



HI-SKY R/C FLYER

May 2005

President: Gene Laughlin
Vice President: Jim Ruple

Treasurer: Ed Anderson
Secretary: Jim Tartt

Minutes of the Hi-Sky R/C Club April 5, 2005

The President called the April 2005, meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Building.

Sixteen (16) members were present.

The minutes were approved as read.

GUEST: None

Field Report: Mike said all is good; the grounds are clean. Saturday clean up will be the first Saturday of each month beginning April 9th.

Safety Report: A.J. Lee stated all is safe. Watch out for rattlesnakes this time of the year.

Activity: A.J. Lee reminded everyone about the Odessa –Midland IMAC contest April 23rd and 24th at the Odessa flying field.

Old Business: The city of Midland is interested in providing a flying site for electric flying RC models at C.J. Kelly Park. Jim Sevey volunteered to help organize a committee to assist the project. The site will only be available to electric flying.

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FROM THE ROBBINS NEST:

Once again it's time for our meeting, and I have been so busy with work and Little League Baseball I have had little time to do anything with model aircraft. One thing that work can never interfere with is the ability to dream, and I have been doing a lot of that lately.

I dream about the day the wind will calm down enough to go fly, and I dream about starting my next project, which is already dreamed up in my head. Sometimes it is difficult to transform dreams into reality, but with enough time, and patience, anything is possible.

I recently obtained one of Jim Ruple's Hummingbird aircraft, and have successfully flown it maybe five times, or so. It flies great, and is very stable in the air. I plan to use it for a trainer for Ryan, and others who want to sample this great hobby of ours.

We almost have Justin's Mini Ifo back in the air, I just need to take the time to program the transmitter for elevon mixing, and we should be good to go.

My next project will be a Mini Jar type airplane. These things are suppose to be hovering machines. It shouldn't take long to put it together, as soon as I find the time.

Speaking of time, it won't be long until our CAF indoor event will be here. I hope all of you are making plans to attend. It is always lots of fun to see the latest and greatest planes take to the skies. Mike Scott has started a thread on E-ZONE, and several posts have been made about the fly-in. Just go here:

<http://www.ezonemag.com>

Go to discussion (on the left side of the screen), and scroll down till you see **airplanes-electric**, events is at the bottom of this section. Click on events, and the thread is a few down from the top. See what you think.

RAFFLE ITEM: This month we are going to raffle off **two GWS NARO servos**. These are great servos for the electric airplanes. Several of us have used them, and have had excellent performance. Come to the
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New Business: The club agreed to send \$25.00 to the US Team F3A, and to renew the Domain web site. The combination should be changed during the month of April. If you are a 2005 club member, you may call Jim Tartt at 620-8046 or Ed Anderson at 684-4560 to receive the 2005 combination. The summer season meetings will be held at the MIDLAND Flying Field starting June through September.

Show and tell: Jim Ruple showed a World Models J3 Electric Cub. The plane came with a 400 electric motor but flies much better with a brushless motor Jim later installed. Jim also showed a scratch built electric DELTA DART.

Bruce Hoover brought an electric 40 size Hots, powered by an electric AXI 2826 motor with a 14x7 prop.

Jim Tartt showed a GWS electric Flying Pizza of the GWS Bug collection powered by a 350 motor and 10x47 prop.

The raffle for the evening was for a GB brushless motor kit won by Abram Aguirre.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Fajita Fun Fly – May 21st

Electric Fly In / Swap Meet-July 9th & 10th

Callin' of the Hogs - September 10th

Picked Up Passing By

I finally had a chance to get to the flying field and burn some alcohol. This was between windy days. I was more than a little rusty. The wind was gusting at times and that did not help matters. But I did have a great time and did not have to repair an airplane. That makes a successful afternoon at the flying field.

There were five people at the April clean-up. Among them were Mike Chase, Jim Ruple, Rick Strange, and Dennis Paschall. If I missed someone who might have showed late, I am sorry you were left out. We had a great time attacking the weeds that had grown up over the last month. More needs to be done around the pit area before the Fajita fly in.

Everytime I fly I prove my physics teacher wrong.

meeting and try your hand at flying indoor electric planes. It is incredibly fun.

