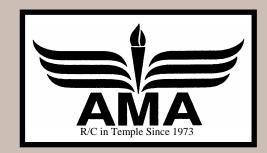
The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.

January 2006





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



Club Meeting Jan 30th

Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup Feb 19th

# **CLUB INFO**

Tree **Trimming** Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

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What a team! Don Mondrik and his Funtana (left) and David Dussetschleger and his Pitts Special. Unfortunately, David is moving to Mississippi next month. The Club won't be the same...<sniff> If you didn't make the Christmas Banquet, you missed a great send off for David in the form a roast.

Photograph by Nick Mondrik

## **Temple Event Schedule**

Jan 28 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am Jan 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm Feb 4 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am Feb 18 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am Feb 19 Fly-in-the-Taco-Soup 1pm Feb 25 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am Feb 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm Mar 11 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am Mar 18 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am Mar 25-26 Mall Show Mar 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm Apr 5 1<sup>st</sup> Beginner's Night 5pm **Blose Pattern Contest** Apr 15-16 Spring Picnic/1<sup>st</sup> Combat 1pm Apr 23 Apr 24 Club Meeting 7:30pm 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 Club meeting 7:30pm Jun 26 Jul 9 Combat 3pm Jul 23 Combat 3pm Jul 31 Club Meeting 7:30pm

On The Cover

Combat 3pm Aug 6 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

Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections Dec 11

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#### **President's Report**

Greetings and Salutations.

Welcome to 2006. I can't believe I agreed to be the President again, why didn't someone stop me?

I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas. It used to be that you have to start building right away so you could show off what you got at the Mall Show. Now, with so many quick building ARFs on the market you could build two or three planes between now and the Mall Show.

I was able to participate in the vegetation assault one Saturday and it was satisfying in a strange sort of way. I was able to exact my revenge on all those thorny vines that used to deny access to downed aircraft. We still have a long way to go with the trimming and the effort could use everyone's support. If you have been involved, thank you, if you haven't, well, why not? The club can only benefit from member participation. If you can't work then maybe you could come out for moral support or bring some drinks, something, anything.

I'm looking forward to another year of flying and COMBAT!!! There is something about a dry mouth and shaky legs that make Combat fun. Remember the feeling you used to get when you were trying to land the first few times? Well, Combat can bring that feeling back to life. Combat will make you a better pilot whether you are trying to catch a streamer or just not hit anything. Flying in such close quarters with other planes will make you react on the sticks instead of thinking about the sticks. It's usually the right reaction but it really can't be wrong, I mean all you have to do is survive for the next round.

Let's have a safe and fun year of flying and again, welcome to the New Year.

Don Mondrik El Presidente (again)

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

#### **Safety Report**

The helicopter challenge...

Our hobby and club changes over time. When our club's safety rules were put together there were very few helicopter pilots. Since then things have changed. Now we have at least four or more members flying helicopters, sometimes at the same time. In light of this, now is a good time for the club and those members flying helicopters to let us know what they feel would be a good set of rules for helicopters.

In particular: where to take off and land, where they can be started and worked on, if helicopters and fixed wing planes should be allowed to fly at the same time. I am sure there are other issues as well.

Safe flying is no accident

Submitted by *Paul Horan* Safety Officer

#### **November Meeting Minutes**

#### Monday, November 28

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by Buster Hinkle, President

Buster Hinkle acknowledged visitors Raymond McLane, Stacy Peacock and Debbie Guest.

 $\underline{\text{Minutes}}$  for the meeting held in October were read by Douglas Staines. VP/Secretary; motion to accept the minutes were made by Larry Macie and  $2^{\text{nd}}$  by Don Mondrik, carried.

 $\underline{\text{Treasurer's report}}$  was read by Buster Hinkle, motion to accept report was made by Jim McCormick Jr. and  $2^{\text{nd}}$  by John Redwine, carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

<u>Field Maintenance</u> inquiry was made as to repairs to outhouse with no status given at this time, no other field maintenance issues were tabled.

