

# The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.  
April 2004



This month's meeting will be held  
Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the  
Ronald McDonald House Meeting  
Room in Temple.



*Spring  
Picnic/ First  
Combat April  
25<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Central Texas Air  
Show May 1<sup>st</sup> and  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pattern Contest  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
23<sup>rd</sup>*


## 2004 Officers

President: Jeff Pitts  
780-2245  
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Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
982-4746  
Safety Officer: Frank Sodek, Sr.  
642-3526  
Field Marshals: John Redwine  
773-2742  
John Rovetto  
939-5659

## Temple Event Schedule

Apr 25	Spring Picnic/First Combat
May 1-2	Temple Air Show
May 22-23	Pattern Contest
Jun 6	Combat
Jun 13	Sanctioned Fun Fly
Jul 11	Combat
Aug 1	Combat
Aug 29	Combat
Sep 12	Combat
Sep 26	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 3	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 17	Poker Fly
Oct 27	Last Beginners' Night
Dec 5	Ronald McDonald/ Toys for Tots Fly-In
Dec 13	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr.		773-8081
Mark Cullison		773-9686
Steve Meyer		939-6394
Paul Horan		780-1274
B.W. Ponder		778-6182

## On The Cover

And the winner is... Succumbing to pressure from President Pitts, Mark Cullison agreed to showcase the winning airplane from the Mall Show's People's Choice competition on this month's cover. The bi-plane is the Midwest Super Stearman kit with several scale details added. It only took him about seven years to complete (had to take a break and build a shop to finish it.) Mark hopes to have the 65 inch wing span biplane flying by mid-summer utilizing a 9CAP Futaba PCM radio and a Thunder Tiger .91 four stroke engine.

Photo by Patty Cullison

## District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

May 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bird Fly-In, Ft. Worth, TX
May 8	Bill Slater Memorial Warbird Fly-In, Benbrook, TX
May 14-16	<b>Warbirds Over Waco, Waco, TX</b>
May 15	Unlimited Float Fly, Weatherford, TX
May 22-23	Texas Scale Championships – Scale Masters Qualifier, Benbrook, TX
May 22-23	Dawn Patrol Rally (WWI), Kingsbury, TX

Mark Cullison Co-Editor 773-9686  
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**President's Report**

by *Jeff Pitts*

Temple Aero Modelers,

On the last weekend in April, at Colonial Mall  
 We gathered to show off our wares.  
 We set our planes on tables, hung them on the wall  
 And took turns sitting in the chairs.

Men and women, children of all ages  
 Marveled at our collection.  
 They flipped through magazines, staring at pages  
 And participated in the favorite plane election.

More than 650 people came to look at our planes;  
 It was a thrill for many just to be near one.  
 They bought raffle tickets and played computer games,  
 And the contest was won by Mark's Stearman.

Thanks to everyone who made the Mall Show such a  
 success.

See you at the field,  
*Jeff Pitts*  
 780-2245  
 jeffpittscarpet@earthlink.net

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**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,415.23</u>
Total Deposits:	211.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Frank Sodek, Jr. (Raffle Plane).....	303.09
AMA Club Charter.....	90.00
Total Debits:	(413.09)
Balance March 2004	<u>\$5,213.14</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
 Club Treasurer

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Jeff Pitts at 7:24pm

Mark Cullison summarized the minutes from February meeting; accepted by Paul Horan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Rovetto, carried.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report; accepted by Steve Meyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Sodek, Sr., carried.

**Old Business**

**Mall Show**

Jeff Pitts commented/summarized on the Mall Show; Sherri Pitts presented the results from the Peoples Choice Award and the ticket sales for the Trainer Raffle as follows: Peoples Choice: 651 votes cast:

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Mark Cullison/Stearman: 207 votes
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Don Cullison/P51 Mustang: 75 votes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Steve Meyer/31% Edge: 70 votes
- 4<sup>th</sup>-BW Ponder/Helicopter: 66 votes
- 5<sup>th</sup>-Don Cullison/RV4: 35 votes

Raffle: \$272 Saturday  
\$102 Sunday  
 \$379 Total

Suggestions aired for next year's show.

