

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
April 2005



**This month's meeting will be held
Monday, April 25th at 7:30pm at the
Ronald McDonald House Meeting
Room in Temple.**



*Club Meeting
Apr 25th*

CLUB INFO

*Spring Picnic/
1st Combat –
Apr 24th
Central Texas Air
Show -
May 6th thru 8th*

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On The Cover

The Temple Aero Modelers were well represented at the Waco Pattern Contest this past weekend. Shown from left to right are Bobby Zikes, David Dusssetschleger, B.W. Ponder, and Paul Horan.

Photographer Kathy Ponder

Temple Event Schedule

Apr 24 Spring Picnic/1st Combat 1pm
Apr 25 Club Meeting 7:30pm
May 6-8 Central Texas Air Show -
Temple Airport
May 23 Club Meeting 7:30pm
(note: meeting one week early due to holiday)
May 28-29 Pattern Contest 8am
Jun 12 Sanctioned Fun Fly 10:30am
Jun 19 Combat 3pm
Jun 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 3 Combat 3pm
Jul 24 Combat 3pm
Jul 25 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 7 Three-Club Combat - Waco
Aug 21 Combat 3pm
Aug 26-28 AMA Grand Event – Waco
Aug 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 11 Combat 3pm
Sep 25 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 2 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 23 Poker Fly 11am
Oct 24 Club Meeting 7:30pm
(note: meeting one week early due to holiday)
Oct 26 Last Beginner's night
Nov 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 4 Ronald McDonald/
Toys for Tots Fly-In 1pm
Dec 12 Christmas Banquet/
Officer Elections 6:30pm

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President's Report

by *Jeff Pitts*

My Top 10 Goals for the 2005 Flying Season

10. To not put my frequency card on the wrong spot on the board.
9. To pop at least one balloon during the Fun Fly and remember how many loops I've made.
8. To avoid landing my combat plane in the pyrotechnics area at the Central Texas Air Show.
7. To stay far away from bull nettle and poison ivy.
6. To always remember to put my antenna up.
5. To not show up at the field with uncharged batteries.
4. To know when my radio is on high rates.
3. To keep the tree-monsters from making a meal of one of my planes.
2. To not win the Blunder Award, or at least not win it as many times as I did last year.
1. To not get locked in the out house.

See you at the field,

Jeff Pitts

780-2245

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Huh?

On a Canadian two-dollar bill,
the flag flying over the Parliament building is
an American flag.

(Editor's note: Maybe our resident Canadian, Doug Staines,
can verify this tidbit I gleaned from the AMA's National
Newsletter!)

Safety Officer's Report

by *Frank Sodek, Jr.*

The flying activity has really picked up at the field now that we've gone into Daylight Savings Time and have started our Wednesday evening training sessions. At tonight's training session I overheard a few pilots saying that they hadn't flown since last year, or else one of their planes hadn't been flown since last year. Please make sure to carefully preflight any plane that has been sitting in storage for an extended period of time. Especially important is to give your batteries a good check before flying. The best method to check your batteries is to place them on a cyclor and have it check the capacity of the pack. Several members have cyclors in the club. I have a Digi-Pace cyclor that I'm willing to loan to anyone needing it; John Redwine also has offered use of his cyclor.

On the AMA District-VIII email list there has lately been a rash of discussion regarding potential interference from cell phones when they are in close proximity to a transmitter. Part of the discussion also has involved potential susceptibility of non-volatile memory storage of model parameters in programmable transmitters to cell phone radiation. Of course both sides of the argument (they do/they don't cause interference) have been repeatedly presented. A reply to this issue on the email list from Steve Kaluf (who is the Competitions/Technical Director for the AMA) stated that there has never been (to his knowledge) an actual case of interference from a cell phone in the U.S. He reported an incident in the UK in which a cell phone left on a transmitter scrambled the model memory after it received a call. Steve has performed his own testing using his digital cell phone and has not observed any problems. He also reports that radio manufacturers state that powered up transmitters are not susceptible, and that they have improved the shielding around processors on newer radios. His recommendation is to keep a cell phone at least one foot away from any programmable transmitter that isn't powered up.

