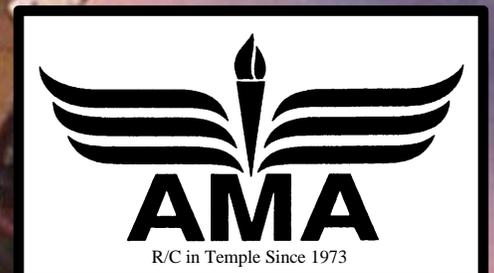


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The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
April 2003



This month's meeting will be held Monday, April 28th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Spring
Picnic/Combat
April 27th
Temple Air
Show May 3rd
and 4th*

CLUB INFO

*Combat
May 18th
Pattern
Contest May
24th and 25th*

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Temple Event Schedule

Apr 27	Spring Picnic/First Combat
May 3-4	Temple Air Show
May 10	Pattern Judging School
May 18	Combat (NEW DATE)
May 24-25	Pattern Contest (NEW DATE)
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly
Jun 22	Combat
Jul 6	Combat
Jul 20	Combat
Aug 3	Combat
Aug 17	Combat
Aug 31	Combat
Sep 14	Poker Fly
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 12	Combat
Oct 22	Last Beginners' Night
Oct 26	Combat
Nov 9	Last Combat
Dec 7	Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly-In
Dec 15	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections

On The Cover

A dad and kids get a closer look at some planes on display recently at our club's Mall Show.

Photo by Deb Justice

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

May 3-4 B/CS IMAC Challenge, Brazos Valley RC, Bryan, TX
May 4 Tyler Modelers Club 3rd Annual Big-Bird, Tyler, TX
May 3-4 Float Fly, Bomber Field, Monaville, TX
May 3-4 Pop Gun 2003, San Antonio Prop Busters, San Antonio, TX
May 10 Semi-Annual Unlimited Float Fly, Weatherford Aeromodeling Society, Weatherford, TX
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President's Report

by *Steve Meyer*

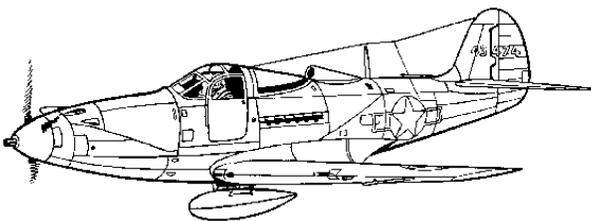
Greetings,

Daylight Savings Time has arrived, giving everyone an extra hour in the evening. With that, we have opened our field on Wednesday afternoon/evening and set that time aside for student pilot training. It is always encouraging to see new faces show up for training, and ultimately catch the RC bug.

Our annual Mall Show was deemed a success again this year. We displayed 47 planes (and oh yes, one helicopter) brought by 19 club members. There was a total of 1,211 peoples choice votes tallied, with Gerald Beaty snagging both second and third with his ultralight on floats, and the beautiful red Pitts respectively (and by the way, thanks Gerald for donating the Bi-Plane door prize at the last meeting.) First place again this year goes to the eternal crowd favorite "Enforcer" built by the late Dennis Torline, now owned by Paul Horan (Denny would be proud.) Thanks also to Scott and Deb Justice for representing AMA, and for securing Mall Show pins for those that worked the event.

If you have not been to our field, it is in great shape. Thanks to all who help out with our maintenance needs. I know John Rovetto worked on the tractor, Rick and Travis (cookie) Berry, John Redwine, and I saw Frank jr. on the mower. I know I left some out, but I am sure I can speak for the club in a great big "Atta Boy!" to all who pitch in with the field maintenance.

As most of you know, we are addressing issues with Mr. Brown (our neighbor to the East) concerning flying over his property. Steve Sanders has represented our club in discussions with Mr. Brown. We are in the process of addressing his grievances. Mr. Brown is not being unrealistic in his concerns, and in my humble opinion, if we respect his property and be a good neighbor, he will reciprocate the gesture.



Our spring picnic will be held Sunday, April 27th with a potluck lunch beginning at 1pm. I would encourage all to come out and enjoy the good food and socializing. Later that afternoon, Mark Cullison will put together our first round of combat. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. So get those combat fighters ready for some streamer action.

Just a quick note to emphasize a point made by safety officer Bobby Zikes: It is of utmost importance, and in our best interest, to self enforce the frequency board. If you receive this newsletter, then chances are you are a member of AMA. However when we have guests drop by to fly, then we must insist upon them posting a current AMA card.

Safe Flying,
Steve Meyer
oscar54_2000@yahoo.com

Secretary's Notes

Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on March 31, 2003. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the Minutes from the February meeting. The minutes were accepted by Don Mondrik and seconded by Rick Berry.

Buster Hinkle presented the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was accepted by Fred Huber and seconded by Frank Sodek Sr..

