

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

August 2001

This month's meeting will be held **Monday, August 27th** at 7:30pm at the **Club Field** in McGregor Park at Lake Belton.



**Multi-Club
"Poker" Fly-
In Sep. 23rd**

Club Info

**Combat
Aug. 26th
and Sep. 9th**

2001 Officers

President: Frank Sodek Jr.
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Vice-president: Ken Schulz
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Treasurer: Dennis Torline
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Secretary: Don Mondrik
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Safety Officer: Frank Sodek Sr.
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Field Marshal: Fred Huber
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Temple Event Schedule

Aug 26	Combat
Sep 9	Combat
Sep 23	Multi-Club Fly In
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night
Oct 28	Last Combat/DST Ends
Dec 2	Santa Pal Fly-In
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Elections

Instructors

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Frank Sodek Jr.		773-8081
Mark Cullison		773-9686
Bobby Zikes		773-3773
Fred Huber		947-9551

If you need help learning to fly, please contact one of the instructors listed above.

District 8 Events

(This is not a complete list)

Sep 7-9	Greater Southwest Jet Rally, Caddo Mills Municipal Airport, North Texas Jets, Caddo Mills, TX
Sep 8	Brazos Valley First Ever Fun-Fly, Brazos Valley R/C Field, Brazos Valley R/C Modelers, Bryan, TX
Sep 8	5 th Annual Big Bird, Royal Ranch, Cedar Creek Aero Modelers, Malakoff, TX

ON THE COVER

A camera on an old trainer snapped this nice aerial view of our flying field. With a little ingenuity, old trainers can have an 'after life'!

Photograph by Mark Cullison.

District 8 Events

(Continued)

Sep 8-9	Big Bird Fly-In and Swap Meet, Hall Field, Cen-Tex Modelers, Killeen, TX
Sep 8-9	Annual Don McKinney Float-Fly, Comanche Tr. Park Lake, Big Spring Model Aircraft Assoc., Big Spring, TX
Sep 9	Fall Fly-In, Club Field, Jetero R/C Club, Huffman, TX
Sep 14-16	Bomber Field Big Bird Meet, Bomber Field, Monaville, TX
Sep 15	GSW All Scale Fly-In, Club Field, Greater Southwest R/C Club, Ft. Worth, TX
Sep 15-16	Callin' of the Hogs, Club Field, Hi-Sky R/C Club, Midland, TX
Sep 15-16	North Dallas Pattern Contest, New Club Field, North Dallas R/C Club, Frisco, TX
Sep 22	North Dallas R/C Club Annual Seaplane Fly-In, Hidden Cove Park, The Colony, TX
Sep 22-23	Austin R/C Assoc. Fall Big Bird Fly-In, Club Field, Austin, TX
Sep 23	Battle on the Bayou, Scobee Field, Bayou City Flyers, Houston, TX
Sep 23	Space City Cross Country Challenge, Club Field, Space City R/C Club, Katy, TX
Sep 29	Big Bird Fly-In, Club Field, Brazoria County Modelers Assoc., Oyster Creek, TX
Sep 29	Unlimited Float Fly, Cartwright Park, Sunshine Lake, Weatherford Aero Modeling Society, Weatherford, TX
Sep 29-30	3 rd Annual Jetero IMAA/AMA Big Bird Fly-In, Club Field, Jetero RC Club, Huffman, TX
Sep 30	2+ Fun-Fly, Randolph AFB Aux Field, Tri-City Fliers, San Antonio, TX

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. I hope your summer has gone well. It's hard to believe that the kids are heading back to school already. Hopefully we'll have some cooler days before too much longer, which will make flying a lot more enjoyable. The only problem now is that the days are getting shorter, which is getting apparent during our Wednesday evening training sessions.

Except for our scheduled combat events, the past two months have been event free for the club. Next month (September) we'll start getting active again. On September 23rd (Sunday afternoon) our club will be hosting pilots from the Killeen, Waco and Georgetown clubs for an inter-club fly-in. Don Mondrik will be directing a "Poker Run" event during the get-together. Each time a pilot makes a flight, he gets to draw a card from a deck, and at the end of the day the pilot holding the best hand (of five cards) will win a big pot of money. It's a great way to meet new folks (and see some different airplanes), and also to show off our club and our field. Let's all pitch in and show them some of our great Temple Aero Modelers hospitality!

The following Sunday (September 30th) we will be having our fall club picnic. It will be the same format as prior picnics – a pot luck lunch beginning at 1PM (the club will provide soft drinks) followed by an afternoon of flying, including a few rounds of combat competition. Bring a dish of your choice, your family and friends, your lawn chairs, a hearty appetite and of course, your airplanes and have some fun!

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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!!PLEASE HELP!!

The storage shed at the field has been left open at least three times in the last couple of months! If you are the last to leave the field, PLEASE check the shed and make sure the door is locked.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$3,284.79</u>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	173.00
Debits	
Big Bird Tape:	(27.01)
Gasoline and club checks:	(38.00)
Total Debits:	(65.01)
Balance July 2001	<u>\$3,392.78</u>

Submitted by *Dennis Torline*

Club Treasurer

Secretary's Notes

Frank Sodek Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Temple Aero Modelers flying field.

