

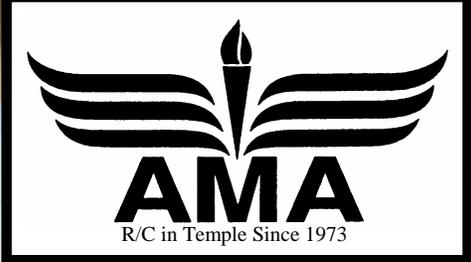
# The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.  
April 2006

## Temple Aero Modelers



This month's meeting will be held Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



# CLUB INFO

*Blose Pattern  
Contest  
Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Club Meeting  
Apr 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Spring  
Picnic/First  
Combat Apr 30<sup>th</sup>  
Central Texas  
Airshow  
May 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>*

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President:	Don Mondrik 939-1242
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## On The Cover

Another successful Mall Show is in the history books. Kudos to Frank Sodek, Jr. for coordinating the event, and to all who helped!

Photo by Mark Cullison

## Temple Event Schedule

Apr 22-23	Blose Pattern Contest
Apr 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 30	Spring Picnic/1 <sup>st</sup> Combat 1pm
May 5-7	Central Texas Airshow
May 20-21	Temple Pattern Contest
May 22	Club Meeting (early due to holiday)
June 4	Combat 3pm
June 11	Sanctioned Fun Fly 10am
Jun 25	Combat 3pm
Jun 26	Club meeting 7:30pm
Jul 9	Combat 3pm
Jul 23	Combat 3pm
Jul 31	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 6	Combat 3pm
Aug 20	Combat 3pm
Aug 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 10	Combat 3pm
Sep 24	Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 1	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 15	Poker Fly 10am
Oct 25	Last Beginner's Night
Oct 30	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 27	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 3	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In
Dec 11	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections

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## President's Report

It's the end of April and it feels like the beginning of August, where did all the heat come from? I hope this is not an indication of what summer has in store for our hobby. It's been unseasonably windy and hot, what happened to the spring showers? Remember to drink plenty of fluids when you are outdoors, at the field especially, we don't want to have someone keel over because of heat exhaustion.

Did you ever notice how hard it is to get people to volunteer for things? Then, once you get a group to volunteer to see a project through, all of the sudden everyone wants to have a say in what needs to be done. Our club is no different. Watching how things unfold from the background is sometimes more difficult than being directly involved. At some point you want to get involved, make comments and suggestions, has the time passed to do so? Perhaps, but not necessarily, did you offer to help, did you come out for a work day? My point is we should appreciate what the other club members are doing on our behalf. The tree trimming, for example, was undertaken by a few diligent individuals who gave up Saturdays to work on the field, our field. These guys did a great job, in my opinion. I hope everyone can see the improvements made and be thankful that we have club members willing to step up and give up their time for our enjoyment. If for some reason you didn't get to help with the tree trimming or the field work days, be sure to thank someone who did. It's a small thing but a Thank You can go a long way to those that are doing the work. So, thanks to everyone that has worked on the field this past year.

Batteries, I guess everyone knows they won't last forever and that at some point you need to get a new battery pack for your pride and joy. A battery pack that is several seasons old may be ready for retirement. I know you can cycle packs and treat them with tender loving care but how many people actually do that? If you don't take care of your battery packs you should replace them more often, maybe every flying season. It's up to you to take care of your toys and your batteries should be high on the list of things to take care of.

See y'all at the field,

*Don Mondrik*  
czechtek@aol.com  
President

## Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:30pm by acting President Doug Staines

Minutes from February's meeting were read by acting secretary Steve Sanders; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Fred Huber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Stroud; carried.

Treasurers' Report read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Roger Miller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW Ponder; carried.

### Old Business

Tree Trimming project Chairman Doug Staines gave a report on the project; the project will continue next fall to complete it; outlined plans for the fall.

Field Maintenance Grass Burrs, Doug Staines reported that the first scheduled spraying to eliminate the burrs has been completed by himself and Lance Starzyk; Field Marshall, Larry Macie suggested a work day on April 15 to get the field ready for the Blose Pattern Match, work to include repairing the women's washroom door; Extra storage container was discussed with Larry Macie offering to obtain prices.

Mall Show Frank Sodek gave a report; indicated that 11 members had entries in the show for a total of 27 Models on display; 705 votes were cast in the People's Choice Award with the results as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Cullison/Stearman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Macie/Corsair; 3<sup>rd</sup> John Cobb/Extra 300. Also, reported raffle ticket sales of \$300.

