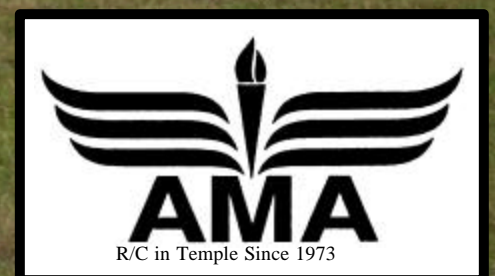


The Temple Aero Modeler

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

This month's meeting will be held Monday, January 31st at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Club Meeting
Jan 31st
Club Meeting
Feb 28th*

CLUB INFO

*Mall Show
Mar 19th and
20th
(tentative)*

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On The Cover

From left to right, Frank Sodek, Jr., Doug Staines, Don Cullison, and Buster Hinkle watch an airplane flight during the Ronald McDonald/Toys-for-Tots Fly-in. B.W. Ponder headed up the successful event, in spite of less than perfect weather. Steve Sanders did a wonderful job cooking BBQ brisket sandwiches for the participants.

Photo by B.W. Ponder

Temple Event Schedule

Jan 31 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Feb 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 19-20 Mall Show (tentative)
Mar 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 6 1st Beginner's Night 5pm
Apr 24 Spring Picnic/1st 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 *Jeff Pitts*

Temple Aero Modelers,

Welcome to 2005! We have a great year planned and I'm looking forward to building some new planes and seeing if they'll fly.

In December, at our Holiday Party, we introduced a new award – the Rookie of the Year Award. We created this award to commend a member who started as a beginner during the year and demonstrated outstanding progression in flight ability during 2004.

Our instructors chose Jesse Measles as the 2004 Rookie Pilot of the Year. Jesse soloed after only 26 training flights, and became an active member of the club. He was often the first one to head into the woods to help members retrieve downed planes, and was eager to help wherever needed, including serving as score-keeper for the Fall Fun Fly.

Please join me in congratulating Jesse on a job well done. Our Officers and Contest Directors met this month to establish our activity schedule for the year. Along with our usual contests, combats and picnics, we will also be involved with the Central Texas Air Show in May and the AMA Grand Event, which will be held in Waco at the end of August. We will also be having quarterly field clean-up days, to be announced.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments about our club and our activities, please feel free to share them at our monthly meetings, or contact me directly by phone or e-mail. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you at the field,

Jeff Pitts

780-2245

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District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

- Feb 5 Swap Meet, Schertz, TX,
<http://www.tricityflyers.com/id35.htm>,
- Feb 13 February Fickle Finger of Fate Fun Fly, Huffman, TX
- Feb 17-20 IMAA Winter Rally of Giants, Edinburg, TX

Safety Officer's Report

By *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your newly elected Safety Officer. I hope Santa was good to everyone - hopefully you've all got some new toys to play with!

On January 14th I attended an informal gathering of safety officers at a dinner meeting in Georgetown called by Sandy Frank, our AMA District VIII Vice President. Also in attendance was Don Nix, our recently appointed District VIII Safety Coordinator. The main purpose of the gathering was to discuss safety issues and the new AMA safety officer rule. This year every AMA chartered club is required to have a Safety Officer who has internet access. According to Sandy, over half the AMA clubs did not have a safety officer before this rule was instigated, which really surprised me because our club has had one every year since 1987! As clubs send their annual charter package back in to headquarters, Sandy will forward the email addresses of the club safety officers to Don, who will maintain an email list that will be used to periodically disseminate safety-related info. I'll then pass the info I receive on to club members using this newsletter column.

Don now has the privilege of seeing all accident claims made to the AMA. He will analyze and summarize the issues and then report the major categories of accidents that occurred. As Sandy stated, "Everyone can learn from other folks' mistakes", which is a true statement. Don reported that 70-80% of the injuries occur during engine start and tuning, and just the use of a helper (plane holder) would probably cut that rate in half. Our club members do a great job of jumping up and helping anyone who's out on the taxiway getting ready to fly, so I have nothing else to say about this issue except for everyone to remain observant and help out anyone you see getting ready to fly.