Don Mondrik read the minutes from the June meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and seconded by Fred Huber.

Dennis Torline read the Treasurer's Report. Fred Huber made a motion to accept the treasurers' report and was seconded by Buster Hinkle.

Old Business:

1. Field Maintenance

- a. Fred Huber and John Rovetto will use PVC pipe to cover the conduit used on the safety barriers around the pilot boxes and replace the orange safety fencing.
- b. Selling the aluminum cans we collect at the field adds about \$40 a year to our treasury. If you would like to donate your excess aluminum cans to the club please bring them out to the field.
- c. When the weather cools off we need to add some fill dirt around the edges of the runway.
- d. Tree trimming might be possible if we provide a letter to the Corps. of Engineers explaining why we need to trim the trees.

2. Interclub Gathering

Don Mondrik reported that only the Waco and Killeen clubs have replied to e-mails regarding the Poker Fly In. The date for the fly in will be September 23rd.

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New Business:

Fred Huber has been trying to get quotes for some decals of our club logo in 1 1/2", 3", and 5" diameters.

Combat Report:

Mark Cullison gave a combat report for the previous month updating the club members present with the current combat points standings.

Blunder Awards:

1. Ben Starzyk, a new member, took off with the ailerons reversed on his trainer and crashed very soon after taking off.
2. Fred Huber was flying a tail heavy GWS Tiger Moth that was difficult to control and landed in a tree, the next tail-heavy flight resulted in a broken prop.
3. Fred Huber was instructing Travis Berry when the engine died and the plane landed in the top of a tree and knocked the tail loose.

Congratulations to Ben Starzyk winner of the June Blunder Award, welcome to the club!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Schulz and seconded by Buster Hinkle at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by *Don Mondrik*

Secretary

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Meeting Location

For the next few months the meetings are going to be held at our **flying field** at Lake Belton's McGregor Park (see map on ad page) while the Ronald McDonald house is under construction. Just gives us an excuse to fly more. Come early and bring a plane and a chair! (and OFF! bug spray!)

Free Assistance...

...to beginners with aircraft kit construction, ARF setup and repairs. (If I do it all for you... you don't learn how.)

Fred Huber

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B-17/Big Bird Fly-In at Bomber Field

by *Frank Sodek*

What I think is the premier RC event in the state of Texas will be happening again during the third weekend of September. It is the annual B-17/Big Bird Fly-In at Bomber Field, which is located just outside the big bustling city of Monaville, Texas. There will be three days of flying starting Friday, September 14th. This is a huge event; if Mother Nature cooperates, they'll have about 300 registered pilots, which means there's approximately twice that many planes present. Several thousand spectators will pay \$4 each to watch the show, and believe me, it's definitely worth the drive (about two hours) and the price of admission to see this event. Interspersed with special formation flights of the B-17s (sometimes with fighter escorts) and lots of big warplanes are special demonstration flights of turbines and aerobatic demonstrations that will knock your socks off. You'll see all sorts of giant scale models represented, and the flying action is non-stop. For every four or five pilots in the air at any one time, there are twenty more lined up behind them, waiting their turn to fly.

Monaville is about twenty miles south of Hempstead on SH359. Bomber field is located about 3 miles west of Monaville; you'll see the sign when you get to Monaville (unless you blink). To get there from Temple, I take SH36 to Brenham, then SH290 to Hempstead. The new loop around Hempstead actually dumps you right onto SH359 – instead of turning left to Houston at the traffic light, go straight across the RR tracks and you'll be on your way to Monaville. See you there!

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Combat League Report for 08/12/01

We had five contestants for this day of combat. Steve Meyer ironed out his past problems and was itching for a fight. Bobby Zikes was flying a nearly new pink version of his custom built "Postal" fighter; Don Mondrik was there with his much customized black and yellow "Com.Bat" Gremlin; Frank Sodek managed to arrive in time for the first round flying his Raptor. I had my patched up "T4" Gremlin.

This combat turned out to be very frustrating between weak streamers and balky engines. Twice we called a restart due to these problems. I think the streamers being stored in the hot shed may have attributed to their weakness... not sure.

The first round was relatively uneventful. I made the only cut of the round... my first and only cut of the day. Second round Don and Bobby each scored a cut. Third round proved a bit more interesting. I was chasing Bobby when he dove down and flew at tree top level to try and shake me off. He forgot he had his high rate on and hit the elevator too hard. The resulting snap roll put his pretty pink plane into the trees. Created a major rebuild project for Bobby. Before the end of the round, I was playing around and put my Gremlin into a flat spin. The engine decided to die and it would not come out of the spin. It landed upright and only broke the prop and spinner. By the end of the round, Don and Steve each scored a cut.

Thanks to Fred Fouche' for being the timekeeper for the rounds.

