

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
February 2005

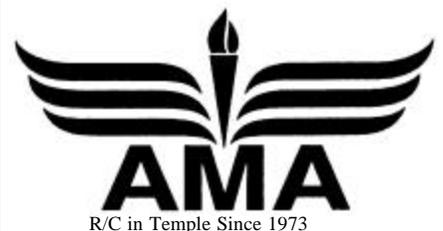
Indoor Flying...



...has arrived
in Temple, Texas!!!



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



*Club Meeting
Feb 28th*

CLUB INFO

*Mall Show
Mar 19th
and 20th*

2004 Officers

President:	Jeff Pitts 780-2245
Vice Pres/Sec.	Doug Staines 780-3512
Treasurer:	Buster Hinkle 982-4746
Safety Officer:	Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081
Field Marshals:	John Redwine 773-2742 John Rovetto 939-5659

Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr.		773-8081
Mark Cullison		773-9686
Steve Meyer		939-6394
Paul Horan		780-1274
B.W. Ponder		778-6182

On The Cover

B.W. Ponder flies his small foamy Ultimate at the Family Life Center at the Western Hills Church of Christ. The large room really shrinks with a plane in the air! Our club's first official indoor fly-in took place here on February 18th.

Photo by Mark Cullison

Temple Event Schedule

Feb 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 19-20	Mall Show
Mar 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 6	1 st Beginner's Night 5pm
Apr 24	Spring Picnic/1 st Combat 1pm
Apr 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
May 6-8	Temple Air Show
May 23	Club Meeting 7:30pm (note: meeting one week early due to holiday)
May 28-29	Pattern Contest 8am
Jun 12	Sanctioned Fun Fly 10:30am
Jun 19	Combat 3pm
Jun 27	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 3	Combat 3pm
Jul 24	Combat 3pm
Jul 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 7	Combat 3pm
Aug 21	Combat 3pm
Aug 26-28	AMA Grand Event – Waco
Aug 29	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 11	Combat 3pm
Sep 25	Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 26	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 2	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 23	Poker Fly 11am
Oct 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm (note: meeting one week early due to holiday)
Oct 26	Last Beginner's night
Nov 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 4	Ronald McDonald/ Toys for Tots Fly-In 1pm
Dec 12	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections 6:30pm

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President's Report

by *Doug Staines*

Hey what's going on! Why is Doug writing the President's article for the Newsletter this month! Don't despair, Jeff was ill and unable to make the Editor's strict deadline; I hope the article is tolerable.

On a more somber tone, I regret to announce that the Club has lost one of its members. Bob Higginbotham, a member for several years, has passed away this month. Bob was always present at the field putting in many great flights. I often remember Bob being accompanied by his dog. I recall that Bob actually had 2 dogs, and the first one was of great service to our club. It appeared that this dog had an appetite for 'fire ants'. There was always plenty for the dog to eat; talk about spicing up one's diet. Bob will surely be missed in our club.



The late Bob Higginbotham and one of his creations

This month on the 13th we had what was dubbed the 'Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup' midwinter get together/fly-in. Steve Sanders put on a huge pot of his famous Taco soup. Man oh man, it was great Steve, a big thank you for your trouble. From what I could tell Steve didn't have to take too much home, I myself enjoyed 3 or 4 bowls. The weather was great and about

20 members were out getting in some good flights. Fred Huber debuted his 'Flying Lawnmower' which he hopes to feature at the Central Texas Air Show this year; unfortunately on the maiden flight it crashed, but suffered only minor damage, I think the problem was that it had the wrong blade on, it had a 'Mulching Blade'.

Get those Planes spruced up and your new ones finished, the Mall Show is coming; that's right, March 19th and 20th. We will be displaying our planes at the former K&B Toy Store in the Colonial Mall. The Mall show is a great opportunity to show and promote our Club and Sport. Last year was no exception, we even managed to gain some new members and sell a bunch of Raffle tickets. As always we will feature the People's Choice Competition for those members displaying their planes. The visitors to the Show will vote on which plane was their favorite. Mark Cullison won last year with his Stearman. Be warned Mark, I'm gunning for you, I plan on taking the crown away when I win the crowds over with my Cropduster, eh!

So plan on displaying your planes and volunteer to provide the manpower for the show. Frank Sodek, Jr. will be providing the details and asking for your help.