Air Show Frank Sodek reported that the club would not be allowed to have a Combat Demonstration; discussion tabled as to replacement demonstrations with a suggestion of securing a Jet Turbine for the Show; Frank will look into this possibility; indicated that sign up sheets for volunteers from the club will be circulated during the meeting in April.

Rules and Safety it was suggested to rewrite the Helicopter Operation rules with some ideas submitted to the Safety officer Paul Horan.

Blose Pattern Match BW Ponder gave a report in this regard, indicated that the event will be catered by Moffat BBQ; Contestants will perform the judging; Field will be open on Friday April 21 for practice with Bobby Zikes being available at the field that day.

Temple Pattern Match Bobby Zikes gave a report in this regard, indicated that a transmitter impound may not be required; Contestant judging; BW Ponder and Bobby Zikes will Co/CD the event.

Spring Picnic Scheduled for Sunday, April 30 with a start time of 1:00pm; first combat match is scheduled for this day; combat rules will be featured in the newsletter.

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Beginner's Night first night scheduled for Wednesday, April 5; suggestion made to check the buddy boxes out for proper operation; Acting President Doug Staines reminded all members that the Students and Instructors have priority on these nights.

New Business

Cub Scout Fly-In request by Pack 117 for the Cub Scout Fly-In to be held during the month of June; club will provide the food and drinks; suggestion made to have at least 4 trainers present; Doug Staines will contact representatives from Pack 117 and set date and time.; Mark Cullison indicated that another or new Cub Pack will be contacting club in regards to similar event.

Name Tags Steve Sanders showed a Name Tag that he had made for himself and asked if other members would be interested in same; sign up sheet circulated for those interested, Steve indicated that he would have these made.

Blunder Awards one candidate received and took this month's honors; Paul Horan crashing his model after he failed to elevate the antenna on his transmitter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Minutes recorded by *Steve Sanders* - Acting Secretary

Submitted by *Douglas Staines* - VP/Secretary.

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**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,246.67</u>
Deposits:	
Total Deposits:	156.00
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald.....	20.00
T.S.C. (new pump for sprayer).....	84.71
Total Debits:	(104.71)
Balance March 2006	<u>\$5,297.96</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

President/Treasurer

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**Tree Trimming/Cutting Project**

The project has concluded for the time being and will resume next fall. We managed to complete 90% of the tree trimming and cutting and hauled off 65 trailer loads of brush and limbs. I have secured an extension of the permit from the

Corp of Engineers which will enable us to finish the project in the fall.

We will need to start again in mid to late September to have the tree trimming, stump grinding and grading completed by the end of October. In November we will need to have all planting of replacement trees and native grass and wild flower seed completed.

I can't thank all those that have participated on the project enough and I am hoping for your help again next fall. As much as everyone's effort that helped on the project was appreciated and valuable, a few members are deserving of a little extra recognition.

James McCormick; through his efforts above and beyond managed to attend all if not the most scheduled work days on the project; further, at his expense and effort brought with him to every work day his all terrain utility vehicle, which proved to be invaluable, as it worked effortlessly to haul out the brush and limbs that were cut, saving insurmountable work. My appreciation and a big Atta Boy!

John Rovetto; who also, above and beyond ran a close second behind James in work days attended; with him he also at his expense brought with him several pieces of equipment that saved a ton of work; near the later parts of the project he brought out a full size tractor equipped with a set of forks which was an immense help in loading the brush onto the trailers, if only we had thought of it earlier. My appreciation and another Atta Boy!

And finally I would like to list all the members that helped on the project that also are deserving of big Atta Boys!

Mark Cullison	Frank Sodek, Jr.	Steve Meyer
BW Ponder	Fred Huber	Larry Macie
John Cobb	John Greiner	Frank Sodek, Sr.
John Redwine	Don Mondrik	Bob Didio
Rich Ebertowski	James Goren	Roger Miller
Michael Greiner	Dean Stroud	Nathan Stroud
James McKee	Buster Hinkle	Ed Weems
Rick Sacket	Mark Bugar	

I hope I didn't miss anyone, if I did you have my gratitude and an Atta Boy as well. If you use the field and you didn't help, you will have the opportunity to redeem yourself and help next fall; I hope to see your name on the honor roll as well.