Dennis Robbins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ODESSA SWAP MEET

ODESSA CLUB FIELD

MAY 14 & MAY 15, 2005

FAJITA FUN FLY

MIDLAND CLUB FIELD

MAY 21, 2005

BIG SPRING FUN FLY

JOHN WESLEY FIELD

JUNE 11 & JUNE 12, 2005

HELMERS OLD FARTS FLY IN

FORT WORTH THUNDERBIRDS CLUB FIELD

JUNE 15, 2005 (WEDNESDAY)

ELECTRIC FLY IN & SWAP MEET

CAF HANGER

JULY 9 & JULY 10, 2005

JETFX JET FLY IN

ODESSA CLUB FIELD

JULY 15, 16, & JULY 17, 2005

ODESSA BIG BIRD

ODESSA CLUB FIELD

AUGUST 13 & AUGUST 14, 2005

CALLIN' OF THE HOGS

MIDLAND CLUB FIELD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

2005 Permian Basin Contest Report
by Rick Strange

The 2005 Permian Basin Contest, co-hosted by the Odessa Propbusters and Midland Hi-Sky RC Clubs is in the books. The number of quality pilots, and close contests highlighted the contest. For many, it will be most remembered for the weather.

Thirty-five pilots registered and competed. The largest class was Sportsman with 14 pilots. There were also 7 Basic Pilots, 7 Intermediate Pilots and 6 Unlimited Pilots. Clint Duewall was the sole Advanced Pilot. AJ Lee from Midland and John Sellers from Odessa were the CDs. Clint Duewall ran the flight lines, and Jon Wheeler and Rick Strange were responsible for the scoring.

A front passed through the area Friday bringing with it high winds and making practice difficult. Optimism was in the air, however, as the weatherman promised a decent Saturday. The cold front would make the morning chilly, but with the rising sun the skies were, we were told, going to clear and the temperature would rise to the low 70s. Unfortunately the weatherman was off a bit. It was chilly in the morning to be sure. It was also overcast and windy, resulting in a wind chill normally encountered in February or March, not late April. The overcast skies also made it difficult at times to see the planes' orientation. Eventually, the sun broke through, but the winds persisted and the wind chill never seemed to make it into the comfortable range.

Local club members donated food for a bar-b-que at the field Saturday night. Everyone gathered at the Odessa Clubhouse, ate too much, complained about the weather, and reviewed the unknowns. There were a couple of dinged props, and one spread gear, but no one suffered any serious damage. Each of the classes was still seriously in doubt, with less than 10 points separating some pilots.

Sunday's forecast was for scattered thunderstorms, which in West Texas generally means widely scattered with little chance of actual precipitation at the field. Once again the wind blew. It was a constant 20+ mph wind, with gusts of 30+ miles recorded. It was so windy that many planes had to be secured while on the ground. There was some rain in the immediate area, but none hit the field. The wind did lead to some interesting sights. The Sportsman unknowns contained a diamond loop. I was positioned to see Doug Garcia's plane as it transitioned from the first to second legs of the loop, and momentarily his plane actually moved backwards. Despite the weather, Basic successfully completed one more round of knowns, and everyone else a round of unknowns without mishap.

When the final results were tabulated, the results were as close as any contest I've ever attended. Mark Gery won Basic with 5864 points, Joe Buie was second with 5722 points and Eric Bailey was third with 5586 points. George Davis, Jake Buchanan, Grant Innes Jr. and Jacob Denton completed the field. The closest contest was Sportsman where first and second was separated by 2 points. Sean Best won with 4939 points, Bret Rogers took second with 4937 points and Tom Burndnett was third with 4537 points. With normalized scoring, 2 points is the difference between getting a 7 versus a 6 on a single mid-K maneuver. Finishing the field was Doug Garcia, Sonny Pool, Duane Cox, Rick Strange, Grant Innes Sr., Jeff Fisher, Gary Denton, Anson Hargrove, Jon Wheeler, Bob Mitchell, and Kenneth Warren.

Keith McDonald won intermediate with 5000 points. Second was Roger Tinder with 4837 points. Milo Ruch was third with 4523 points. Richard Fortenbury, Fredy Compean, Cliff Town and Jim Terrell finished the field. Clint Duewall won the Advanced Class flying well despite spending considerable time running the flight lines.

Six truly terrific pilots competed in the Unlimited division. Any of the six were capable of finishing in the top three, and the results were in doubt until the compilation of the unknown scores. In fact, as it turns out, a single unknown maneuver probably made a standings difference in at least one instance. Bill Higgins Jr. won the contest with 5000 points. Todd Blose came in second with 4783 points. Jerry Dellinger Jr. took third with 4742 points. Dan Rathbun, Jason Danhaki and John Durant completed the field.

Fromeco donated a gift certificate, which was awarded to the pilot exhibiting the best Sportsmanship. The pilots selected George Davis, who confirming his qualification as a true Sportsman by returning the gift certificate because of his relationship with Fromeco. The certificate was then awarded to the second place finisher, Kenneth Warren