

# The PRANG



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## Meeting Minutes

### May meeting of the Austin Radio Control Association

President Pat Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 29 members present.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report for April was read and accepted as read.

### Old business:

Pat reported that the jet event had 47 pilots registered and in spite of Saturday morning being rained out, the event was a success. Due to the extensive TV coverage, many spectators still showed up in the afternoon and Sunday morning.

### New business:

Pat also reported a disagreement about vendors selling T-shirts at the jet event. This is an item we will have to address for future events and will discuss at future meetings. A motion to allot \$100 to fix the tire on the water buffalo was made and passed. The PA system needs looking into, the club will get someone to find out what is required to repair/replace. Bob Price has a sanction for the helicopter event later this year.

Ken will be doing a second warbird later this year.

### Blue Max nominees:

Robby Holland won for crashing then repairing the wing and having the wing fail during flight.

Mike Flint won the door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM

## President's Column

The heat is now upon us. As if you needed someone to tell you that. One step outside will be your confirmation. We are entering what is becoming a somewhat hazardous time of year for flying activities in many ways. The winds are becoming more steady, the grass is really starting to dry out, and the temperatures have settled into a weatherman's vacation from forecasting. All of these items, though typical for a Texas summer, need to be treated with respect. Make sure you drink plenty of water when out at the field, or any other outdoor activity. As the not-so-proud passer of two kidney stones, water has no substitutes. Wear a hat and sunscreen. If you know you are coming out put the sunscreen on before you even put your shirt on. Last on my soapbox is flying safety. With the current dry spell, we are reaching from 'moderate' to 'high' on the 'smokey the bear' signs for fire danger. Everyone should know the routine if there is any kind of fire at or around the facility. Call 911. Get the fire department rolling. If there is a change you can certainly call them back. But with the dry conditions and a little bit of wind, even the smallest fire can get out of control in a hurry. Jets have caught most of the attention with due cause lately. If you intend to fly

Next Meeting  
Thursday Evening  
June 30th  
7:00 pm  
at the  
Flying Field

### Upcoming Club Events:

June 30th	Club Meeting Flying Field
July 28th	Club Meeting Burgers and Dogs! Flying Field

Lester Field will be closed during the Labor Day weekend for a regional event at the Capital City Trap and Skeet Club

### 2005 ARCA Officers

President	Pat Fernandez
Vice President	Robin Masek
Treasurer	Loyd Ligon
Secretary	Dick Maus

### Members at Large

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jets, I suggest you coordinate your efforts with other jet pilots so you have a support team in case something goes wrong. But the hazard is not limited to jets. Last year a large fire was caused by a glow fuel helicopter at an event in Fort Worth. Now with so many lipo batteries in use, we just have to be diligent in how we react. The Capitol City Trap and Skeet Club is hosting a large event over the Labor Day weekend. They have requested that we stand down activities, as they will be setting up additional stations, which will be much closer to the end of our runway for the event. We will determine the specific information regarding the days and hours of the event to determine if any "windows" of opportunity for normal flying operations exist. Since it is a Holiday weekend there has been a proposal to have a 'park flyer' weekend at the field during this event. This could expose current club members to a different kind of flying, as well as current 'non' members to the experience of flying at a dedicated site. It certainly is an interesting proposal that merits some thought.

Bob-O's Big Trip

Jet's Over the Heartland - Winimac Indiana

A few images from Bob Covish's big trip to Winimac Indiana for the Jet's over the Heartland event. Photo's used without permission. Oh, and Bob-o actually had his first crab cake at the event as well. Bob travelled to the event with Joey Tamez of Fort Worth. Joey won the "Hot Stick" award for piloting skill. Congrats!



*Turboprop Extra 300*



*The event has a Big time fireworks display sponsored by one of the pilots*



*Bob-O's Crab Cake adventure*



*Joey and his son 'Little' Joey take a hot air balloon ride. The balloons landed on the runway.*