



# The A R F NEWS

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Frank O'Neill	Larry Hultman
Mike Muehr	

## Upcoming Club Events

<b>August 9th</b>	Club Meeting
<b>August 16th and 17th</b>	Stinger Wallace Fly In

## Next Meeting

Saturday  
August 9th  
11:00 am  
At the  
Flying Field

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## The Presidents Corner

By Joe Hebert

### Summer Time Blues

Our Summer fun fly went off without a hitch. Attendance was down a little, probably due to the heat as much as the gas prices. But, the important thing was that it was *fun*.

The club owes a big thank-you to Mr. B.B. Burress. (Don Hirt's father-in-law) He donated the fish for our event which, reportedly, was received quite well. I sent a thank-you card, but the next time you see Mr. Burress, give him a good ole ARF thanks!

We received a pick-up truck load of food which Frank delivered to the food bank. They were in real need and were very pleased with our donation. We never document the amount of food we collect but this year it looked to me like we had the most generous donations by our attendees of any year I can recall. The "food table" had a real nice load on it and the food pretty much filled up the bed of Frank's truck. It made me proud of our club to know we contributed to help our local needy.

Well, this month we will be hosting the first annual Stinger Wallace Fun Fly along with our fellow flyers from Lufkin. It is a two-day event and hopefully will be heavily attended. Let's all go out and enjoy blue skies, warm (OK, hot) weather, and the fellowship that comes with R/C flying.

### Spring Fling Fly-In 2008

Here we are again, July 2008, 100 degrees plus – calm winds and another Fly-In at the ARF club. For members that did not come the weather was great for flying. We had 23 registered pilots; some came from as far away as Laporte, Texas. Only had one crash the whole day, and don't you know it the food was the best thing.

The Catfish dinner was another hit!! We still have people come just to eat the dinner with us and support the club. Ain't that great!!

All things went smooth thanks to Lloyd Parrisher and Don Ellsworth working the impound station, and Mike Muehr and Larry Hultman running the event. Big thanks go out to the cooks, Frank O'Neill and Joe Hebert and Ruth O'Neill and Leo Herbert and Mike Muehr.

We had a bunch of different planes flying all day long. The weather was hot, but if it got too hot you could ease on down to Van Cox's area and enjoy some cool breeze thanks to his portable cool machine he brought out. Man it was nice. Come to think of it, after that hair raising flight he put on his Sukhoi I can see why he brought that cool machine, you need it after that workout.

See you at the next Fly-In, Larry Hultman.

## Minutes of Last Meeting

### Regular meeting of ARF R/C Flying Club 07/11/08.

Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurers Report — Bank \$1412.92

Joe emailed all local clubs about our fly-in and 8-9 answered.

Planning for fish fry.

Mike and Joe have cookers

Fish and Hush Puppies

Pilots get food ticket at impound when they pay landing fee. Others will be charged \$5.00 per plate.

Remember canned goods for food bank.

Move to adjourned, seconded.

### Flying 845

Well the ARF finally got their hands dirty. Larry Hultman and Don Hirt have been working with the Coldsprings Boy Scouts Pack 845. The class has 8 – 10 students in it. They meet at the United Methodist Church every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Larry went there three weeks ago to talk to the troops master and give a short demo (videos) and they decided to go for the Aviation badge.

As I write this article, I've already had four sessions with the scouts. I've noticed that in the bunch of 8 – 9 kids 2 or three are bright as a candle and a couple that are just I don't care kind of kids. But with some class participation they all seemed to come together. The class has already built the wings, tail feathers, and they are starting the fuselage now. In a couple more sessions they should be done with that, if all goes right they should be out at our field flying that plane somewhere in September, earning their Aviation badges.

I'll report the progress of troop 845 more in the upcoming months of the ARF newsletter.

Larry Hultman reporting from Pack 845

## On the Road Again

By Larry Hultman

### Bomber Field Trip

Well it's that time again. The road trip begins. The ARF club will be there with a covered area. This year we are going to have a 10 x 40 area on the front line "show center"

If you have not seen Mac Hodges B-29, well you're in for a show. This is the biggest event in Texas as far as I know. If you plan on going, wear your colors and represent the club there in yellow. All of the club members are welcome to the covered area in the pits. (Wear your colors to get in the pits with us).

Larry and Don Hirt will be leaving out a week before to set up base camp and covered area. Larry will be there all week till the show is over. If you want to fly early in the week at Bomber come on out, it's free till Friday. Registration starts Friday, \$20.00 for pilots.

I hope to see you there. If anyone wants to spend the night room is available at base camp. Limited power and A/C. If the heat is too much for someone we will have A/C to cool down, emergency only.

Don't forget your chair.

Larry Hultman

## The Doctors Report

By Larry Hultman

### Continuation on batteries

Why cycle? The only sure way to test the overall goodness of a NiCad battery pack is to cycle it. No other test exists that will tell whether or not a NiCad is deteriorating and losing capacity. Since we know the amount of time it takes to discharge the pack, we then know the amount of safe flying time that exists. Since we also know the amount of current that was being removed from the pack, we can calculate the actual operational capacity of the pack and compare it to the rated capacity of the pack. For example: If a pack that is rated 500mah is only delivering 300mah in a cycle, we know it is going bad and needs replacement before it crashes an airplane.

## Upcoming Area Events

**AUG 16-17--Livingston, TX (C) 1st Annual Stinger Wallace Memorial Big Bird Fun Fly.**  
Site: Elwood Field GPS: 30.78025, -94.9635361.  
Sponsor: ARF R/C Club #4093. CD: Mike Muehr, 143 Gwendlyn, Livingston, TX 77351.  
Phone: 936-967-0487(day) 936-967-0487(eve) E-Mail: [jayp266@livingston.net](mailto:jayp266@livingston.net) 80inch Mono; 60 inch Biplane. Come join us in the celebration of the life of a great pilot. \$20 landing fee. Concessions on site. Campers welcome; no hook-ups

**SEP 19-20--Monaville, TX (C) B-17 Gathering & Scale Big Bird.** Site: Bomber Field GPS: 29.93937, -96.0594. Events: Sponsor: Bomber Field, Inc. #2307. CD: Nick Stratos, 10003 Rocky Hollow, LaPorte, TX 77571. Phone: 713-857-4108(day) 281-471-6762(eve) E-Mail: [nls1941@comcast.net](mailto:nls1941@comcast.net) WebSite: [www.bomberfield.com](http://www.bomberfield.com) Scale Big Bird; Minims of 80" Mono, 60" Bipe. Any scale war-bird or civilian \$20 landing fee. RVs welcome, come early, no hook-ups. Hamburgers, cold drinks, & souvenirs available. Raffle plane is a Fleet Bi-plane W/5 cylinder radial engine. Vendor spots available for \$25. Call to reserve your spot. Paved and grass runway.

Also it is healthy to periodically cycle the battery packs to keep their capacity at a maximum by clearing any internal shorts that may be developing and erase the memory effect. An effect being a NiCad is repeatedly asked to deliver a certain amount of capacity and not supplying the amount it's asking for on a charge cycle  
Till next time  
The Doctor

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Get together with your group and set up a time to mow either on Thursday or Friday.

Don't forget to check the oil level and tire pressure.

Don't forget to clean the mower deck when finished.

Please remember to clean the restroom before you leave.

Please report any mower problems to Frank O'Neill or Mike Muehr.