- Jimmie Neff also showed off two Cox 0.049 engines (not in a box)



- Richard Sanders brought his new DJI Avata 2 drone/goggles/fly by wire controller/smart battery system. Passed around 1080P goggles showing off the high res picture of whales he took over Medina Lake.



- Joel McDonald brought his flat foamboard prop jet. Plans from Parkjets.com. Might make a good youth project.

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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.



- Chris Freeman won the 64 MM E-Flite F-18 Hornet.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.



The first annual Top Gun Electric Warbird Fly-in was a rousing success. Thanks to Contest Director Jim Agnew who ran a smooth event. Your editor will defer to our ace scribe, Jim Witthauer for a full report and more photos of the event for the October newsletter. However, I did attend and shoot a few photos I'll share here. At last count I saw we had 26 flyers registered. More may have checked in after I saw the total. Flying went smoothly with no more than 5 pilots up at a time, each with a spotter to help avoid collisions. Didn't happen. Your Editor was snakebit from the beginning what with batteries that either didn't match the airplane's connections, bad steering servo and I left a key tool at home and had to borrow one. I made only two flights. The second resulted in my little 1.2m T-28 taking a nosedive into the cotton field. The fuselage is a bit scratched up around the nose but intact. A new wing is on order and the little bird should be back in the air in short order. The food was terrific and it seemed everyone had a great time. Looking forward to the next one. Jim Neff





At The Meeting Jim Witthauer



August 2026 Fun Fly Photos Jim Witthauer







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