Hopefully, Jeff is a lot better by the time you read this and he will feature an article next Month. Bye for now and enjoy safe and good flying!

Doug Staines
VP/Secretary.

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

- Mar 18-20 Lone Star Nationals (Combat), Paris, TX
- Mar 19-20 Indoor Electric Fun-Fly, Big Spring, TX
- Mar 19-20 3rd Annual Profile Fly-In, Katy, TX
- Mar 26 Bayou City Flyers Bi-plane Fly-In, Houston, TX
- Mar 25-26 Annual Swap Meet and Auction, Weatherford, TX

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 31, 2005

Called to order at 7:30 PM by President Jeff Pitts

Jeff acknowledged new members, Dean and Nathan Stroud. He also welcomed Max Blose and Representatives from the Waco Club to present an outline of the AMA Grand Event.

VP/Secretary Doug Staines summarized the minutes from November's Meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes; accepted by Don Mondrik and 2nd by Frank Sodek, Sr.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle. A motion was made to accept the report; accepted by James McCormick and 2nd by Fred Huber.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff Pitts gave appreciation to the outgoing Executive Officers and welcomed new Executive Officers: Doug Staines VP/Secretary and Frank Sodek, Jr. Safety Officer

Santa Pal: BW Ponder gave report on the Santa Pal Fly-In held in December, 2004; extended appreciation to Steve Sanders for providing the BBQ Brisket.

Christmas Party: Jeff Pitts gave a summary on the party and gave thanks to all those who attended; appreciation to Bobby Zikes for securing the hall for the party; awards given as follows: Rookie of the Year: Jessie Measles

Combat: Bobby Zikes

Drawing for a Combat Plane was held for all the participants of our Combat matches of 2004: Don Mondrik was the winner.

Field Maintenance: New Lawn Tractor was purchased by John Rovetto; a summary was given as to the specifics and purchase price; Motion made and accepted to reimburse John for this purchase. Request made for quarterly clean up; tabled for next meeting. New shelving to be coordinated with proposed clean ups. Tree trimming committee to meet with Corps. of Engineers.

Safety: Report/summary given by Frank Sodek, Jr.; included was his attendance at the District 8 Regional meeting of Safety Officers.

AMA Grand Event: Max Blose with representatives from the Waco Club gave a presentation on AMA Grand Event being held and hosted by the Waco Club; request made for volunteers to help with their effort; questions fielded in this regards; sign up sheets/forms handed out, completed forms to

be returned to Frank Sodek, Jr.

Regional Combat Match: John Hill made a proposal to host a Combat Match at the Waco Club to feature teams from Waco, Temple and Bryan/College Station; well received with a tentative commitment from members present; details to follow.

WEB Site: Sherri Pitts gave a report/summary on the new WEB site/address; John Pritchard to work on new site/page

Indoor Flying: Mark Cullison and Bobby Zikes gave a report in this regards; Motion made to hold an official indoor flying meet within the club for any members interested for Friday evening February 18; further, club would provide funds to secure facilities with a collection of funds at the meet to reimburse club; a participant fee of \$10 was suggested; accepted and carried.

Keys: Frank Sodek, Jr. indicated that new gate keys are available to those new members that as of date have not received one.

Property Line: Jeff Pitts reminded everyone to respect the adjacent property of Mr. Brown.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar Meeting: Was held on January 18 with the Executive Officers and the Dates were set for all Club events for 2005. Jeff Pitts gave a brief summary/outline.

Fly In The Taco Soup: Jeff Pitts indicated the upcoming fly in/mid winter get together slated for Sunday, February 13th titled 'Fly In The Taco Soup'; Steve Sanders to cook some Taco Soup; start time for around 12 Noon.

Mall Show: Frank Sodek, Jr. gave a report; slated for March 19-20; to be held at the former K&B Toy Store in the Colonial Mall; motion made to hold a raffle for a trainer plane; accepted by Mark Cullison, 2nd by Buster Hinkle; Max Blose offered to donate the trainer plane for use in the raffle; appreciation extended to Max.

