

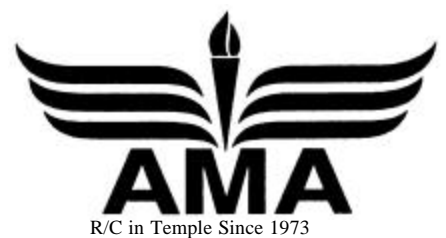
# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

## And the winner is???



This month's meeting will be held  
Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (**ONE WEEK  
EARLY!!!**) at 7:30pm at the Ronald  
McDonald House Meeting Room in  
Temple.



# CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting  
May 23  
Pattern Contest  
May 28-29  
Cub Scouts Flying  
Experience/Cook  
Out June 11*

*Sanctioned  
Fun Fly  
June 12*

*Combat  
June 19*

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## On The Cover

Frank Sodek, Jr. (right) is shown presenting the raffle plane to this year's lucky winner, Steve Hoskins (left) from Killeen. Steve bought his winning ticket at the Friday night air show. He has already been out to the field to fly his new plane several times on the buddy box. Thanks again to Max Blose and The Waco Hobby Stop for the donation of the plane, engine and radio.

Photograph by Mark Cullison

## Temple Event Schedule

May 23 Club Meeting 7:30pm  
(note: meeting one week early due to holiday)  
May 28-29 Pattern Contest 8am  
**Jun 11 Cub Scouts Flying Experience/  
Cook Out 1:00pm (NEW)**  
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*

Thanks to everyone for your concern about my finger. I'm amazed at how well it's healing and I am grateful to Bobby Zikes for discovering that I'd mistakenly put a Pusher Prop on my combat plane. I'm relieved to understand why I got cut so badly from what I thought was the back of a prop.

I'd also like to thank Frank Sodek, Jr. for doing such a great job coordinating our activities at the Central Texas Air Show. And, thanks to everyone who helped out at our booth and with our demos. We definitely put on an impressive show and talked with a lot of people about our hobby.

The weekend of May 28 and 29, we will be hosting our annual Pattern Contest, with contestants arriving from numerous RC clubs from various states. Our field will be covered with large, beautiful, colorful pattern planes and it's a great opportunity to watch some precision flying maneuvers.

On Saturday, June 11 at 1 p.m., we will again be hosting Cub Scout Troop #117 at our field. Our instructors will be helping the kids fly trainers on buddy boxes, and we'll be cooking up a mess of hot dogs. Everyone's welcome to come help out or watch. It's always a great time.

Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m., is our sanctioned Fun Fly. Club members are invited to try their thumbs at a friendly, timed competition involving maneuvers such as loops, rolls and balloon busting.

Finally, if you haven't been to our web site lately at [www.templeaeromodelers.org](http://www.templeaeromodelers.org), stop by and check it out. Shari Pitts and John Peikert have done a great job updating it and it's looking sharp.

See you at the field,

*Jeff Pitts*  
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## Safety Officer's Report

by *Frank Sodek, Jr.*

All of a sudden we've gotten a bad case of attacking propellers. At the club's Spring picnic, Jeff Pitts got a very nasty cut as he was tuning his combat plane. Jeff spent the remainder of the afternoon and most of the evening in the emergency room. It appears that his hand may heal without the need for plastic surgery to reconstruct his knuckle, but a bit more time is needed to know for sure.

Jeff's story is actually a bit more interesting than just getting nicked by the back side of the prop as he was tuning his needle valve. Turns out his hand damage was so great because Jeff had unknowingly installed a pusher prop on his combat plane. It was the leading edge of the pusher prop that got him, not the back side of a tractor propeller, which explains the increased damage that occurred. In this case the back side of the prop turned out to be the front side by mistake, and was most effective at chewing up flesh.

Don Mondrik got his hand in his propeller at the Airshow while he was starting his combat plane, and wound up getting some stitches (after flying the demo and bleeding all over his transmitter).

It can happen in an instant, just ask these guys, they'll tell you. Each of you must be careful when moving your hands near a spinning propeller. Please remember to always remove the glow igniter and adjust the needle valve from behind the prop (with a helper holding the plane steady for you).

Safe flying,  
Frank



Don Mondrik getting treatment for a prop cut on his hand at the First Aid booth during the Air Show.

