



San Antonio, Texas  
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# ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society    [www.alamoradiocontrol.club](http://www.alamoradiocontrol.club)  
AMA Charter 603



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

**The next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 19, 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.**

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#### Club Meeting:

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of  
each month (except Dec)  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Tuesday - Biggs Burger

## April 2026 Fun Fly



Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> was overcast with gentle breezes coming from the southeast. A lively crowd of 35 people participated in flying or observing. Afterwards, everyone gathered to enjoy chili dogs professionally prepared by ARCS's own chef, President Cliff Chetwood. For most, it was another enjoyable day filled with camaraderie and the excitement of model aviation at ARCS. Here are some highlights.

- President Cliff Chetwood, after many turns of the propeller and several aching shoulders, brought his *EXTRA 260's* DA 70 engine to life and successfully completed the maiden flight of his plane.
- Club member Jim Agnew piloted his vividly colored green and white *Great Planes Slow Poke* for its successful maiden flight. Jim personally covered the \$22 swap meet bargain with green clear coat covering.
- Gene Roper attempted to fly his homebuilt foam "Angry Bird" ornithopter for its maiden flight. However, issues with the CG caused the bird to nose into the ground numerous times, which clearly explains the angry demeanor of the bird.
- Jacob Basinger crashed his *Tiger Moth* at the far edge of the corn field, leaving behind little more than the electronics.
- Bill Surratt ended his flight with a spectacular performance, ultimately vanquishing his *Viper*.
- Joel McDonald showed precise 3-D flying skills with his *Flex Innovations AVIATION MAMBA* Biplane.

**Jim Witthauer**

### Cliff's Notes

I would like to thank everyone for your participation in last month's meeting and ARCS Fun Fly. Thank you very much to those that have helped. I would also like to thank and acknowledge those that have volunteered to be committee chairmen and members. Simon has taken the Awards and Recognition chairman position with Bill Cody volunteering to be one of his committee members. Juan Galvez has taken Chief Flight Instructor and Chris Freeman is the Safety Instructor along with Jim Agnew. I am taking Field Maintenance and Equipment Maintenance. I am looking forward to working with everyone. We still have plenty of positions to fill for anyone that would like to contribute. I know that with the great group of guys that make up this club, we will have this club in tip top shape for us all to enjoy. I look forward to seeing everyone that can make it to the meeting or at the field soon!



Blue skies and butter landings to you all!

Cliff Chetwood  
President, ARCS

### ARCS Meeting Minutes April 21 , 2026

The meeting was called to order April 21st at 7:00 p.m. The March 2026 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Treasurer's Report was read.

Checking	\$3,394
Savings	\$9,868
Total	\$13,263

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

**Guests: None**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The **Fun Fly** is **April 26th** 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. Please submit articles to Jimmy to add to newsletter

Buck Murray: Website

Jim Witthauer: Pictures and Foodbank

The Club donated 271 lbs. of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in March 2026. Total for the year is 785 lbs. Thanks to all who donated. **Keep up the good work, folks!** Just put the food in the "Fun Fly Barrel".

**FIELD CONDITIONS:**

- Bill Ponseigo's memorial plaque is ready to mount
- The new memorial plaque for past members is being made for the field. If you find a past member that was missed, please forward to Jim Witthauer

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bill Ponseigo's memorial brick has been installed at the AMA Walk Of Fame

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chris Freeman was selected for new Safety Officer
- Jim Agnew selected as a second Safety Officer
- Cliff Chetwood recommended several committees that need would need a chairperson to assist in club operations
  1. Field Maintenance
  2. Equipment Maintenance
  3. Pavilion Maintenance
  4. Awards and Recognition
  5. Chief Flight Instructor
  6. Event Coordinator
  7. Funfly Coordinator
  8. Youth Group

**SHOW AND TELL:**

- George Wilson brought a vintage Falcon 56 with an OS 40 and old Airtronics FM radio that had been converted to 2.4 G
- Jim Agnew showed his Slo Poke finished in transparent covering that he procured at a swap meet
- Steve Jenkins displayed his homemade transmitter holder
- Rob Lane brought his freestanding multi wing/plane storage rack for youth members to build at the field for a youth project in June