Again thanks to all those that helped and I hope to see a good turn out next fall.

*Douglas Staines*, Project Chairman.

# It's raffle time! Please copy and cut out these tickets to sell.

<p style="text-align: right;"><b>DRAWING!</b></p> <p>Who: Temple Aero Modelers R/C Airplane Club</p> <p>What: Complete Ready-to-Fly Radio Control Airplane with free flying lessons</p> <p>Where: Central Texas Air Show Temple Airport</p> <p>When: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006</p> <p>How: \$1 DONATION</p> <p>Need not be present to win</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>City, Zip: _____</p> <p>PHONE: ( _____ ) _____</p> <p style="text-align: left;"><b>DRAWING!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>DRAWING!</b></p> <p>Who: Temple Aero Modelers R/C Airplane Club</p> <p>What: Complete Ready-to-Fly Radio Control Airplane with free flying lessons</p> <p>Where: Central Texas Air Show Temple Airport</p> <p>When: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006</p> <p>How: \$1 DONATION</p> <p>Need not be present to win</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>City, Zip: _____</p> <p>PHONE: ( _____ ) _____</p> <p style="text-align: left;"><b>DRAWING!</b></p>
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## **Temple Aero Modelers Combat League Rules**

- 1) All contestants must be Temple Aero Modeler Club members and present a valid AMA card for each round.
- 2) Each streamer cut is one point awarded to the cutting pilot. Each pilot receives one point for participating that day.
- 3) In the event of a mid-air, the airplanes involved are required to land (if they didn't crash) and both pilots will receive an additional point.
- 4) Landing before the end of the round for no apparent reason will cause the forfeiture of points for that round. Radio/engine trouble, out of gas, midair collisions, etc. are valid reasons and will not cause forfeiture of points.
- 5) Each round shall consist of 6 minutes beginning when all pilots are ready.
- 6) If a streamer is lost due to being improperly secured, the aircraft must land.
- 7) A maximum of six aircraft will be allowed for each round.
- 8) On any given day, every pilot will have equal number of opportunities to fly if possible.
- 9) Each pilot will enlist a helper/spotter to assist in launching and/or scoring, and for safety.
- 10) The CD(s) will have final say on points awarded for the round.
- 11) Certificates or Trophies will be awarded to the top three aces at the end of the season.
- 12) Streamers will be 40' (or half of a new roll) long and tied to the aircraft with 15'– 20' of string.
- 13) Combat Flight Line has been established as the tree/brush line... all combat will take place East of the Combat Flight Line.
- 14) Engine(s) will be limited to .50ci total or less for each plane. All airplanes must comply with AMA safety rules.
- 15) All official combat league rounds will take place at the Temple Aero Modelers club airfield located in McGregor Park.

## Field Procedures and Safety Rules Proposed Changes

Proposed change to rule 16 will be voted on at the next club meeting...

Current:

16. Helicopters shall not be flown while fixed wing planes are in the air.

Proposed:

16. Helicopters

- a) Helicopters will abide by all fixed wing rules.
- b) If a helicopter is flying by itself and an airplane is ready to take off, the helicopter must accommodate the airplane (move out of the way.)
- c) No hovering directly in front of you over the runway if another airplane is flying.
- d) Hovering may be done while others are flying, at the south end of the field out of the traffic pattern and out of the way of other aircraft.
- e) If hovering at the south end of the field DO NOT transition into the flight pattern from this location, either walk to the south most pilot stand (if it is empty) or shut down and restart (see “f” below).
- f) Starting and adjustments are to be made on the helicopter table which is located beyond the red AMA line and away from the pit area of other fliers.
- g) Prior to starting, the pilot must insure the idle up switches are turned off and **one hand must be on the blades while starting.**

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## District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list!)

- May 5-6 War Birds Over Waco, Waco, TX
- May 5-6 Jet Fly-In, Mount Pleasant, TX
- May 13 Thunderbird Memorial Warbird Fly-In, Fort Worth, TX
- May 13 Fun-Fly/Swap Meet, Grand Prairie, TX
- May 19-21 Red Flag Over Austin, Austin, TX
- May 20 RC Combat, Lucas, TX
- May 27-28 Midland & Odessa IMAC Classic, Odessa, TX
- May 27-28 Annual GSW Big Bird, Ft. Worth, TX

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**Don't forget to  
bring your  
donation items to  
the meeting for the  
Ronald McDonald  
House!!!**

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