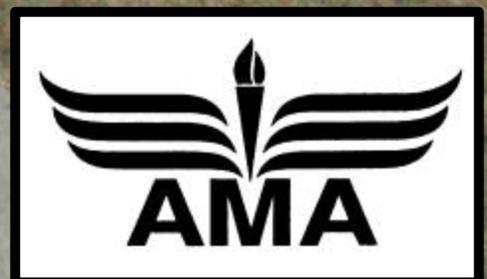


The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
June 2002

This month's meeting will be held **Monday, June 24th** at **7:30pm** at the **Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room** in Temple.



**Combat
June 23rd**

Club Info

**Combat
July 7th
and 28th**

2002 Officers

President: Frank Sodek Jr.
773-8081
Vice-pres/Sec: Don Mondrik
939-1242
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle
982-4746
Safety Officer: Bobby Zikes
773-3773
Field Marshal: John Rovetto
939-5659

Temple Event Schedule

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|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Jun 23 | Combat |
| Jul 7 | Combat |
| Jul 28 | Combat |
| Aug 11 | Combat |
| Aug 25 | Combat |
| Sep 15 | Poker Fly In |
| Sep 29 | Fall Picnic/Combat |
| Oct 6 | Fall Fun Fly |
| Oct 20 | Combat |
| Oct 23 | Last Beginner's Night |
| Nov 10 | Combat |
| Dec 1 | Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly In |
| Dec 9 | Christmas Banquet/ Elections |

Instructors

| | | |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| B.W. Ponder |  | 778-6182 |
| Frank Sodek Jr. | | 773-8081 |
| Mark Cullison | | 773-9686 |
| Bobby Zikes | | 773-3773 |
| Fred Huber | | 690-5025 |

If you need help learning to fly, please contact one of the instructors listed above.

District 8 Events

(This is not a complete list)

Jul 6-7 Prop Nuts Annual July Big Bird, Prop Nuts R/C Club, Crosby, TX
Jul 13 Thunderbird Float-Fly, Fort Worth Thunderbirds, Fort Worth, TX
Jul 13-14 13th Annual Fly-In & Bar-B-Que, Flatlanders M.A.C., Kress, TX
Jul 19-21 Heli Heat Wave 2002, Fort Worth Thunderbirds, Benbrook, TX
Jul 20 Electric Fly-In at Fifi's House, Midlan Hi Sky RC Club, Midlan, TX
Jul 20 Mayhem Over Mesquite, Metro East RC Club, Mesquite, TX
Jul 20-21 S.M.A.L.L. Steppin' in Big Texas, Texarcana RC Flying Club, Texarcana, TX
Jul 27 Brazos Valley RC Big Bird Fly-In, Brazos Valley RC Modelers, Bryan, TX

ON THE COVER

Lloyd Stiles, our newest member, poses with his Avistar trainer. Lloyd has only been flying with us a month and has already soloed and flew in our Fun-Fly!

Photograph by Frank Sodek, Jr.

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. I hope you've been able to sneak away and take advantage of the longer flying days. There's been quite a bit of activity at the field lately, including our ongoing new pilot training that's held on Wednesday evenings. The club just experienced a record-setting attendance at our sanctioned Fun Fly. Over twenty pilots showed up to have a bunch of fun under Buster's direction. Mother Nature interrupted the show with some much-needed sporadic rain showers and a bit of strong wind at times, but we were still able to complete the event. Everyone that attended also got to enjoy a delicious spaghetti lunch courtesy of David Laster and Steve Sanders. Bill Kunz from Arlington walked away with the first place trophy once again, but Ken Schulz represented our club very well, coming in 2nd place, and John Cobb finished third. Special recognition must be given to our newest club member, Lloyd Stiles, who flew in the event even though he just soloed and has only been flying for a few weeks.

Most of you have heard of the terrible luck that B.W., Ken, Max and Todd Blose experienced while attending a pattern contest north of Houston a couple of weeks ago. They woke up to find B.W.'s Suburban and cargo trailer stolen from the hotel parking lot. They both were recovered later in Houston, but both were cleaned out. Luckily they at least had their fuselages and primary radios in their rooms being charged, but each one of them still lost a ton of stuff, including all of the wings for the planes. So far none of the items have been recovered.

At the last meeting the club voted to help Bernadine Torline out by buying Dennis's planes and RC-related items. B.W. and I will soon attempt to value these items and obtain them. At the next meeting we will try to establish a fair procedure for selling the items to club members. Please attend the meeting so that you can provide some input into this procedure.

