



# HI-SKY R/C FLYER

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## Meeting Notice

The June meeting will start our "summer" schedule of meeting at the flying field. The meeting will be June 2, 2009 and will start at 7:00 PM. Come early and get in some flying before the meeting.

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**HI SKY R/C Club Minutes: May 5, 2009**

Meeting was held at the First Baptist Church.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Chris Rutter. 14 members were present plus five visitors, Aaron & Jacob Genade, Amy Thomas, Mike Scott and David Harrell.

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Field Report:** Jim Tartt was absent. Chris Rutter reports that the wind has blown the safety netting down again. Jim Ruple reports that we need to mow, weed and work on the shed roof (hail damage). Work party set for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. Henry will send out an email to all members.

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## Permian Basin IMAC Classic

Saturday started with a forecast of widely scattered showers centered directly over the Odessa flying field. Fortunately the rain stopped long enough to have the first flight at noon and thanks to the pilots, we were able to have 3 complete rounds before 6:00 that evening. The cloud cover kept the temperatures pleasant which was a welcomed relief. Sunday morning was mostly cloudy as well and we started the unknowns around 9:00 and finished by 11:00. As the pilots competing in freestyle drew straws to see who would go first, several pilots broke out the foamies and flew several flights in the cool calm air.

Overall, there were 19 pilots flying in the Permian Basin IMAC Classic contest. In no particular order they were: Fred Sweet, Cliff Town, Gary Powers, Eric Nesione, Don Renshaw, Rick Strange, Ken Warren, John Sellers, Jerry Dellinger Jr., A. J. Lee, Daniel Rathburn, George Davis, Scott Pool, Garrett Westenburg, Phil Oubre, Ryan Gonsoulin, Clint DUEWALL, Adam Bry, and Lyndel Roe. These pilots flew a grand total of 249 judged sequences.

This contest was flown according to standard IMAC rules.

Eric Nesione won the Basic class. There was one pilot in Basic. The winning order was: (1) Eric Nesione. He flew four known sequences (2 rounds).

Garrett Westenburg won the Sportsman class. There were 5 pilots in Sportsman. The winning order was: (1) Garrett Westenburg, (2) George Davis, (3) Scott Pool, (4) Gary Powers and (5) Ken Warren. They flew 6 known sequences (3 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 3, 518.9 to a high of 4,770.4 (a range of 1,251.5 points).

Phil Oubre won the Intermediate class. There were 6 pilots in Intermediate. The winning order was: (1) Phil Oubre, (2) Cliff Town, (3) Fred Sweet, (4) A. J. Lee, (5) Rick Strange and (6) John Sellers. They flew

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**Safety Report:** Everything has been safe. We do need to reset the safety net if it is down, not just walk across it to fly.

**Treasurers Report:** Ed Anderson reports we have money. The CD came due. Moved \$1000 to checking to pay for the handicap porta-potty and the Horseshoe. It was agreed that Ed will shop around to find the best interest rate for the rest of the CD money, which will keep it available for use on the Horseshoe later this year.

We did get the club AMA charter and insurance.

**Activities:**

IMAC – We will join Odessa club again this year. Scheduled for May 23 & 24.

Calling of the Hogs – Planned for second week in September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fajita Fun Fly – Planned for second weekend in June, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fun Flies – Next Fun Fly is July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Electric Fly in – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The flyer is available. Nothing on the raffle tickets yet. Jeff Laufer is trying to get Channel 7 news team involved in electric flying by doing a promo which they can run the week before the fly-in. More on this later.

**Old Business:** Ed reports that the electric bill has finally stabilized at about \$14.00

**New Business:** None.

**Show and Tell:**

Aaron Genade showed his Reegan May design foam F4D. Flies on a 210-0KV motor and a 640MAH battery. Aaron says it is a very stable flyer.

Chris Rutter brought his next project. He bought J. Rojas' Cessna 182 and is converting it to electric. He is planning on using an Exceed Monster Power 46 motor with a 4000mah battery.

