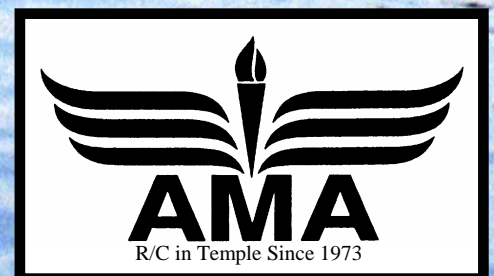


The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
July 2007



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



*Club Meeting –
July 30th*

CLUB INFO

*Combat –
August 5th
CANCELLED
Combat –
August 19th
CANCELLED*

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On The Cover

Buster sitting on the gate at the entrance to our flying field. Buster and Derek Hinkle borrowed a small flat bottomed boat and paddled to the flying field on Wednesday, July 18th at 6:30 pm. The lake was at 629.6 feet. It has since dropped a few inches. More pictures on following pages.

Photo by Derek Hinkle

Temple Event Schedule

>>>NOTE: All Temple field events are cancelled due to high water until further notice <<<

Jul 30	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 5	Combat 3pm CANCELLED
Aug 19	Combat 3pm CANCELLED
Aug 27	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 9	3-Club Combat @ Bryan
Sep 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 21	Poker Fly 10am
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Oct 29	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 26	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list!)

Aug 04	Llano River Float Fly, Llano, TX
Aug 05	Fort Worth Thunderbirds 6 th Annual Float Fly, Fort Worth, TX
Aug 15-19	T-38 Jet Rally, Abernathy, TX
Aug 18	War Bird Fly-In, Sherman, TX
Aug 25-26	32 nd Annual High Plains Championships, Lubbock, TX

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President's Report



There are two sayings we use here in Texas in regards to the weather; "we sure need the rain" and "if you don't like the weather, wait... it will change". Well there's a problem with these sayings. In the first one, 'we have had plenty of rain', and the second one, 'I waited for 3 weeks and it never stopped raining'.

As many are aware the water levels of most of the lakes in Texas are well elevated past their normal level and Lake Belton is no exception.

At the time of writing this, the water level of Lake Belton was at an elevation of 629.60 feet. With a normal elevation of 594 puts the lake at 35.6 feet high. The lake only has another 1.4 feet to reach flood stage of 631, and then it flows unrestricted across the spillway at the dam and into the Leon River.

The Lake took over our access road during the night of June 29, and now it is covered with several feet of water. Recent aerial photos show the Lake encroaching on our flying facilities. The photos show the runway, storage shed and covered pit are high and dry, but not by much. I was told this was the case when the lake flooded over the spillway several years previously.

I don't anticipate the water levels to drop anytime soon. For us to regain the access road, the water level would have to drop below 617, and that's 12 feet away, and guys that is a ton of water to drain from the Lake. I suspect this may not happen until summer's end or even the fall. Even then, the condition of the road will be worse than ever I suspect, as a result of it being under water for months.

In the meantime, I have been in contact with Larry Garrett, President of HOTMAC, the Waco Club... <http://hotmacrc.org>. Larry extended an invite to any members of our club to use their facilities in Waco. Some of us have already done so the last couple of Sunday afternoons. They have a great field and they have been most helpful. If you go on the weekends you should find the field open with some of their members present.

A key has been located at the Waco field for our use to unlock the gate; please contact me if you need details as to its location at 541-2915(cell), 780-3512(home) or dstaines@vwm.com. If you use the field, be sure to display your AMA Card on their frequency board.

With our field being closed, a couple of events or functions have been cancelled. The Boy Scout Fly-In was scheduled for June 30 and it probably won't be rescheduled. The runway resealing will have to take place next spring. The

Combat season is on hold with the hopes of resuming the schedule when the field reopens. We can reschedule some combat match dates in October or November.

At risk will be the Fall Picnic for Sept 30th, Buster's Fall Fun Fly for Oct 7th and Don's Poker Fly-In for Oct 14th. We will just have to wait and see.

Not much more to tell you, we just need it to stop raining and give Lake Belton a chance to drain to that magic number of 617. Be sure to use the field in Waco; we are more than welcome, hope to see you up there.

Don't forget about the Club Raffle we hold at the Monthly Club Meetings, you have to be present to participate and win. A great chance to win some RC stuff.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Staines
President

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 25, 2007

Called to order by President Doug Staines at 7:31pm

New Members/Visitors David Henry, new member.

Minutes from the meeting held in May were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Don Mondrik and 2nd by Andy Sonnier.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by John Cobb and 2nd by Randy Mennen.

Old Business

Field Maintenance discussion in regards to the re-emergence of a minimal amount of grass burrs, in this consideration the burrs were to be treated in the Fall, in order to allow the grasses to get well established; motion made by Don Mondrik to fix the Lawn tractor in need of repairs, 2nd by Mark Cullison, carried; Doug Staines stated he would use the trailer and take the tractor in to a repair shop

Airstrip Re-Sealing further discussion in regards to runway resealing; Don Mondrik presented a proposal and costs for a contractor to perform the work; majority voted to proceed with work ourselves, as was previously agreed on during the

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meeting in May, and a further motion was made by Mark Cullison, to purchase and apply the 7 year rated material for a cost of \$1000, 2nd by Randy Mennen, carried; scheduled for Saturday, July 7.