I would like to give a big thanks to John Redwine, Bill Hamby and Travis Berry for turning our flying field into what now looks like a golf course. With the little bit of rain we finally got, the grass has really greened up very nicely, and the field just looks beautiful. Even if you don't have a plane charged and ready, the flying field is still a great place to come out and enjoy the sunsets and be with some really friendly folks!

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

fsodek@aol.com

Treasurer's Report

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | <u>\$4,696.72</u> |
| Deposits | |
| Total Deposits: | 435.69 |
| Debits | |
| Rent – Meeting: | (40.00) |
| Postage: | (19.04) |
| Total Debits: | (59.04) |
| Balance April 2002 | <u>\$5,073.37</u> |

Submitted by *Frank Sodek, Jr.*

Acting as Club Treasurer

Secretary's Notes

The May meeting of the Temple Aero Modelers club was called to order by club President Frank Sodek Jr., at 7:30 pm at the Ronald McDonald House meeting room in Temple. Frank Sodek Jr. introduced Lloyd and Sabrina Stiles to the club members present. Welcome to the club Lloyd and Sabrina.

Don Mondrik the Secretary / Vice President read the minutes from the April meeting and a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and seconded by B. W. Ponder.

Frank Sodek Jr. presented the Treasurer's report to the meeting. Frank informed the members present that our By-Laws require us to elect a new Treasurer at this meeting. The election was put on hold for a New Business item.

Departed Friends The month of May was a difficult month for our club and one of its members, B. W. Ponder. During the start of the Pattern Contest B. W. was called away to

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New Mexico after receiving news of his Father's deteriorating health. B. W. was able to be with his Father when he passed away later in the week. On Mother's Day we received news that Dennis Torline, our long time Treasurer and flying buddy, had passed away.

Old Business:

- a. **Field Maintenance** John Rovetto is still on vacation so the club is pitching in to take care of the field. During the last meeting Frank mentioned that he was told that a former club member was interested in re-joining the club and would mow the field with his tractor and shredder if we paid his AMA fees. Well, it did sound too good to be true; there was a misunderstanding about all of this and the offer turned out not to be valid. It has been suggested that the outhouse needs to be pumped out again and we all decided that this was indeed a good place to hire a professional, Frank will check into our options. Ken Schulz suggested that it might be time to look into re-sealing the runway. Don Mondrik offered to contact a local business in Belton to get a referral on a contractor to re-seal the runway.
- b. **Pattern Contest** Bobby Zikes stepped in to CD the contest when B. W. Ponder was called away to New Mexico. The contest was a huge success again this year in spite of a few technical problems with the computer program used for scoring the competition. We had 36 contestants and were able to fly 5 rounds of competition. David Laster and his brother were on hand to cook breakfast tacos for everyone on Saturday morning and was a big hit with everyone. Thanks David and tell your brother thanks too!
- c. **Boy Scouts** Once again we opened our field to the Boy Scouts to introduce them to radio control flying. There were about 16 scouts that got a chance to fly on the buddy box. In fact, just about everyone there got a chance to try the buddy box, including brothers, sisters, Moms, Dads and Scout Masters. We served over 50 hotdogs! We didn't set a date but we plan to do this again next year.
- d. **Club Shirts** Don Mondrik took orders for shirts and would contact H&H T-Shirts to update the club logo and get pricing for new club shirts.
- a. **Spring Fun Fly** Buster Hinkle has everything under control for the Fun Fly, just ask him! The Fun Fly will start at 10:30 am. We will have cold drinks on hand for the event. Steve Sanders and David Laster have volunteered to cook lunch; these guys really should be the Club Chefs! The events this year will be timed loops and rolls and spot landing / balloon bust.
- b. **Treasurer Election** The By-Laws of our club require us to elect a replacement officer if an office is vacated prior to the end of the natural term. The passing of Dennis Torline necessitates an election to replace our club Treasurer. The nominations for a replacement started with James McKee. James was on the ballot last December but was not willing to be nominated now. Steve Sanders was nominated but he also declined. There were other nominations but since they were not present to accept the responsibilities of the Treasurers Office they were not considered. Frank Sodek decided to ask for a volunteer to accept the nomination and Buster Hinkle gracefully stepped up. The vote for Buster was unanimous. Congratulations Buster and thank you for accepting the responsibilities.
- c. **Lloyd Stiles** Frank Sodek reminded everyone about the Lloyd Stiles e-mail campaign. Lloyd's campaign began as a request for help in finding a club close to his home in Gatesville. Lloyd's e-mail eventually found its way onto the AMA District VIII discussion group. Members on the group, some from Oklahoma and Louisiana, told Lloyd about their experiences with our club from events they had attended, most recently the Pattern Contest. Frank was instrumental in contacting Lloyd directly and invited him to come down on a Wednesday for Beginners Night.
- d. **Memorial Plaque** B. W. Ponder presented an idea to the club to begin some type of memorial recognition for past members. Some suggestions were to dedicate a flight station, plant a shade tree or erect a plaque to honor our past club members. The suggestion will be addressed at another meeting so that we may contact other clubs to see how they honor their past members.
- e. **Estate Purchase** Don Mondrik suggested the club should purchase all the RC equipment from the Torline family that they want to sell. The club can help the family get a fair price for everything and will ensure the equipment will be enjoyed. B.W. Ponder