Jim Ruple brought his Tower Hobbies Vista electric Glider. He says this is the only way to soar in West Texas unless you have a good winch. Have to get up high to catch the good thermals. Plane apparently flies very well.

**Club Raffle:** Brushless motor Ralph Gillette.  
Micro Servo Mike Scott  
Connectors Chris Rutter

**Next meeting:** At the Flying field, 7:00PM June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

From the Ramblings Newsletter, Randolph, New Jersey

**Take More Chances—Enjoy More Crashes**  
By Bob Karaseiwicz

As you gain in skills, you will take more chances. For instance, an outside loop with a trainer! Well, you just learned that the typical trainer will not do an outside loop (outside loop—from straight and level flight, push down; go down and around to straight, and level flight again.)

When your trainer has reached the inverted position and is trying to go up while inverted, it either won't climb or falls off to the side. The likely result is a crash. The definite result is a learning experience. Don't give in to the temptation to blame your airplane, radio, the wind, the sun, or anything else external. The fault lies with your urge to try something new. Congratulations! You are well on your way to becoming an excellent flier.

Now, how does a beginning flier get out of a difficult situation? The answer, my friend—it depends. In the above outside loop situation, the experienced flier would stay in inverted flight and level off. Then either give up to do a half-inverted inside loop, or do a half roll to level flight. This comes with experience—experience in getting out of tight situations. The flier who never gets into a difficult situation—that is, never takes a chance—never progresses.

Is there a general method for getting out of trouble? Yes, only one. Before you try it, think about it and think about things that can go wrong. Remember the "three mistakes high" rule. You might want to discuss your attempts with an instructor beforehand. You definitely want to discuss your new maneuvers with someone more experienced afterward. If only to brag or find out what went wrong. Oh, one more thing. **Please make sure your attempts are safely out over the field, never near the pits.**

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Don't forget to look for our Vice President's picture in the latest Model Aviation magazine. He is pictured on page 163 and he won second place in SSC at the Fort Worth, TX Lone Star Nationals combat event.

Congrats Gilbert!!!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fun Fly  
Buffalo Airport - Amarillo, TX  
June 6 & 7, 2009  
\$10.00 land fee includes 1 lunch  
Profits to Make-a-Wish

Plainview Indoor Fly In  
Plainview, Texas  
June 6 & 7, 2009

Fajita Fun Fly  
Midland Club Field  
June 13 & 14, 2009

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly In  
Lakeside Air Park – Graham, TX  
June 20, 2009  
Cash prizes for 3 categories

North Dallas Spring Combat  
Club Field near Aubrey, TX  
June 27, 2009  
Hard hats required for pilots and crew.

Texas Chiefs Open House  
Haskell, TX Model Airport  
June 27, 2009

Do It Yourself Fly In  
Odessa Model Airport  
August 15 & 16, 2009  
Bring your plane (and food?).

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Loyd McAlister War Bird Fly In  
Sherman, TX Club Field  
August 22, 2009  
Any size \$15.00 land fee includes lunch

Plainview Indoor Fly In  
Plainview, Texas  
September 11 & 12, 2009

Calling of the Hogs  
Midland Club Field  
September 13 & 14, 2009

Horseshoe Electric Fly In  
Horseshoe Arena Midland, TX  
October 16 – 18, 2009

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual E-fly Spectacular  
Wichita, Kansas  
December 11 – 13, 2009

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“Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” Lou Holtz

6 known sequences (3 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 536.2 to a high of 4,997 (a range of 4,460.8 points).

Daniel Rathbun won the Unlimited class. There were 6 pilots in Unlimited. The winning order was: (1) Daniel Rathbun, (2) Lyndel Roe, (3) Adam Bry, (4) Jerry Dellinger Jr., (5) Ryan Gonsoulin and (6) Clint DUEWALL. They flew 6 known sequences (3 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 3,492 to a high of 4,962.1 (a range of 1,470.1).

Adam Bry won the Freestyle class. There were 3 pilots in Freestyle. The winning order was: (1) Adam Bry, (2) Daniel Rathbun and (3) Scott Pool. They flew one freestyle round. The scores ranged from a low of 750 to a high of 1000 (a range of 250 points).