Please remember to always make sure your frequency pin is up before turning on your transmitter. It's easy to forget to put up the pin when you're in a hurry to get back into flying after a long winter of building, but it's something that is extremely important. Slow down a bit before that first flight and make sure everything is in order before the engine is started.

Fly Safely,
Frank

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Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:30pm by Jeff Pitts, President.

Jeff welcomed any new members or visitors; Ed Weems was acknowledged.

Minutes from February's meeting were read by Doug Staines, VP/Secretary; motion to accept Minutes as read made by Jim Guest; 2nd by Larry Macie, carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle; Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Jim Guest; 2nd by Fred Huber, carried.

Gate Lock: It was announced that the gate lock has been moved back to the club's gate at the entrance to the flying field.

Driveway Repair: Appreciation was extended to Larry Macie and David Dussetschleger for the recent driveway repair they had undertaken.

Club Clean Up: Slated for April 2; Jeff Pitts outlined a list of items that needed to be taken care of: building of shelves; signage; general cleaning; grass cutting/trimming; painting of entrance gate. Request was made for a generator and volunteers.

Field Maintenance: No report given.

Corp of Engineers: Meeting with Corp of Engineers; Jeff Pitts indicated that this was still pending.

Gas Grill: David Dussetschleger to donate one to the club and indicated that he would bring to the upcoming Club Clean up day.

Safety: No report was given; it was offered that the flying season has not actually started to warrant a report at this time. Jeff Pitts reminded everyone to use Sun Block.

Mall Show: Appreciation was extended to Frank Sodek, Jr., by Jeff Pitts for coordinating another successful Mall Show; report was presented by Frank Sodek, Jr. which included summaries on raffle and people's choice award winners; top 5 finishers were announced and awards handed out to those in attendance.

Central Texas Air Show: Frank Sodek, Jr. gave a summary/update in this regards; reference made to a request

by the organizers to hold preliminary Air show media interviews and demonstrations using members of the club displaying some aircraft.

AMA Grand Event: John Hill gave a summary/update.

Web Site: Shari Pitts gave a report/update; Web Address is www.templeaeromodelers.org

Bob Higginbotham: Jeff Pitts had indicated that Bob had 'willed' all of his RC related collection to Jeff; discussion was aired in regards to a possible memorial in Bob's name.

Partner's in Education: The Temple Daily Telegram had presented a certificate of appreciation to the Club sponsoring Linda Zikes, Western Hills Elementary School/Class for the 2004-2005 Season.

Liability Insurance: Jeff Pitts made reference to the Club's Liability Insurance Policy that he had recently received.

R/C Armageddon: John Hill presented an update in this regard; John also had several completed combat SPAD's on display for sale to members.

Pattern: Bobby Zikes provided an update in reference to the upcoming Pattern Match slated for May 28-29.

Property Line/Fence: Jeff Pitts reminded everyone to be mindful and respectful of the Mr. Brown's property and fence especially with the flying season about to start.

Beginner's Night: 1st beginner's Night will be on Wednesday April 6; 'New Pilot Training Program' discussion aired in regards to liability issues; no action taken.

Combat: Discussion in regards to awarding trophies to the Top 3 Finishers of the Season; motion made to accept such a proposal by Jeff Pitts, 2nd by Frank Sodek, Jr.; carried.

Spring Picnic: Slated for Sunday April 24, will feature 1st Combat Match of the season; plans outlined to include: Pot Luck Lunch with Frank Sodek, Jr. providing drinks.

Blunder Awards: Two candidates for this month's award; David Dussetschleger crashed his newly acquired pattern plane; Larry Macie crashed his plane when he switched from lo-throws to hi-throws. David was declared the winner.

