

The PRANG



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Meeting Minutes

March meeting of the Austin Radio Control Association

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Tom Sewell at 6:50 PM. There were 25 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report for February was read and accepted as read.

Old business:

Field clean up April 5th, a good turnout is required to get the field in shape for the upcoming events.

Volunteers are needed for the events in April, see Pat Fernandez or Ken White.

We will wait until after the April events to switch refuse companies.

New business:

The gun club has received 1 bid of \$7500 so far to fix the road. They are looking to get at least 2 more bids. If anyone knows someone who can supply a bid call one of the officers, so they can relay the information to the gun club. Some members would like a survey on what frequencies are most used. A survey may be sent out in the Prang.

Blue Max nominees

Jack Otto lost control while taxiing, broke James' water bottle and cut the tail off Phil's Kaos. Tom Sewell took off and discovered he failed to plug in the ailerons. Qifan Chen took off with the ailerons reversed and crashed.

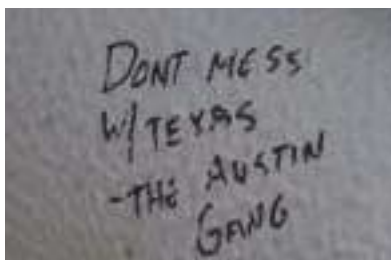
Jack Otto took home the Blue Max.

Six gallons of fuel donated by M. Hammond (Mr. PowerMaster) was raffled off. Many thanks to Ham for his continued generosity to the club.

Jeff Piatt won the door prize

A request for a how to make plugs and mold fiberglass parts was made and we will try to do this at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM



The preceding message was delivered to Saddam courtesy of the U.S. Navy. One of our "jet" friends Buck Garza who drives a F-18 for a real job "arranged" the delivery.



Next Meeting
Thursday Evening
April 24th
7:00 pm
at the Flying Field

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Upcoming Club Events:

April

24th Club Meeting

25th -27th Any Scale Warbird

May

29th Club Meeting

June

26th Club Meeting

July

31st Club Meeting

August

28th Club Meeting

Please support ARCA!
Come help out at the Warbird event this weekend!

2003 ARCA Officers

President	Keith Whitley
Vice President	Tom Sewell
Treasurer	Lloyd Ligon
Secretary	Dick Maus

Members at Large

Jeff Piatt & Pat Fernandez
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Jet Rally Report



Let me open by saying for the first time since I can remember, weather was not an issue in the days leading up to the event, nor during the actual event itself. ARCA also was able to garner actual news coverage of the event on the KXAN and KVUE, the two highest ranked Austin news services on the Friday evening and Saturday morning reports.

For those of you looking for numbers, here are the stats: 33 registered pilots. Two crashes. 70 steaks on Saturday, over 100 fajitas and a dozen pizzas consumed on Friday.

The Mississippi gang burned over 55 gallons of jet-a over the weekend. Vernon Montgomery, Dennis Lott, Rick Yelverton and David Reid put on a whale of a show with their Bob Violett Model's Bobcats, and the thrust-vectoring Firebird performing Dennis' now well known "chicken flop" maneuver. Phil Nuza and Eddie Weeks from Louisiana were giving them a run for their money in logging incredible flights until Eddie had a flameout in a less than favorable position damaging his gear with a long downwind landing. Phil did double duty to cover for Eddie's down time. Phil and Eddie also broke out the "rig" and did a flight much to the delight of pilot's and spectators alike.

From Texas we had the usual suspects from Dallas, Kevin Whitlow and Mike Jensen. Dawn and Steve Ellzey joined us from Grand Prairie. Ray Blair, Kevin Thole, and Don Yockey, were joined by several others from the Houston area. Tom Perry and Tom Puetz also joined in from San Antonio and New Braunfels as well. Lots of Bobcats, which seem to be the sport jet du'jour. Tom's F-104 continues to amaze, along with Mike Kulczyk's F-84. F-4's, F-15's, F-16's, F-18's along with an L-1011 and a BD-5 rounded out the scale models.

A little lighter turnout than previous years. The Colorado bunch was noticeably absent due to work and other commitments, but there was plenty of flying all weekend from those in attendance, who gave rave reviews of the weather, the new shelter, and the event overall.

After all was tallied the event netted \$880 for the club. We might have made a bit more, but when we started to get the shopping list together, the club needed to restock everything prior to the event. I also want to thank everyone who helped out in preparation for the event and during the event as well. Thanks to the crew who worked the "field clean up" day. Thanks also to Murry, Jim, Jeff, Robin, Gwen, Bill, Lorraine, Dick, Tom, Keith, Loyd, Steve - everyone who are always there to help pull these events off.

Awards went as follows:

Tom Perry won Best scale finish F-104
 Rob Puetz won Best scale performance F-15
 Dawn Ellzey won Best Sport Finish - Bobcat
 Phil Nuza won Best Sport Performance - Bandit
 Mike Jensen won Pilots Choice - F4
 David Reid won Top Gun - Bobcat



Doug Arnold's new baby above is the PCM models L-1011. Powered by a single turbine in the tail. Left is what can only be called "the rig". Big AMT turbine can rotate 90 degrees to lift, then transition to forward flight.

Numerous heli-tail props control level flight while hovering. I will post more photos on the website soon. Check at www.austinrc.org in the next week or so.