



## Boerne Area Model Society

Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter 3787

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# BAMS Fall Fun Fly and News Release

September 25, 2021

The Boerne Area Model Society (BAMS) is very happy to announce that the Kendall County Animal Shelter at Joshua Springs Park and Preserve has been selected as the beneficiary of our 2021 Fall Fun Fly. A \$1,750 donation will be presented to them on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Typically, BAMS raises about a thousand dollars for the selected charity but always hopes for more! These public events evolve from BAMS community outreach and involvement program as stated in our bylaws. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.boernerc.org>. This year, the event was held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 8 am. until 5 pm. In addition to flying, there were model aircraft related raffles, a silent auction, and a great lunch.

Each year BAMS sponsors a model flying event at Kendall County's Joshua Springs Park and Preserve, just north of Boerne on IH-10. BAMS invites pilots from the surrounding area clubs to come fly with us and enjoy the weekend; residents of the area also invited to enjoy the park, visit with pilots and see the models up close.

The purpose of this social event is for all to have fun with their planes and to meet and fly with other pilots and for BAMS to raise money for a donation to one of the local charities. This year we also remembered one of our founding members, George Sheffield. Typically, we have 50 attending pilots and 100 to 150 public spectators. We often have representatives from our national organization: the Academy of Model Aeronautics in attendance.

In the past BAMS has donated to local children's homes, Boerne and Kendall County Animal shelters, KLRN, the Boerne Library, Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries, and several other Kendall County area charities. All together, BAMS has donated almost \$8,300 to local charities.

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BAMS has additionally arranged to support the Kendall County Youth Ag and Equestrian Center Family Fest on Saturday, October 2, 2021. BAMS will provide the pilots, fuel, and model airplanes for Radio Control and Control Line training flights for the winner of their UAV propeller auction.

On the next day, October 3, pilots will participate in a national control line flying event, the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon. This event is based on a 1950's era model airplane and celebrates "old style" control line flying of an antique airplane. In 2019, a record 550 pilots from around the world flew a Ringmaster during that event. We hope to better that record this year.

During 2020-1, BAMS took the initiative to beautify and upgrade its flying field and support facilities. In particular, we refurbished a taxiway to make it safer and easier to use, added fill to the roadway for easier entrance to the parking area, and added a sunshade to the Control Line flight area - thereby making flying control line flying more enjoyable and accessible.

Overall, COVID-19 has cost BAMS about 20 members since 2019. It has also forced us to cancel two public fund raising events that had been planned over the last 18 months. So we're excited about the success of our 2021 Fall Fun Fly and the upcoming KCYAEC events and look forward to better years ahead.

Bob Weiss,  
2021 BAMS President

Event sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Event 11717, 6/23/2021

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