Old Business

Runway Sealing

The last time the runway was sealed it took 45 buckets of sealer. The cost for the better grade sealer is \$15.35 per bucket. A decision was made to seal coat the runway after the Pattern Contest.

TAG Flight School

Don Mondrik gave a report on the TAG school.

Mall Show

Frank Sodek Jr. gave a report on the Mall Show. There were 47 plane brought by 19 members. There were 1211 People's Choice votes. The top three winners of the People's Choice were 3rd Gerald Beaty's Red & White Pitts, 2nd Gerald Beaty's Ultra Light, and 1st was the infamous Enforcer now owned by Paul Horan.

Don Mondrik suggested that next year we raffle off a flight simulator at the Mall Show.

Centex Air Show

The decision was made to combine the TAM and Gettown booth into one for the Static Show. The

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proceeds from the raffle will be split between TAM and Georgetown club. Frank Sodek Jr. will have a sign up sheet for manning the both at the next meeting.

Pattern Contest

The date of the pattern contest was moved to May 24 and 25. B.W. has two judging schools set up for Saturday April 19 and Saturday May 10.

New Business

East Property Line

Steve Sanders met with Walter Brown the owner of the property east of the flying field to discuss the 'No Trespassing' signs. Mr. Brown has several concerns that we as a club need to be aware of to be good neighbors.

1. The steps going across the fence need to be removed. This has already been done. The club has purchased a ladder to use to cross the fence. Please use the ladder when crossing the fence. This will keep us from damaging Mr. Brown's fence. The ladder will be stored in one of the two storage building at the field.
2. Mr. Brown is concerned about potential damage that COULD be caused by a crashing model (i.e. fires, hit cattle, etc.). Steve Meyer is checking with the AMA about liability insurance to cover any damage to Mr. Brown's property.
3. During November and December Mr. Brown may be deer hunting on this property and does not want us walking through his pasture disturbing his hunt and God forbid that someone could accidentally get shot. There will have to be some procedures worked out with Mr. Brown during November and December before we cross the fence to retrieve any crashed plane.

New Pilot Training

The Wednesday afternoon student training will begin April 19.

Raffle Plane Donation

Frank Sodek Jr. made a motion that the club pays Steve Meyer for the Raffle plane and engine. B.W. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Spring Picnic / Combat

The spring picnic will be held on April 27. We will have a potluck lunch with eating starting at 1pm. Frank Sodek Jr. will bring the drinks.

Grass Burrs

The grass burrs will need to be treated soon. B.W. and Steve Meyer will spray the field.

Ladder and Tractor Parts

A motion was made to reimburse John Rovetto for the ladder and tractor part he purchased. The motion passed.

Blunder Awards

1. Dean Higginbotham smashed his pattern plane into pieces.
 2. Travis Berry crashed his slow stick and broke it in half.
 3. Mark Cullison and David Laster flying a coro-plast plane on a buddy box with reversed ailerons.
- Travis Berry wins the Blunder Award.

Door Prize

Gerald Beaty donated a small Bi-Plane that was given away as a door prize at the conclusion of the meeting. Buster won the Plane.

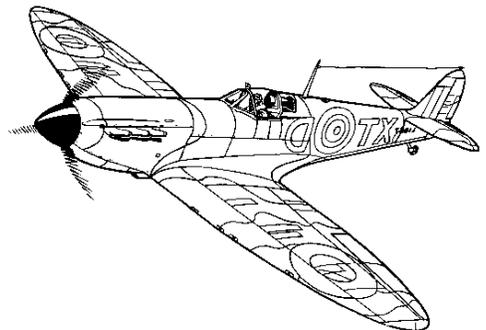
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*
Vice President/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,071.02</u>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	90.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Club charter fee.....	90.00
Total Debits:	(110.00)
Balance March 2003	<u>\$5,051.02</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer



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2003 Mall Show

by Frank Sodek

Our club held its annual mall show during the last weekend of March at Colonial Temple Mall, in an empty store near the Food Court. Nineteen members brought a total of 46 planes and one helicopter for the show. The space was a bit small for the number of planes that were brought, but after we improvised several makeshift tables and started hanging planes from the walls and ceiling, it evolved into a very nice display. Club members answered questions about the planes and handed out info about our club and the AMA. We had RC videos going all day on Fred Huber's big TV, and we had Richard Musick's RealFlight RC flight simulator running for anyone wanting to get a feel for flying RC models. We also sold \$305 in raffle tickets during the show. We also made a large number of really good contacts with folks that seemed to be genuinely interested in joining in on the fun with us. In fact, there are several folks that found us at the show who are now flying with us.

