

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
July 2004



**This month's meeting will be held
Monday, July 26th at 7:30pm at the
Ronald McDonald House Meeting
Room in Temple.**



*Hosting
Cub Scout
Troop 117-
July 27th*

CLUB INFO

*Combat –
Aug 1st and
Aug 29th*


2004 Officers

President:	Jeff Pitts 780-2245
Vice Pres/Sec.	Ken Schulz 773-3866
Treasurer:	Buster Hinkle 982-4746
Safety Officer:	Frank Sodek, Sr. 642-3526
Field Marshals:	John Redwine 773-2742 John Rovetto 939-5659

Temple Event Schedule

Jul 27	Hosting Cub Scout Troop 117 5:30pm
Aug 1	Combat 3pm
Aug 29	Combat 3pm
Sep 12	Combat 3pm
Sep 26	Fall Picnic/Combat 1pm
Oct 3	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 17	Poker Fly 10am
Oct 27	Last Beginners' Night
Dec 5	Ronald McDonald/ Toys for Tots Fly-In 10am
Dec 13	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections

Instructors

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

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Jul 30-1	2 nd Annual Big Bird Fly-In, Bryan, TX
Aug 7	Fun Fly, Malakoff, TX
Aug 7-8	BME Power Challenge (IMAC), Waco, TX
Aug 7-8	High Plains Championship (Pattern), Lubbock, TX
Aug 15	Ft. Worth Thunderbirds 3 rd Annual Float Fly, Ft. Worth, TX
Aug 18-22	T-28 Jet Rally, Lubbock, TX
Aug 21-22	Big Bird Fly-In, Odessa, TX
Aug 27-29	Annual Fall Big Bird, Austin, TX
Aug 28-29	GSW AMA Scale Contest, Ft. Worth, TX

On The Cover

Some nice looking planes graced our field during our Annual Pattern Contest this past May.

Photo by Steve Meyer

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On the web at:
<http://home.hot.rr.com/taeromodelers/aero.html>

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President's Report

by *Jeff Pitts*

Temple Aero Modelers,

My family and I recently returned from a two-week visit to the Nation's Capital. During our time there, we had the opportunity to spend a day at the National Air and Space Museum's new Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles airport in Chantilly, Virginia.

The Center, which opened last December, is considered a companion facility to the National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall. The aircraft are displayed in huge open hangars on three levels: on the floor where you can walk among them, and on two levels suspended from the ceiling. The ceiling is 10 stories high with a series of skywalks that will bring you nose-to-nose with the hanging aircraft.

For me, the highlight of the museum experience was seeing the actual Enola Gay, the B-29 Superfortress which dropped the first atomic bomb during World War II. Our guide told us that the plane was specially built just for that mission. The plane also actually flew to the hangar just prior to the opening of the museum.

I was also amazed at how many huge aircraft were inside the hangar. Along with numerous small planes, there's an Air France Concorde, the Space Shuttle Enterprise, and the fastest aircraft ever built, the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a reconnaissance aircraft. On its final flight, the Blackbird flew from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. in 1 hour, 4 minutes and 20 seconds, averaging a speed of 2,124 miles per hour.

Organized by themes including Business Aviation, General Aviation, Commercial Aviation, Sport Aviation, World War II Aviation, Korean Conflict and Vietnam War Aircraft, Cold War Aviation, modern Military Aviation, Space Hangar, Pre-1920 Aviation and Vertical Flight, the Center is an exciting adventure for aviation enthusiasts.

If you ever find yourself in the Washington, D.C. area, I recommend taking a drive down the Dulles Toll Road to spend a day or two at this new museum. It's definitely time well spent.

See you at the field,

Jeff Pitts

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,994.89</u>
Credits	
Dues.....	40.00
Pattern Contest.....	694.00
Total Deposits:	734.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
All Sport Trophy (Pattern).....	194.25
All Sport Trophy (Fun Fly).....	30.00
John Rovetto (Field Maintenance).....	444.98
Total Debits:	(689.23)
Balance June 2004	<u>\$6,039.66</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

Jeff Pitts called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 28, 2004. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the Minutes from the May meeting. A correction to the May minutes was noted. Jeff Pitts has drafted a proposal to trim trees, but has not presented the proposal to Corps of Engineers. The minutes were accepted by Don Mondrik and seconded by Buster Hinkle.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted by Paul Horan and seconded by Frank Sodek Sr..

Old Business

Field Maintenance

It was stated that the Field Marshall(s) were away for personal reasons. Other club members will need to help with field maintenance.

Tree Trimming

Buster stated he would get with Paul Milton to get some aerial photos of the field. Jeff Pitts presented his plan that is outlined in the June TAM Newsletter for this project.

Sign

Stacey Peacock has made the signs. Don Mondrik will contact Signs-of-the-Times to have a sign created with

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directions to the hospital from the field.

Beginners' Night

Turnout has been very good on beginners' night. As of June 16th there have been 99 training flights and 14 intro flights. B.W. made a motion to have a sausage cookout on a beginner's night. Dean Higginbotham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fun-Fly

Buster gave a report. As usual Steve Sanders did an excellent job cooking.

Troop 117

The date for the flight training is July 27th starting after work. Frank Sodek Jr. will get the drinks and Jeff Pitts will get the hot dogs and buns.

New Business

Paul Horan started a discussion about the club purchasing/building some plane holders to be used when starting a plane. B.W. will build a prototype.

Blunder Awards

1. Frank Sodek Jr. killed a cub.
2. John Hill forgets where the ground is while flying control line.
3. Paul Horan had a bad dead stick landing that damaged his Quest.
4. Paul Horan then locked himself in the Out House.
5. Steve Meyer crashed his profile plane in a tree.
6. Mark Cullison rubbed the skin of his finger by sticking his finger in a prop.

Paul Horan is your winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*
 Vice-President/Secretary

FOR SALE

Arising star trainer with the flight kit on channel 23. I would like to sell it for \$200.00.

Thanks,

William George
 (254) 899-0847



From left to right, Frank Sodek, Sr. and Jeff Pitts cooking the sausage wraps on a recent Wednesday evening, while David Dussetschleger's nephew Doug admires the cook's handiwork. Everyone thought it was a good idea and hope we plan another next month!

Photo by Mark Cullison

**INSTRUMENT PANELS
 from Mark Kallio**

An easy and cheap way to obtain an instrument panel for that sport model is to look through a full-size airplane magazine for an advertisement showing instruments. I found one I liked and used my scanner to scan the image into the computer, and then pasted it into my word processor, scaling it to different sizes. This could also be done using a copy machine that will reduce. If using the computer, any size can be easily scaled, and I printed out several different sizes to have on hand. The ones I did were all in black and white, but if you have access to a color scanner and color printer, some really nice instrument panels can be created this way. You also could add color to black and white copied instruments using markers or colored pencils so they look more realistic.

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Jesse Measles recently soloed and has really been tearing up the sky with his Avistar advanced trainer since he increased the throws on the airplane's surfaces.

Photo by Mark Cullison

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