Show & Tell: Video was shown of the recent Television Interview with Doug Staines and David Dussetschleger in regards to the Mall Show. BW Ponder gave a demonstration of

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his newly acquired Futaba 14 Channel Radio. Fred Huber displayed his new electric Dr.1 tri-plane.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm, motioned by John Redwine and 2nd by Buster Hinkle

Respectfully submitted; *Doug Staines*, VP/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,002.19</u>
Credits	
Dues.....	240.00
Shirts.....	16.00
Indoor Fly-In.....	100.00
Total Deposits:	356.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
John Redwine(fertilizer).....	214.50
Mark Cullison (stamps).....	37.00
AMA Club Charter.....	90.00
AMA Intro Flyers.....	25.00
Jeff Pitts (drinks/taco soup fly-in).....	20.96
Total Debits:	(407.46)
Balance March 2005	<u>\$4,950.73</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

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! C'mon out and enjoy the fun!

If you have any questions, please contact me at 773-9686 or mcullison@swmail.sw.org.

Mark Cullison
 Combat CD (unofficial)

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 (May 6th thru 8th, including a Friday night show this year) 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 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 or send me an email and I'll sign you up to help. Several club members have also signed up to help as volunteers for the airshow. Volunteer tasks range from flightline duties, running the ice cart, manning the information booth plus several others. Volunteers get a T-shirt and a weekend pass for the airshow.

Regards,
 Frank

Truthisms

- * Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of takeoffs you've made.
- * There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
- * You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
- * Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.
- * Remember, gravity is not just a good idea—it's the law and it's not subject to repeal.
- * It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
- * In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero, the ground has yet to loose.

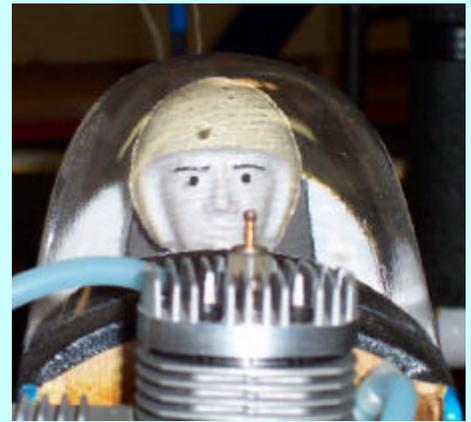
From Space City Crash
 Space City RC Club
 Mike Crotts, editor

Those Daring Young Men...

In our flying machines.



**These
brave
fellows
were
photo-
graphed
during our
annual
Mall Show
this past
March.**



All photos by Fred Huber,
except for one by Mark Cullison.

DRAWING!

Who: Temple Aero Modelers Club

What: Complete Ready-to-Fly Radio Control Airplane with free flying lessons

Where: Central Texas Air Show Temple Airport

When: Sunday, May 8th, 2005

How: \$1 DONATION

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District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

- Apr 30-01 Central Texas Jet Rally, Austin, TX
- May 7 Sherman SSC Combat Challenge, Sherman, TX
- May 7-8 Float Fly, Monaville, TX
- May 14 Thunderbirds Memorial Warbird, Lake Benbrook, TX
- May 14 8th Annual Open Fly-In, Houston, TX
- May 14-15 1st Annual Sherman Heli Fly-In, Sherman, TX
- May 20-22 Warbirds Over Waco, Waco, TX**
- May 21 Indoor Radio Controlled(unsac), Keller, TX
- May 21 Tyler Modelers 5th Annual Float-Fly, Bullard, TX
- May 21 Big Bird, Seagoville, TX
- May 21 Spring Unlimited Float Fly, Weatherford, TX
- May 21-22 Bayou City Flyers Pylon Race, Houston, TX
- May 28 Bayou City Junkyard Wars, Houston, TX
- May 28-29 Texas Scale Championships/Scalemaster Qualifier, Ft. Worth, TX

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