Photo by B.W. Ponder

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## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$4,950.73</u>
Credits	
Dues.....	100.00
Raffle.....	295.00
Total Deposits:	395.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Larry Macie (12 yd road base).....	80.00
Shari Pitts (Web Site).....	189.60
Total Debits:	(289.60)
Balance April 2005	<u>\$5,056.13</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
 Club Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2005

Called to order at 7:31pm by Jeff Pitts, President.

Jeff welcomed new member present: Ed Weems

Minutes from previous month were read by Doug Staines VP/Secretary; proposal to accept minutes made by Fred Huber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Mondrik; Carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle Treasurer; proposal to accept treasurer's report made by Jim McCormick, Jr. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber; Carried.

### Old Business

Safety Jeff Pitts recalled his recent accident involving his finger being cut by a moving propeller while he was adjusting the high speed mixture on his combat plane's engine; Frank Sodek Jr., Safety Officer reminded everyone to give your planes a thorough check over prior to flying them this season; Frank discussed the issue of cell phone use while flying or near operating planes; he stated that no conclusive information is available stating any detriment; however not using cell phones would be prudent; Frank made a presentation in regards to a Frequency Checker and the proposal was made for the club to purchase one; accepted by Jim Goren and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber; Carried. Proposal made to purchase airplane restraints by Paul

Horan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Sodek Jr.; Carried.

Spring Picnic Report was given by various members.

Airshow Frank Sodek Jr. gave an update on the Airshow; volunteer sign up sheet was circulated; tasks were discussed and schedule was presented; Fred Huber gave a report on the club's recent participation at the Airshow's radio remote display; Fred volunteered to represent the club at 2<sup>nd</sup> one scheduled to take place at Ft. Hood.

Pattern Bobby Zikes gave an update in this regards; John Hill had presented a poster/flyer that he had created for the contest; volunteer sign up was circulated; a motion was made to purchase tent by Frank Sodek Jr. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber; Carried; Bobby offered to make the purchase on behalf of the club.

Grand Event John Hill gave an update in this regards.

RC Armageddon John Hill gave an update in this regards.

Beginner's Night Frank Sodek gave a report/update in this regards; no stats were available.

Field Maintenance Jeff Pitts gave a report; Appreciation was given in regards to the recent clean up day; acknowledgement was made in regards to the mast and windsock that was recently acquired and donated to the club by Don Mondrik; proposal to buy new picnic tables; motion made by Jeff Pitts for the club to buy 2 picnic tables and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McCormick; Carried; discussion in regards to cleanliness at the flying facilities with specific reference to discarded cigarette butts; appreciation extended to the field maintenance crew; wasp control was discussed with some indication that this was an ongoing task; discussion in regards to getting Out House pumped out; Buster Hinkle would contact a service to have this done.

Corps of Engineers Jeff Pitts had indicated that due to other commitments that he not been able to contact the Corps of Engineers; Don Mondrik volunteered to assume the responsibility to act as the contact person for the club and to make contact with the Corps in regards to brush clearing and tree trimming.

Web Site Shari Pitts gave an update in this regards

Bob Higginbotham Memorial Discussion in this regards and proposals presented; motion made for the club to donate to the memorial fund that has been set up to help defray funeral

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costs/expenses by Don Mondrik and 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Miller; Carried.

Property Line Jeff Pitts reminded everyone to be respectful of Mr. Brown's property and fence.

## New Business

Cub Scouts Request has been received to host a Cub Scouts Flying Experience/Cook Out Night; consensus was taken with majority in approval of hosting these events as we have in previous years; Jeff Pitts offered to coordinate these events.

New Members Jeff Pitts made the suggestion to contact new members who have appeared to be non-active; Frank Sodek Jr. offered to undertake this task.

May Club Meeting Reminder was made of date change due to Memorial Day holiday.

AMA Steve Sanders indicated that he had obtained an information package published by the AMA in regards to 'Hosting Events'.

Generator Appreciation was extended to Roger Miller for the donated use of his generator, which will be stored at the flying facilities for the club's use as needed.

Flight Simulators Frank Sodek Jr. indicated that he was waiting on delivery of replacement program operation CDs.