The tightest competition was for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Unlimited class, with only 1.7 points difference between Daniel Rathbun and Lyndel Roe.

*(Editors Note: Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sY2mz257tzl> for a great show about the weekend contest.)*

If that doesn't work, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "Odessa IMAC".

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### Picked Up Passing By

The weather is warming and we are beginning to get more chances to get out and mow the yard, plant flowers, trim the shrubs and trees, get a new roof on the house (thanks to a recent hailstorm), and get out to the flying field and check out our airplanes. You did do those preventative maintenance checks I described earlier didn't you?

Now that we are getting a chance to get outdoors, I would like to mention another problem. Watch out for those flying insects called wasps, yellow jackets and all the others in Texas. Also we have to be careful not to upset the ants, spiders and SNAKES. These will be out now for sure. I certainly hope I don't have snakes in my yard, but I know that they may be lingering around the flying field and certainly in the rough around the field. Those holes in the grassy areas might be the home of "Floyd the Rattler" so beware.

We had a great turnout for the "work day party" and a lot was done to get the field ready for a great season of flying. I think I counted nine people that morning who braved the winds. Thanks guys, we needed that effort.

Last but not least, remember to wear your hat and sunscreen lotion.

From the Robbins Nest:

## 2009 Electric Indoor Flying Events

June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Plainview, TX, 8 AM – 11 PM

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Plainview, TX, 8 AM – 11 PM

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Midland, TX (The Horseshoe) 8 AM – 11 PM

Dec 11th - 13th. – Wichita, KS (2nd Annual E-Fly Spectacular)

The Permian Basin Classic IMAC contest was held at the Odessa Field, on May 23-24<sup>th</sup>. I stopped by for a few minutes with my children, and had a chance to view some beautiful aircraft. These were not your normal run-of-the-mill airplanes, but BIG, very BIG IMAC planes. It was impressive to watch these huge aircraft in the air. When we arrived, the contest was under way, and I got to see numerous flights during the competition. It was amazing how solid these planes are in the air, even with a breeze blowing. These things weigh about 20-30 pounds, and are rock steady in flight! I don't even want to know the details of the cost of these monsters, but I'll have to confess that I really did enjoy seeing, hearing, and experiencing some fueled planes again!

Plainview, TX indoor fly-in (June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>) This coming weekend, you will have another chance to fly indoors in Plainview. The SPEF club is hosting a two day event which is always lots of fun. Most of the diehard electric folks will be present, and we fly continuously for two days. I average about 40 -50 flights during the two day event, and I drive home with blisters on my fingers! (Not really, I don't get blisters, because I have calluses!)

The Horseshoe update (Midland, TX Oct. 16-18) We have the raffle tickets printed, THANK YOU BRUCE HOOVER, and will have those available for distribution to the club members who would like to help out with selling the tickets. I am waiting to start the thread on E-zone about the event, because we still need a digital club logo. If we don't get one very soon, I will go ahead and use the current event flyer. We still are 4 ½ months away, but we need to continue to get the word out. I'll be mailing out raffle donation sheets very soon.

We are also taking donations from anyone who would like to help out with the cost of the event. Several folks in the club have generously given to the cause, and this will help with the bottom line. It's even possible we could have the event completely paid for, BEFORE the event date!

Be sure to come to the meeting, I will have several electric raffle items, and if anyone would like to bring something of interest for the gas flyers, I'm sure your items would be very welcomed.

.....keep it slow and low..... Dennis Robbins

MIDLAND, TEXAS 2nd Annual-2009

Hi-Sky R/C CLUB  
at the Horseshoe

**INDOOR ELECTRIC  
FLY-IN & SWAP MEET**

**Friday-Sunday, October 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**8:00 AM – 11 PM**

**\$30 ADMISSION for three days**

**\$20 for one day**

**INCLUDES ONE TABLE**

**Extra tables-\$5, limit (2)**

**Limited to 16 oz/3 cells on all models**

**Coaxial helicopters only**

***AMA card required to fly***

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the right**

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road**

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details**