

Happy New Year Club members !!!! (well, almost the new year)

It is a new year and a new President for ARCC.

Before I go on, I think Ray Dukart did a great job as president !! I don't expect to fill his shoes but am a quick learner and hope to do a decent job.

My name is David Reed and here is a little about myself.

My first experience with R/C was about 15 years ago. I purchase a 40 size trainer and went out to Maloof to learn how to fly. I was able to find one of the fine trainers to help me and solo'd in a couple of weeks. I soon was getting bored with the trainer and purchased a 40 size Uproar. I had my hands full with this plane. About my third flight on it, I took off and started my bank to turn and it starts going crazy. I had no idea what was going on but it ended up in a bunch of little pieces. Well after it went down I started heading towards it and looked down at my radio and guess what I forgot to do? Put it this way, I didn't have to pull my antennae back in :(I was so mad and frustrated that I quit for the next 12 years. About three years ago I noticed people were flying electric planes at Arroyo Del Oso (about 5 minutes from my house). As a business owner I didn't have three or four hours to spend going out to Maloof like I did 12 years earlier, but thought with electrics and the field five minutes away I could get away for maybe an hour each day to do some flying. I was getting excited about this hobby again. With lots of help from the regulars at ADO I was flying again. Then the heli bug got me. I couldn't figure out how they worked or how to control them on my simulator and definitely not on a real R/C one. I love challenges so the rest is history. I flew my first Fun Fly last year and had a blast. I even won a Magic so I am all set for next year. My electric P-51 doesn't have landing gear so I was out for the Scale Meet but I got to take a bunch of pictures. The Labor Day Airshow was a blast and so was the Heli meet. I was asked to be President and was unsure because I have only been a club member for less than a year and don't have a whole lot of experience yet, but decided to give it a go.

I have quite a few new ideas and hope to keep the club a fun time for everyone.

I would like to ask everyone to help me out. I want to get to know everyone better and have put together a little 5 minute questionnaire. I have tried to make it easy with multiple answers, so just click on reply and type in the letters that apply. Feel free to expand on any if you like.

I am really looking forward to this up and coming year and the good times and good friends it will bring.

I am not planning on sharing specific answers with anybody but want to get a feel for how the members feel about the club and where it is headed in general. I will discuss the general consensus with the other officers and members to help plan a great year.

Do you want your answers shared with other club members?

- a. Yes
- b. No

1. How many club meetings do you attend a year?

- a. 1-2
- b. 3-4
- c. 5-6
- d. 7-8
- e. 9-10

f. 11-12

2. Which event is your favorite?

- a. Kids day
- b. Scale Meet
- c. Fun Fly
- d. Labor Day Airshow
- e. Heli meet

3. What are the three things you like most at the meetings?

- a. Programs
- b. Plane of the month
- c. Plane raffle
- d. Fuel raffle
- e. Getting together with friends
- f. Talking about R/C stuff
- g. Learning from peers
- f. business part of the meeting
- g. Going to Whataburger after the meeting

4. What do you like best about ARCC and/or the meetings?

5. What would you like to see changed about ARCC and/or the meetings?

6. How often do you fly?

- a. less than once a month
- b. once or twice a month
- c. 3-4 times a month
- d. More than once a week

7. Where do you fly the most?

- a. Maloof
- b. RMFM
- c. Mesa del Sol
- d. Balloon Fiesta Park
- e. Arroyo del Oso
- f. Rio Rancho
- g. Belen
- h. Other (please specify)

8. Do you attend the indoor fun fly?

9. Do you have any ideas to make the club experience more fun?

10. What would you like to see the membership numbers do?

- a. stay the same
- b. increase
- c. decrease

11. Would you like to help in any way at the events we put on?

12. Would you be willing to be a board member to help with certain tasks (ie: media, club property management, membership)

That's all. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete and send this back to me.

Let's go Fly !!

■ David Reed