New Business:

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made a motion to this effect, seconded by Ken Schulz. The vote passed, and the club will make an offer to Ms. Torline in the near future.

- f. **Recycling Sign** Frank Sodek Sr. asked for a big sign to remind everyone to recycle his or her aluminum cans in the recycling barrel. Mark Cullison volunteered the CoroPlast sign material and B. W. Ponder volunteered to cut the vinyl letters.

Comments & Announcements:

- a. **911 Location** E-mail from our AMA District VIII Vice-President, Dr. Sandy Frank, suggests that all clubs should have directions to their flying sites available to aid emergency personnel in locating them in the event of an emergency.
- b. **Killeen Poker Fly** The event was shutdown early as reported by two of our club members that attended.
- c. **Combat Report** Mark Cullison reported on the last combat event and the current points standing.
- d. **Waco Big Bird** The HOTMAC Big Bird will be held on June 15th at the Speegoville Park flying site in Waco.

Blunder Awards:

1. Paul Horan accidentally allowed his airplane to fly into a tree on the north end of the runway, you never know, trees are 90% air!
2. David Laster experienced a strong gust of wind that blew his prized Chipmunk off of his stand resulting in a broken horizontal stabilizer.
3. Fred Huber damaged his Four Star Forty during a hard landing.

Fred Huber won the Blunder Award.

Show and Tell Don Mondrik brought his new ElectraJet for show and tell. The small electric foam pusher was prop driven and came with a speed control and an electronic mixer for the elevons.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by *Don Mondrik*
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Sanctioned Fun Fly

We had 21 pilots signed up, 20 flew in the contest. One from Arlington, 3 from the Austin area, 4 from Bryan, 6 from Waco and 7 from our club, John Cobb, Steve Meyer, Don Mondrik, Ken Schulz, Frank Sodek Sr., Frank Sodek Jr. and Lloyd Stiles.

The weather was very fickle. We had a 15 minute rain delay around 11:15; it rained hard for about 5 minutes, cleared off with no wind. Then about 2 p.m., we had about a 15 minute wind delay, the sky turned black, the wind got strong with everybody holding their plane, got a few drops of rain and the storm was gone. Then the wind was gusty and unpredictable. Sean Reitmeyer from Cedar Park said the Internet showed wind and rain all day, so he headed home during the rain delay.

Bill Kunz won the Loop & Rolls event with 5505 points, John Cobb 2nd with 5475 points, Shawn Rasco from Bryan 3rd with 5405 points, Ken 4th with 5070 points, Steve Reinke from Waco 5th with 4835 points, and Louigi Wolye from Bryan 6th with 4795 points.

Bill Kunz won the Balloon Bust with 4500 points, Ken 2nd with 4300 points, Shawn and John tied for 3rd with 3700 points, Louigi 4th with 3300 points, Max Blose 5th with 3200 points and Frank Jr. 6th with 3000. Last year we had 18 pilots and only 5 balloons were burst. This year 20 pilots and 14 balloons were burst. Bill and Ken got the most with 3 each.

Bill won the contest with 10005 points, Ken 2nd with 9370 points, John 3rd with 9175 points, Shawn 4th with 9105 points, Louigi 5th with 8095, Steve Reinke 6th with 7635 points, Frank Jr. 7th with 7555 points, Max 8th with 7440 points.

Lloyd Stiles joined the club last meeting, only been flying 4 weeks, scored 545 more points in the first event, than Dan Smith who has flown 30 + years. Lloyd finished every round and finished 16th in the contest.

Steve Meyer had trouble and crashed close to the runway in the first event and Doug McHan lost control on the first round of balloon bust and hit the south end of our fence. I think everyone had fun and a good time. Don Mondrik did an excellent job running the score board. David Laster and Steve Sanders brought spaghetti and dessert for everybody.

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
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A great big **THANK YOU** is extended to Rick Berry
for arranging to get the tangled wind sock removed
from the wind vane atop the flag pole.

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