**Killeen TAG**

Jeff Pitts commented on flight training with TAG; 3 instructors with students from 2 schools were in attendance; great day was enjoyed by all.

**Safety**

Frank Sodek, Sr. made reference to an article in the AMA magazine by Dave Brown in reference to safety; suggested everyone should read it

**Field Maintenance**

Safety netting has been repaired/replaced on most of the Pilot stations/barricades; mowing is ongoing; parking lot boundary cables have been repaired; windsock is in need of repair; Frank Sodek, Jr. offered to replace; Jeff Pitts gave appreciation to field maintenance team

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## Web Site

Jeff Pitts stated that web site needed updating to include photos from Mall Show

## Air Show

Frank Sodek, Jr. gave update; tentative program outlined; suggestions aired; stated one more meeting remaining to finalize plans.

## Fun Fly

Buster Hinkle gave an update; the long staling date observed by the club for this event has been honored; will take place as intended on June 13

## Tree Trimming

Jeff Pitts stated he has received feed back from Lance Starzyk; Jeff offered to author a letter to the Corp of Engineers outlining our request and/or proposal both short and long term.

## New Business

### Field Maintenance

Jeff Pitts suggested a work day on the weekend before the annual Spring Picnic; possible April 17; stated that storage shed needs cleaning out; Red Safety Line needs repainting; maintenance team stated they will repaint; reference made to newest member of club residing under the shed 'Le Skunk' by Paul Horan; maintenance team will look into matter; need for signage advising spectators to stay behind fence; Jeff to look into making new signs; trash cans in need of replacing; some members offered to replace.

### Beginners Night

First beginner's flight training night to commence Wednesday, April 7

### AMA New Pilot Liability

Jeff Pitts received information in regards to New Pilot Liability; discussion aired/tabled; vote called by Frank Sodek, Jr. to purchase the AMA information package being offered for \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Pitts, carried

### Waco Pattern

Paul Horan gave an update, offered to assist anyone who was interested in participating

## Spring Picnic

Sunday, April 25; first Combat match of the season; Frank Sodek, Jr. offered to provide drinks; same format as previous years; to start at 1:00pm

## Combat

Mark Cullison tabled question whether current format/rules used by club need to be changed or modified; discussion aired including slow survivable combat format; no action taken.

## Pattern Match

Updated presented; general information given; BW Ponder to give Judging School/Classes; Steve Meyer to provide generator; Frank Sodek, Jr. cash box and change; BW scoring materials; Moffat BBQ to cater; sign up sheet circulated.

## Trip Reports

Frank Sodek, Jr. summarized recent trip to New Zealand

## Blunder Awards

Two reports presented for voting: Doug Staines tried to decapitate a tree with his trainer; needed a new wing for the effort; Jeff Pitts on landing his Ultra Stick 60 took an immediate 90 degree departure straight for himself; crashed into safety barrier; wing needed repairing; Jeff won by landslide.

## Announcement

Frank Sodek, Jr. announced that he was accepting a new job in Austin; he said that he will maintain active participation with the club as much as possible.

## New Jackets

Frank Sodek, Sr. aired the possibility if enough interest existed to purchase New Club Jackets; information to be forwarded to Jeff Pitts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm

Submitted by *Doug Staines*  
Acting Secretary

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## Safety Report

by Frank Sodek, Sr.

Spring has sprung and Daylight Savings Time has arrived. Wednesday pilot training has begun. With the activity increasing at the field, I would like to remind everyone to think 'Safety'. We have a very good safety record so let's keep it that way. Always check your planes for anything that may have come unglued after each day of flying and before you come to the flying field. If you are not flying, be alert to what is going on around you. Not long ago, we had an airplane crash a short distance from the pits and the parking lot.

AMA is really pushing safety at this time. It seems some clubs have had some safety problems. All clubs will be required to have a Safety Officer starting in 2005. District VIII safety coordinator, Don Nix, wants all clubs in his District VIII to appoint a contact person ASAP, if they don't have a safety officer

Remember to think safety. Keep planes right side up and out of the trees.

Submitted by *Frank Sodek, Sr.*  
Safety Officer

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Recent Wednesday evening training sessions...