Each year we hold a "People's Choice" contest in which we get mall patrons to vote for their favorite airplane. Believe it or not, there were a total of 1,211 votes cast for this year's contest, which is an all time record. First place winner this year with 183 votes was Paul Horan's gold delta wing Balsa USA Enforcer (which was originally built by Dennis Torline, and has won 1st place at least twice before). Second place winner with 142 votes was an incredible scratch built semi-scale Ultralight on floats by Jerry Beatty. You had to see it to believe the craftsmanship that Jerry put into this model, including the carbon fiber tubular fuselage frame and built up wing ribs. Third place with 97 votes also went to Jerry Beatty for his beautiful (also scratch built) red and white Pitts Special biplane. Don Cullison captured fourth place with his scale P-51D Mustang and B.W. Ponder's Venture 30 helicopter came in fifth. Here's the rest of the top ten finishers: 6th: Steve Meyer – 31% Edge 540T (it's big!!!); 7th: Don Mondrik – CAP-232; 8th: Don Cullison's Four Star 60; 9th: Don Cullison – PT-19; 10th: Fred Huber – Fokker DR-1 Triplane. Mark Cullison and Don Mondrik each had seven entries, and David Laster entered five planes.

Finally I want to thank all of the members who brought their planes to the show, and especially to those members who gave up a big part of their weekend to help out with showing off our club and our planes to the community. There were a lot of you who put in many hours at the show, and it's because of all your hard work that this year's show was such a big success. Now that we're finished showing them off, let's go fly 'em!

(Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Temple Daily Telegram a few days after the mall show)

Aero modelers club names award winners

The Temple Aero Modelers Club recently held its annual Mall Show at Colonial Mall-Temple.

Nineteen club members brought 47 radio-controlled airplanes and one helicopter for display. Mall patrons were invited to vote for their favorite, and more than 1,200 votes were cast in the club's "People's Choice" Builder's Contest.

First-place winner was Paul Horan's gold delta wing Enforcer. Second place went to Jerry Beatty's scratch-built scale Ultralight, and Beatty also took third place with his red and white Pitts Special biplane.

(A big "Thank You" goes out to Randy Ray at the Temple Daily Telegram for his help in publicizing this event!)



Mall show, or sale?
Looks like there was some good
natured "leg pull'n" going on!

Photo by Steve Meyer

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Central Texas Airshow

by Frank Sodek, Jr.

Our club will be having a booth at the new Central Texas Airshow during the first weekend of May (3rd and 4th) 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. We will share the booth with the Georgetown Aero Modelers and split the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets for the ARF trainer which will be given away at the end of the show on Sunday. Some of the Georgetown crew will also put on a flying demonstration to start the show.

I will have a signup sheet for booth time at the next club meeting. 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. 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 and I'll sign you up to help.

Regards,
Frank

For Sale

By Frank Sodek, Jr.

Charles Haley, a former co-worker of mine and also a former Temple Aero Modelers member has decided to sell all of his RC airplane stuff. He would prefer to sell the entire lot together for \$800, but he has also listed individual prices for each group of items in case it becomes necessary to split it up.

Props:	Size	Qty	Brand	\$10
	10x7	3	APC	
	10x7	2	Master Airscrew	
	11x7	2	APC	
	12x7	2	APC	
	11x6	1	Zinger	
Engines:		Condition		
	OS .40FP	Great		\$20
	Magnum .15	NEW in box		\$30

Monokote stuff: \$30
Cream 2 full rolls

Maroon 1 full roll
Misc. partial rolls of met blue, white, platinum, black
Sealing iron, hot sock, hot glove

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Here's his contact info if you're interested in buying or need additional info:

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A bunch of planes...



Photo by Steve Meyer

...and a bunch of people...



Photo by Mark Cullison

...creates a very successful Mall Show!

A big 'Atta Boy' to our Mall Show CD, Frank Sodek, jr., for a job well done!

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- May 17 Bill Slatter Memorial Warbird Fly-In, Fort Worth Thunderbirds, Fort Worth, TX
- May 17 3rd Annual All Purpose Fly-In, N.W. Houston RC Club, Hockley, TX
- May 17 Annual Donley Gilbreath Fun-Fly, Northeast Texas R/C Club, Mount Pleasant, TX
- May 17-18 IMAC, Hi-Sky R/C Club, Midland, TX
- May 24 BPAC Inaugural Warbird Fly-In, Bayport Aero Club, Deer Park, TX
- May 24-25 TX Scale Championships – Scale Masters Qualifier, Fort Worth Thunderbirds, Fort Worth, TX
- May 31-1 CORMAC 2nd Annual Big Bird Fly-In, Corsicana MAC, Corsicana, TX

>>>NOTICE<<<

Members are allowed
to cross the east airfield
border fence

ONLY to retrieve a
downed aircraft or lost
aircraft part. Please
pickup ALL pieces and
leave no trash.

(Let's continue the good neighbor tradition!)

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