Results:

Don Mondrik	3 pts
Bobby Zikes	2 pts
Mark Cullison	2 pts
Steve Meyer	2 pts
Frank Sodek	1 pt

Mark "The Terminator" Cullison

Engine Maintenance

by Randy Lipscomb

I'll have to admit that in all the years I've been flying RC (Radio Control) airplanes, I've never really had a complete grasp of what happens to an engine left without lubricants after a weekend of flying.

I know that the engine will obviously rust solid if nothing is done, but am I doing everything I can to protect my expensive engine?

I have my usual routine of running the engine dry of fuel and then adding Marvel Mystery Oil to the carburetor after my last flight of the day. I flip the prop over several times to draw the oil into the crankcase of the engine, cover with an old sock, and put my airplane away until the next sunny day.

Bob Slater, of Scottsdale AZ, has done us all the great service of addressing this question with his many years of rust-free engines.

To prevent bearing rust and internal rust from destroying your engine, pull the fuel lines at full throttle and let the engine run out of fuel. Put the glow plug battery back on the glow plug and spin the prop with an electric starter for about 30 seconds.

Remove the battery from the glow plug and squirt a good shot of Rislone® oil into the intake (of a two stroke) or the crankcase vent nipple (on a four stroke). Rislone® can be purchased at most auto supply stores.

Spin the prop again for a few seconds to distribute the oil throughout the engine, and repeat the "squirt and spin" procedure two more times.

That's it! If you plan on storing your engine for more than a month, squirt the oil in a little heavier and stand the engine on its crankshaft until the oil runs out of the front bearing housing.

This has been Bob's routine for the last five years, and he swears by it. Thanks, Bob.

from The Altimeter
The Clarksburg Model Aviation Club
Richard Rader, editor
Bridgeport WV

Temple Aero Modelers' Multi-Club "Poker" Fly-In



Sunday, September 23rd,
2001



All members from Georgetown, Waco, Killeen and Temple are invited to enjoy a day of laid back flying and camaraderie at our Club Field located at Lake Belton's McGregor Park

Entry fee is \$2, one playing card will be issued for each valid flight. At the end of the day, the best hand of 5 cards or less will win the pot.

Flying begins at 1pm and ends at 6pm.

Drinks will be provided.

Contact Don Mondrik at 939-1242 for more info.
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Meeting at the Flying Field

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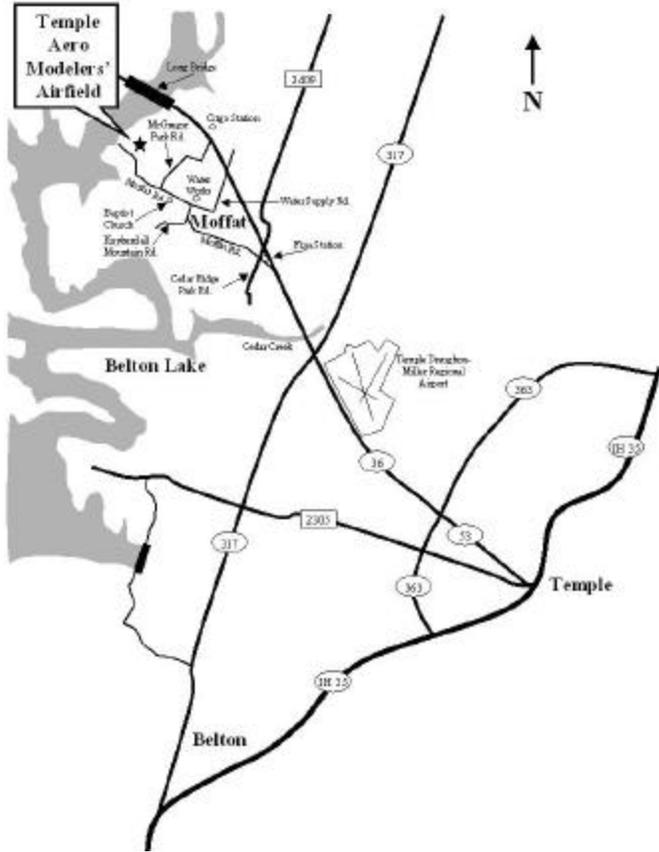
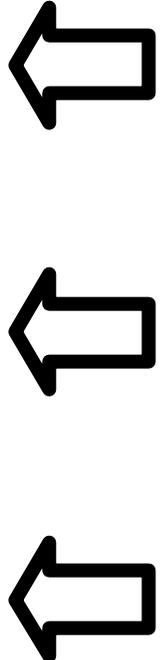
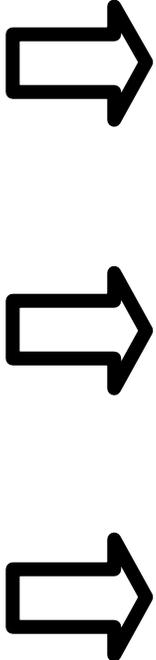


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