<u>Tree Trimming/Cutting</u> project chairman Douglas Staines gave a report in this regard, discussion aired in regards to possible scheduling a work day on Saturday, December 31 which was

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declined by membership; chairman indicated that an extension of the project and the permit was being organized for the continuation of the project in the new year.

Indoor Flying Bobby Zikes indicated that indoor flying may be possible at the upcoming Christmas Party; Bobby indicated that the Church appeared to be reluctant to allow indoor flying thereafter; it was aired that indoor flying would in all likelihood need to be moved to another facility; B.W. Ponder indicated that Todd Blose from the Waco Club was in the process of possible securing the use of Midway High School Gymnasium for indoor flying, details would be forwarded to club members by B.W. as they became available.

Santa Pal C.D. B.W. Ponder made a request to move this event to December 11; this proposal was accepted by membership present.

Website no report was presented

<u>Battle Floyds</u> Bobby Zikes indicated that they had arrived and he had them with him for distribution to those who had ordered them.

<u>Christmas Party</u> discussion aired in this regard with an indication given of a 6:30pm start with indoor flying prior to that; Bobby Zikes obtained volunteers to help with setup.

<u>2006 Election of Officers</u> Buster Hinkle gave a report and indicated that each position had received one candidate for consideration, therefore an Election was not necessary and a motion to accept the Election of Officers by Acclamation was made by Buster Hinkle and 2<sup>nd</sup> BW Ponder, carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Pattern</u> Bobby Zikes presented a request that was made by the Waco Club to host their Pattern match on April 15-16 at the Temple Airfield; discussion aired in this regard; motion to accept this request was made by B.W. Ponder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Mondrik, carried.

Bobby Zikes presented a preliminary report on the Temple Pattern match and indicated that it will be held on May 20 & 21.

#### **BLUNDER AWARDS**

- 1. Paul Horan, crashing a student's trainer plane which sustained some damage to the nose gear.
- 2. Larry Macie, clipped a tree with minor damage to the aircraft
- 3. Don Mondrik, forgetting RX battery at home.

Don Mondrik was declared this month's winner.

Trip Reports no trip reports were made.

<u>Presentation</u> was made by Stacy Peacock in regards to the opening of his new Hobby Shop in Temple.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim McCormick, Sr. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Macie, meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

#### **December Meeting Minutes**

#### Monday, December 12

An informal meeting was held at the Christmas Party with an abbreviated recording of minutes presented.

Meeting was conducted by Buster Hinkle President and Douglas Staines VP/Secretary.

<u>Presentation</u> by Buster Hinkle; of a \$75 Gift certificate to Peacock Hobbies was made to Mark Cullison in appreciation for the work he has done for the club and the Newsletter each month.

<u>Presentation</u> by Buster Hinkle; of a \$45 Gift certificate to Peacock Hobbies was made Douglas Staines in appreciation for the work he has done in the Tree Trimming/Cutting Project.

<u>2006 Officers</u> Buster Hinkle acknowledged the Club Officers for 2006.

<u>Tree Trimming/Cutting Project</u> Chairman Douglas Staines gave a report and indicated that an extension of the permit was secured and a new schedule of the work days was developed with copies of this schedule was distributed to the members present.

<u>Combat</u> presentation of the combat awards for the 2005 Season was made by Douglas Staines.

<u>Santa Pal</u> B.W. Ponder gave a report in this regard; additional gifts were donated by members present.

<u>Special Presentation/Roasting</u> was made to David Dussetschleger in honor of his departure from the Club by Douglas Staines; presentation was that of a 'David D'

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Instruction Manual.

Meeting was concluded and the activities of the Christmas Party resumed.

Submitted by *Douglas Staines* VP/Secretary.