There were several other interesting safety topics brought up and discussed at the meeting, including whether or not the 25' setback rule applies to indoor flying (yes, it does) and some general comments about the role of the club safety officer versus the role of club members (the safety officer isn't the policeman - the policing has to be done by all club members). I'll save some of those topics for next month's column.

Safe flying,

Frank

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		<u>\$5,522.80</u>
Credits		
Total Deposits:	80.00	
Debits		
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00	
John Redwine (oil, trimmer line).....	19.77	
Stacey Peacock (sign).....	26.00	
Mark Cullison (stamps).....	37.00	
Total Debits:	(102.77)	
Balance November 2004		<u>\$5,500.03</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes – November 2004

Jeff Pitts called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, Monday, November 29, 2004. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Jeff welcomed new member present- Jim Guest, and a visitor/guest- Michael Grimmer.

Doug Staines (acting Vice President/Secretary) summarized the Minutes from the previous month's meeting held on October 25. The minutes were accepted by BW Ponder and 2nd by James McCormick.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was accepted by John Rovetto and 2nd by Don Mondrik.

Old Business

Field Maintenance:

John Revote gave a report in regards to status and activity, which included the spraying of fertilizers and/or pesticides.

Property Line:

Jeff reminded members to be mindful and respectful of Mr. Brown's property and to remember to wear a safety vest when crossing over the fence.

Shed/Shelving:

Shelving for shed is planned and will be ongoing in the Months to follow

Signage:

Completed signs in regards to visitor parking were presented by Jeff Pitts and a proposal was made to location of signs

Tree Trimming:

Jeff Pitts gave a report of the proposal he made to the Corps of Engineers in regards to trimming of present trees and the removal of trees with trunks 2inches and less and of brush clearing. Corps was receptive to this proposal and indicated that a permit could be issued following an on-site inspection to formulate the permit. Jeff indicated that this could take place in January. Further, that the existing tree trimming/clearing committee of Jeff Pitts, Frank Sodek, Sr., and Doug Staines could serve to facilitate this endeavor.

Safety:

Frank Sodek, Sr., gave a report, which included that to date no accidents or incidents regarding safety have been reported.

New Pilot Training:

Mark Cullison gave a report on the New Pilot training and a breakdown of training flights and introductory flights was presented. Actual statistics were circulated.

AMA Grand Event:

BW Ponder gave a brief summary of tentative discussions held with elements of the Waco affiliation.

Christmas Party:

A summary was presented and reminder presented in regards to new location of this year's party and of its location. Reference made to the map that appeared in the November issue of 'The Temple Aero Modeler'. Buster gave an outline of the gift exchange format.

Web Site:

Shari Pitts gave a report/summary of her research into obtaining a web site for the club that would replace the current one in use. Several options and price quotations were presented. BW made the motion to pursue the more favorable option and quote; 2nd by Don Mondrik; carried.

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Indoor Flying:

BW gave a summary in this regards with experiences encountered with indoor flying. It was suggested that the current planes used by himself and fellow members required a keen awareness and higher degree of finesse related to actual flying airspace restrictions. Was suggested that perhaps only one plane should be flown at a time.

Santa Pal Fly-In:

BW gave a summary in regards to this year's annual Santa Pal Fly-In, scheduled for Sunday, December 5th at 1pm. Entry fee would be one unwrapped toy. BW offered to provide coffee and Steve Sanders offered to provide some food, possible chili. Flying, weather permitting.

New Business

Lake Levels:

As of 11/29 the Lake Level was 17 feet above normal pool. Currently McGregor Park has been closed to public access with gates being locked at the main entrance. Mark Cullison outlined that arrangements have been made that would allow our Club and any of its members to access our facilities. One of the 3 gates at the main entrance has been allocated for our use, as you approach the main entrance from the East; our gate with our lock on it is the one on the extreme left. Only stipulation is that you must lock the gate closed following passage.

Keys:

Inquiry was made by newer members as to how to obtain a gate key. Extra keys have been cut by Frank Sodek, Jr. Arrangements would be made at the Santa Pal Fly-In to have those keys made available to those needing them and that possibly Jeff Pitts would retain the extra keys to dispense as needed.