Storage Building discussion in regards to replacing the storage buildings; Doug Staines made a proposal to make a final decision on this project during the meeting in August, at which time all proposals for building options, including costs, would be presented for voting; criteria was agreed to the replacement building to be a minimum of 12'x16' to a maximum of 12'x 24'; Doug Staines offered to make a presentation on prefab buildings, Randy Mennen for Container Units, Don Mondrik for Mueller Steel Buildings and David Henry for site built building.

Cub Scout Fly-In Re-Scheduled for Saturday June 30 with a 2pm start; Don and Nick Mondrik volunteered to provide and cook the food for the event; Doug Staines gave an outline of the event.

Safety Paul Horan gave a report and made recommendation to ensure that the fire extinguisher is available during the operation of gasoline powered aircraft.

Fun Fly Buster gave a report on the Sanctioned Fun Fly which was held on June 10.

Access Road further discussion in regards to the poor condition of the access road; Don Mondrik offered to contact the Corp of Engineers to determine if there was plans to have the road fixed, or to allow the club to perform some repairs to the road.

New Business

In Memory Doug Staines reported the passing of a long time and former member, Mr. Janeway; proposal made to Plant a tree and Plaque in Memory, Don Mondrik donated the funds he had previously given to the tree legacy project to be used for this effort.

Bryan Big Bird Discussion to get a group of members to go to the Brazos Valley Radio Control Modelers' Big Bird Fly-In on July 28th.

Blunder Awards several candidates for consideration, with Andy Sonnier winning for the month of June

Trip Reports

None made

Monthly Club Raffle \$75 worth of RC related products was raffled with several winners; see the newsletter notice for outline.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes recorded by *Larry Macie/Acting Secretary*
Submitted by *Doug Staines/President*

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance	<u>\$6,439.49</u>
Dues.....	80.00
Tree Donation.....	200.00
Monthly Meeting Raffle.....	54.50
Total Deposits:	334.50
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald.....	20.00
Bobby Zikes (monthly meeting raffle)..	75.00
Doug Staines (sodas).....	15.40
Purchase used mower.....	850.00
Randy Mennen (gas).....	32.26
Randy Mennen (starting stands).....	60.33
Larry Macie (bermuda grass seed).....	129.50
All Sports Trophy (Fun Fly).....	32.48
Total Debits:	(1,214.97)
Balance June 2007	<u>\$5,559.02</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Treasurer

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Safety Report



Safety for this month is all wet.

New safety rules:

- 1) No swimming on the runway or the south end of the runway.
- 2) Snorkeling is permitted on the south end of the runway if you are searching for a crashed plane.
- 3) Mowing is banned for the duration - it scares the fish.
(Editor's note: Oops! Buster and Derek are in deep trouble!)
- 4) 3D planes may troll for fish. What happens after you catch the fish is anyone's guess.
- 5) RC boats are banned unless they are used as a tow vehicle to launch a glider.

That's all folks!

P.S. When the water goes down be careful of snakes.

Submitted by *Paul Horan*, Safety Officer

A Note from AMA District VIII Vice-President

(as posted on the District VIII website)

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The following day, I attended the fun fly in Temple. Another hot, muggy day and another enjoyable day with modelers enjoying their hobby/sport. Buster Hinkle has run the event since the early 90's and has kept the same 2 events and rules so it runs quite smoothly and most of the pilots know what to expect. Attendance was the most they have had and everyone had a good time. Scores from both events are totaled for the overall winners. John Cobb was 1st, Jason Skrasek (last year's overall winner) was 2nd and Louigi Wolfe was 3d. Great sausage and a wonderful flying site made for a nice day.

Thanks guys!

<snip>

A very busy month with grandkids visiting and a business to run. I will try to post more often and let you know what is going on in the District.

Enjoy the Hobby and each other but remain safe!

Jim Rice
AMA District VIII
Vice President

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A Note from Collins Janeway's Son

I was out of town last week, but one of my co-workers out at Fort Hood sent me an email concerning what the club intends to do in memory of my Dad and Mother. Mr. Don Mondrik came by one of my projects and let Ms. Rhobles know that the modeler's club was going to plant a tree out at the flying field with a memorial plaque affixed to it.

I would like for you to pass this on to your fellow modelers on how much I appreciate the honor of their method of providing a memorial to them (my parents) as they did enjoy the club's functions and activities, as well as going out on the weekends, or when ever they could to maintain the field. They will be missed, yet they will be remembered in so many ways.

The Club's thoughtfulness with such a gift is beyond words that I could further express.

Sincerely
Keith Janeway

The Flood of 2007



The above photos were taken the same day as the cover photo. Buster and Derek Hinkle paddled a small boat out to the flying field to check it out. They decided to do a little mowing while there!



These two photos were taken by Buster Hinkle a few days earlier on July 12th. The lake level is a foot lower in these pictures.

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Monthly Club Raffle Report

Winners for the month of June:

1. Mark Cullison: Super Flea Foamie Kit
2. Dean Stroud: Can of Fuel
3. Frank Sodek, Sr.: Roll of Monokote
4. Randy Mennen: Futaba Neck Strap
5. Mark Cullison: 4 - OS #8 Glow Plugs
6. John Redwine: 4 - 11X4 APC Props
(donated back for July's Raffle)
7. Andy Sonnier: Pair of Wheels
8. Dean Stroud: Polished Aluminum Prop Nut

Club Raffle for July is worth \$93
(plus four 11 X 4 APC Props)

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