**CRASH OF THE MONTH:**

- Cliff Chetwood's 3D printed F35 was too heavy for hand launching with the EDF he installed. Considering more power and/or adding a gear.
- Jake Basinger's T-28 went inverted and crashed totalling the plane
- Bob Severance's P-39 got too low and lost a fight with the fence

**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.

Clifford Chetwood won the FMS 64mm FA-18 Hornet

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

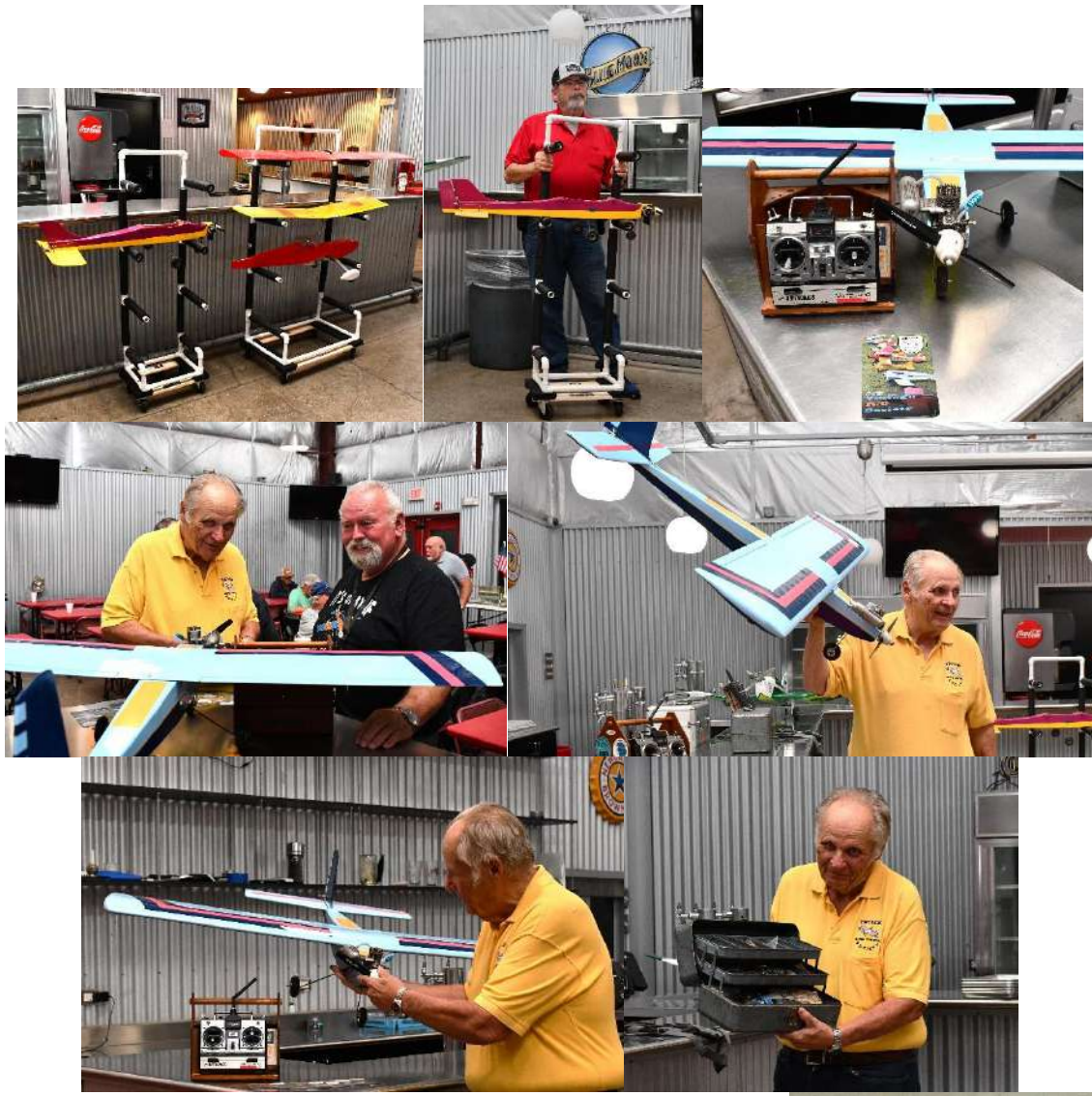


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**April Meeting Photos  
Jim Witthauer**







### April Fun Fly Photos Jim Witthauer+