Blunder Awards

Nominations for this month's Blunder Award as follows:

- 1) BW- while flying his foamy bipe indoors, and trying a more difficult pattern collided with a wall
- 2) Mark Cullison- as well, flying his foamy bipe indoors with BW, his plane took an errant flight path in their direction, BW's quick cat-like reaction snagged the plane from the air preventing impact with either Mark or BW, breaking the wing in the process.

3) Larry Squires- flying solo crashed and totaled his trainer.

Mark wins this month's Blunder award.

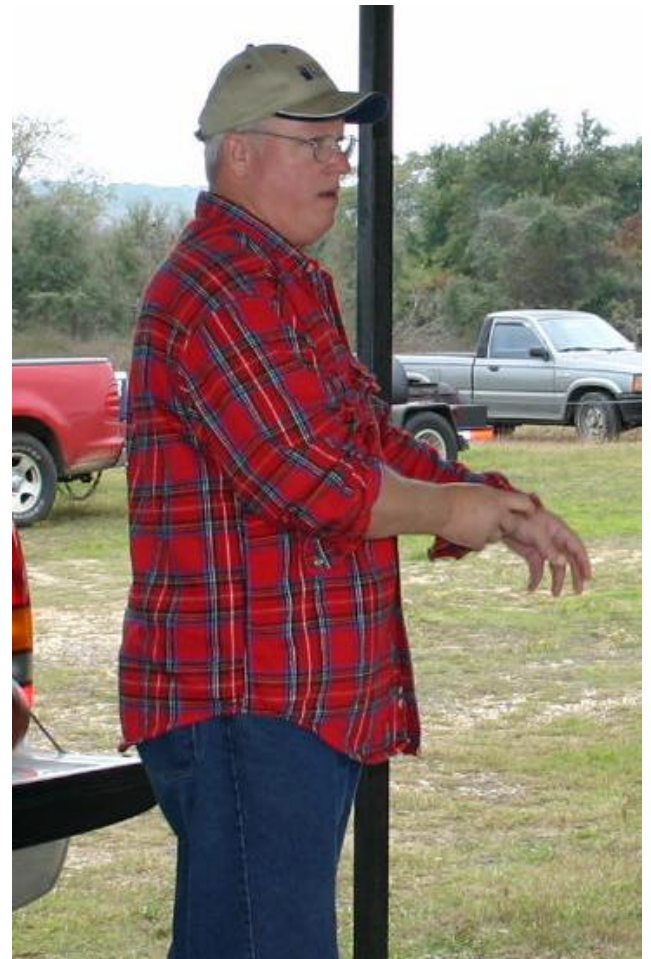
Trip Reports

Steve Sanders was at the Waco Swap Meet on November 27. Max Blose of the Waco Club and a sponsor of 'The Temple Aero Modeler' donated a case of NiCd ½ 'D' cell batteries for use by our members. Steve presented these to the members present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by *Doug Staines*

Acting Vice-President/Secretary



Steve Sanders outdid himself! The sliced beef BBQ sandwiches he created for the Santa Pal Fly-In were fantastic! Thanks, Steve!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Temple Aero Modelers

To join the Temple Aero Modelers or renew your dues, please fill out this form, enclose a check, and mail to:

Temple Aero Modelers

c/o Buster Hinkle
11591 Pritchard Rd.
Temple, TX 76501

Make check payable to:
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(check or cash can also be brought to the next club meeting)

Name: _____ AMA#: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Radio Channels that you fly: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ (Home)
(____) _____ - _____ (Work)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*	
Adult member dues (18 and over)	\$40.00	_____
Additional family member	\$20.00	_____
Senior member dues (over 65)	\$20.00	_____
Junior member dues (under 18)	\$10.00	_____
Associate member	\$10.00	_____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

*For new members only – if joining in the first quarter (Jan-Mar): 100% of full year dues; second quarter (Apr-Jun): 75% of full year dues; third quarter (Jul-Sep): 50% of full year dues; fourth quarter (Oct-Dec): 25% of full year dues.

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Otherwise, this
could be your last
newsletter!

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January 31st at 7:30pm at
the Ronald McDonald House**

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