Blunder Awards Nominations for this month's awards as follows: Jeff Pitts with his Finger/Prop altercation; and Larry Macie crashed his plane as a result of aileron reversal.

Jeff Pitts was declared the winner.

Trip Report Bobby Zikes gave report/summary on the club's participation and performance at the recent Waco Pattern Contest.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Mondrik and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber at 8:47pm.

## Show & Tell

John Hill presented a video of footage captured by the camera he had mounted on a Control-Line Airplane he flew recently.

Respectfully submitted by  
Doug Staines,  
VP/Secretary

## 2005 Central Texas Airshow

by Frank Sodek, Jr.

Our club had a booth at the 2005 Central Texas Airshow, which was held at the Temple airport on May 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time to have a night show in Temple, so the turnout Friday night was fairly large. Lots of folks came out to see the night flying and fireworks display. Our RC hobby was well represented Friday night by two helicopter flyers. Tim Hutcherson from Taylor and Greg Jezek from Chilton flew an impressive aerobatics display in the dark with their nicely lit helicopters. They both had LEDs and batteries molded into their carbon fiber blades (both main and tail rotor). They also had light ropes and light sticks on the fuselage. It made for an impressive and unique display for the spectators.

On Saturday Todd Blose joined us with his 40% DR Hobbies Extra 330 and flew a spectacular aerobatics demo for the spectators. Tim was unable to fly his helicopter because of a problem with his gyroscope. Six club members (Mark Cullison, John Hill, Steve Meyer, Don Mondrik, Bobby Zikes and I) flew a combat demo for the crowd's entertainment. Don got a bit too involved with his prop during startup and got a nice cut across his forehead, but still flew the round. Doug Staines manned the PA system and kept the spectators informed about what they were watching.

Sunday turned out to be quite a disaster because of Mother Nature. Thanks to David D.'s superb staking ability, the awning at our booth managed to survive the early morning thunderstorms, but many others didn't. We actually got to fly again on Sunday (this time B.W. gave the Giant Scale aerobatics demo using Steve Meyer's Edge 540) but about an hour later the show was called off because of another storm passing thru.

We showed off a few planes and handed out info about our club to interested spectators. We sold several hundred dollars in raffle tickets for the RTF trainer (generously donated by Max Blose from the Waco Hobby Stop) which was given away after the show was cancelled on Sunday. The lucky winner was Steve Hoskins from Killeen, who bought his winning ticket at the Friday night show. Steve has already been out to the field to fly his new plane on the buddy box.

Thanks a bunch to all the club members who came out to help with the booth and the flying demonstrations, it was great exposure for our club!

Regards,  
Frank

# Airshow Photos



Our booth and several members Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Larry Macie



A Japanese torpedo bomber makes a pass during the Tora! Tora! Tora! routine.

Photo by Larry Macie



Left to right, John Hill, Bobby Zikes, and Bobby's son Terry, prep for combat demo.

Photo by Larry Macie



An F-16 fighter demonstrates high alpha slow flight

Photo by Mark Cullison



The B-25, Yellow Rose, cranking the left engine.

Photo by Mark Cullison



Todd Blose (standing) gets ready to fly a demo, while Don Mondrik (left kneeling) and B.W. Ponder (right kneeling) assist.

Photo by Frank Sodek, Jr.



Frank Sodek, Jr. (left) explains the finer points of flying to raffle plane winner Steve Hoskins during a training session.

Photo by Mark Cullison

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## District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

- Jun 03-05 DFW Jet Rodeo, Denton, TX
- Jun 04-05 War Bird Fly In, Monaville, TX
- Jun 04-05 Abilene R/C Society IMAC Shootout,  
Abilene, TX
- Jun 04-05 Jetero Pattern Classic, Huffman, TX
- Jun 10-12 HOTMAC Big Bird Fly-In, Waco, TX**
- Jun 15 Helmer's Old Fart's Fly-In, Ft. Worth, TX
- Jun 18 SPADS Over JETERO, Huffman, TX
- Jun 18 Bayport Aero Club 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nite-Fly, Deer  
Park, TX
- Jun 18-19 Centex Modelers Big Bird, Killeen, TX**
- Jun 25-26 WWI Dawn Patrol Rally, Kingsbury, TX
- Jun 25-26 Southwest Texas Pattern Championships,  
Nederland, TX

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