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#### **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance \$4,503.04

Deposits:

Total Deposits: 487.80

Debits:

Mark Cullison (old mower front tire)..25.02
Doug Staines (Tree trimming chem)....39.86
Doug Staines (new mower parts).....20.68
Model Aviation (Mag subscriptions)...40.00
Bobby Zikes (banquet hall rental)....100.00
Ronald McDonald...............20.00

Total Debits: (245.56)

Balance November 2005 \$4,745.28

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle* President/Treasurer



In memory of Don Cullison September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1931 – December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### **Tree Trimming/Cutting Project**

I trust everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. The Tree Trimming/Cutting Project has resumed with a great start with 2 work days completed at the time of this writing.

To date we have hauled off 48 trailer loads of brush and limbs. On Saturday January 14 we finally reached the fence on the eastern aspect of the field and cleared a swath about 50 feet wide north to south along the fence line.

What a difference this has made. You can now clearly see the field on the other side of the fence. This will be a great help when aircraft are downed on the other side of the fence. You will be able to see exactly where it went down. No more hikes through the field trying to locate your plane, and Paul Horan won't get lost over there.

This is all good news, but I can't express enough how much help this project requires from our members. We need as much help as possible to get the project completed by the permit finish date of March 18.

The first 2 work days this year on the project saw a great turn out of members. It was great to see some new faces. I realize that not everyone is able to help, but if you are physically able, your participation of even one scheduled work day would make a world of difference on the project and be a lot of help.

The work is not that difficult and there are several jobs available ranging in difficulty from operating chain saws to spraying pruning sealant to the limb cut wounds on tree trunks. We generally start at 9:00 am and finish by noon. So if you can spare a Saturday morning or two, check the schedule which you will find in the newsletter.

As we approach the eastern side of the airstrip, we will be closing the airfield to all flying activities, while work on the project is in progress. This will ensure the safety of the members that are working, technically in the flying area.

So if you come out to fly on a Saturday morning because the weather is great, don't be surprised and find a big closed sign posted at the airfield. The trip to the airfield will not be a waste, because you would certainly be welcomed to lend a hand and help for an hour or two.

Hope to see you out on the project, make sure to check the schedule and mark your calendars.

Remember, this is your field and your help is appreciated by all.

Douglas Staines Project Chairman

# TREE CUTTING & TRIMMING SCHEDULE

Here is the new schedule; the permit was extended from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> through to March 18. Additional work days have been scheduled to ensure completion of the project. The format will be work days for 2 consecutive Saturdays with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday off, then work days the next 2 Saturdays, etc. Please post this for future reference.

Saturday Jan 28
Saturday Feb 4
Saturday Feb 18
Saturday Feb 25
Saturday March 11
Saturday March 18

Start time is 9:00am

We will continue to need maximum participation to be successful. Remember, to bring your chain saws, pruners, loppers and any other tree trimming tools. Also needed are flat bed trailers to haul off the limbs and brush, more trailers the better.

Anyone with powered Brush Hogs would be helpful. Weedeaters equipped brush cutting blades similar in appearance to a circular saw blade, heavy tined garden rakes and 3/4 to 1 inch nylon rope.

Your Help is Appreciated

# **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: **Temple Aero Modelers** 

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

Name:		AMA#:
Spouse's Name:		_
Radio Channels that you fly:		
Phone: ()		
Address:		
City:	_ State:	Zip:
E-Mail:		
Amount enclosed for:		
		Full Year*
Adult member dues (18 and over)		
•		\$20.00
Senior member dues (over 65)		
Junior member dues (under 18)		
Associate member	•••••	\$10.00
		Total enclosed: \$

<sup>\*</sup>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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### Club Dues are now due!

A membership form has been included in this newsletter.

## **District VIII Events**

(This is a complete list!)

Feb 4 Tri-City Flyers Swap Meet, Schertz, TX

Feb 4 Frozen Fickle Finger of Fate Fun-Fly,

Huffman, TX

Feb 18-19 Pasadena Pursuit Winter NATS (combat),

Pasadena, TX

Feb 19 President's Day Contest (control line),

Dallas, TX

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