Blunder Award: Discussed with some uncertainty as to proper candidates; Paul Horan was awarded this month; apparently when his plane went down in the brush, he went on a wayward venture to retrieve it and became lost.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Respectfully submitted; *Doug Staines*, VP/Secretary

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2005 Mall Show

The club will be holding its annual Mall Show this year during the weekend of March 19th and 20th at Colonial Properties Temple Mall. We will be located where Kay-Bee Toy Store used to be, between FYE and Bath and Body Works. The best way to bring your planes in for the show is thru the North entrance, where the Cotton Patch restaurant is located. We will begin setting up the show at 8am Saturday morning and the show will end at 6PM Sunday evening. The store will be locked overnight on Saturday and the show will resume at noon on Sunday.

The primary purpose of the Mall Show is to promote our great hobby and also promote our great club. We will be showing off our planes to the public and will be handing out club information sheets. Spectators will be encouraged to vote for their favorite plane, with bragging rights going to the club members getting the most votes. At the last meeting club members voted to hold another raffle of an ARF trainer, so we will be selling tickets as a fundraiser for the club. We'll also have a flight simulator or two running for the spectators to use, to give them a feel of what's involved when flying.

At the next meeting I will have a sign-up sheet for 3 hour time slots to cover the event. This will insure minimum coverage for the show, but any member who has some free time during the weekend is definitely welcome to come and help out at any time (during normal Mall hours) – the more, the merrier! In addition to bringing your planes for display, please also collect any old modeling magazines that you don't want and bring them to the show – we'll hand them out to the spectators.

Regards,
Frank Sodek

P.S. Please do not fly your show planes until after the Mall Show – something bad might happen!

Safety Officer's Report

Safety Officer's column postponed until next month's newsletter due to Frank working in Taipei.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,500.03</u>
Credits	
Dues.....	1,240.00
Shirts.....	50.00
Banquet refund.....	35.00
Total Deposits:	1,325.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
John Rovetto (fertilizer).....	95.00
John Rovetto (mower parts).....	6.27
Bobby Zikes (banquet room).....	100.00
Total Debits:	(221.27)
Balance January 2005	<u>\$6,603.76</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Indoor Fly-In

By *Mark Cullison*

The Temple Aero Modelers Club held it's first official indoor fly-in on February 18th from 6pm thru 10pm at the gym at the Western Hills Church of Christ.

Bobby Zikes and I arrived a bit early, which was good since we had about 200 chairs and 4 basketball goals to put away before we could fly! (apparently a bit of miscommunication concerning the gym's use schedule) Once that task was completed, the flying (and crashing) commenced!

Bobby brought and flew his Pico Stick, and did much better than previous attempts. (We all accused him of practicing in the gym without us.) Doug Staines was again flying his nearly indestructible Super Fly delta. B.W. flew his Ultimate and Mini-3DX monoplane constructed from blue foam. Todd Blöse from the Waco club also had a 3DX, as well as a great flying deprom foam "Foreplay" bipe built from a commercial kit. John Redwine brought a blue foam ultimate, an IFO, and a Tiger Moth bipe. I brought a blue foam 3DX and a flying wing constructed of deprom foam.

We only had a couple of spectators show up, but they seemed to enjoy the show. I hope next time we get more flyers and spectators. A big "Thank You" goes out to Bobby Zikes for coordinating the event. I would also like to thank the club for it's financial support of the event.

Indoor Flying

In Temple, Texas



Mark Cullison

The "Pits" at one of the impromptu indoor sessions.



Max Blose

You always know where to find Mark Cullison's plane, when he's flying it!



Mark Cullison

Steve Sanders enjoying the flying (or was it the crashing?)



Mark Cullison

Doug Staines' face reveals the high level of concentration required to pilot the aircraft!



B.W. Ponder

Hot shot Todd Blose from Waco hovering his "Foreplay" biplane.



Mark Cullison

John Redwine is well stocked in the electric airplane hobby!



Mark Cullison

B.W Ponder and Todd Blose display the result of a mishap. Don't think they attempted to repair this one. It was retired for the evening.



B.W. Ponder

Todd Blose attempting a three pointer with Mark Cullison's foamy.



Mark Cullison

Doug Staines gets a lot of air time with his nearly indestructible "Super Fly".

DRAWING!

Who: Temple Aero Modelers Club

What: Complete Ready-to-Fly Radio Control Airplane with free flying lessons

Where: Central Texas Air Show Temple Airport

When: Sunday, May 8th, 2005

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newsletter!

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7:30pm at the Ronald
McDonald House
Mall Show – March 19th and 20th
at Temple's Colonial Mall**

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