## COMBAT TIME IS HERE!!!

Just a reminder for all you thrill seekers out there. The first round of combat will take place at the Spring Picnic after we get though stuffing our faces full of all that great food! (Approximately 2pm or so) C'mon out and enjoy the fun!

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## Field Maintenance Day

**Date -- Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Time -- 10 a.m.**

Projects to include: weed eating, cleaning out shed, spraying edge of the landing strip with weed killer, washing the inside of the latrines, cutting grass, repairing barricades, stripe painting and general clean-up

Bring: whatever tools, equipment, etc. you have that might help

Submitted by *John Rovetto*  
Co-Field Marshal

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## Central Texas Airshow

by *Frank Sodek, Jr.*

Our club will be having a booth at the Central Texas Airshow during the first weekend of May (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) to show off a few planes and hand out info about our club to spectators. The plane display will be much smaller and simpler for this show compared to the mall show. A few club members will also put on a flying demonstration to start the airshow each day. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the ARF trainer which will be given away at the end of the show on Sunday.

I will have a signup sheet for booth time at the next club meeting. Club members helping out in our booth will get a free pass for the weekend. If you can't make it to the meeting, give me a call and I'll sign you up to help. I will pick up the passes on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and hand them out at the club picnic and also at the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,  
*Frank*

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## ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS:

### It's Raffle Time!

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find a page of raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser. We are once again giving away a trainer/engine/radio combo built and ready to fly. (Don't forget to mention free flying lessons too!)

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the end of the Temple Air Show. We will be selling the raffle tickets at our booth at the Temple Air Show. Please copy them and/or cut them out and sell as many as you can. Additional tickets will be available at the event. Price is one dollar each, or six tickets for five dollars. Please bring any tickets sold and money collected to our air show booth or the April club meeting.

# 2004 Mall Show Photos



Debra Justice

Young mall patron admiring a Cub on display. "But Dad, I just gotta touch it!"



Mark Cullison

First year member Doug Staines (right) turned out to be an outstanding ambassador for the club.



Mark Cullison

Shari Pitts working the desk, selling raffle tickets and handing out ballots and info. President Jeff Pitts can be seen in the background working the crowd.



Debra Justice

Safety Officer, Frank Sodek, Sr. taking a turn at occupying the "Hot Seat".



Mark Cullison

Scott Justice (left) discussing modeling techniques with a potential RC'er. Scott and Debra Justice are our District VIII AMA Education Coordinators!



Jeff Pitts

Fred Huber (in hat) shows a throng of youngsters the fine art of R/C flying, "virtual style" on two computers he brought to the show.



## Temple Aero Modelers Combat League Rules

- 1) All contestants must be Temple Aero Modeler Club members and present a valid AMA card for each round.
- 2) Each streamer cut is one point awarded to the cutting pilot. Each pilot receives one point for participating that day.
- 3) In the event of a mid-air, if one's aircraft can safely fly through the end of the round, and lands in a controlled fashion, that pilot will be awarded a point.
- 4) Landing before the end of the round for no apparent reason will cause the forfeiture of points for that round. Radio/engine trouble, out of gas, midair collisions, etc. are valid reasons and will not cause forfeiture of points.
- 5) Each round shall consist of 6 minutes beginning when all pilots are ready.
- 6) If a streamer is lost due to being improperly secured, the aircraft must land.
- 7) A maximum of six aircraft will be allowed for each round.
- 8) On any given day, every pilot will have equal number of opportunities to fly if possible.
- 9) Each pilot will enlist a helper/spotter to assist in launching and/or scoring, and for safety.
- 10) The CD(s) will have final say on points awarded for the round.
- 11) Certificates or Trophies will be awarded to the top three aces at the end of the season.
- 12) Streamers will be 40' (or half of a new roll) long and tied to the aircraft with 15' – 20' of string.
- 13) Combat Flight Line has been established as the tree/brush line... all combat will take place East of the Combat Flight Line.
- 14) Engine(s) will be limited to .50ci total or less for each plane. All airplanes must comply with AMA safety rules.
- 15) All official combat league rounds will take place at the Temple Aero Modelers club airfield located in McGregor Park.



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