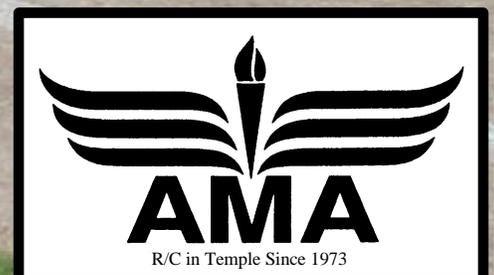


The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
June 2003



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



*Cub Scout
Demonstration
and Intro-Fly
June 26th*

CLUB INFO

*Combat
July 6th and
20th
Tailgate Swap
July 20th*

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On The Cover

Bobby Zikes prepares to fly a round at our recently rained-out Spring Fun Fly. Check out the dark sky and wind sock in the background.

Photo by Bob Higginbotham

Temple Event Schedule

Jun 26	Cub Scout Demo/Fly
Jul 6	Combat*
Jul 20	Combat* & Club Tailgate Swap
Aug 3	Combat*
Aug 17	Combat*
Aug 31	Combat*
Sep 14	Poker Fly
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 12	Combat*
Oct 22	Last Beginners' Night
Oct 26	Combat*
Nov 9	Last Combat*
Dec 7	Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly-In
Dec 15	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections

Note: unless otherwise specified, combat will begin at 3pm on days listed

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Jul 5-6	Propnuts Annual 4 th July Big Bird, Propnuts RC Club, Pasadena, TX
Jul 18-20	Heli Heatwave V, Fort Worth Thunderbirds, Benbrook, TX
July 19	Dallas R/C Club Big Bird Fly-In, Seagoville, TX
July 19-20	Abilene IMAC Shoot Out, Abilene R/C Society, Abilene, TX
July 26	2 nd Annual BVRC Big Bird, Brazos Valley RC

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President's Report

by *Steve Meyer*

Greetings,

Our annual pattern contest was held May 24th and 25th. Great flying and fun was had by all. Thanks B. W. Ponder, Kathy Ponder, and Bobby Zikes for coordinating this event.

Not so lucky with our Fun Fly on June 8th. Mother Nature decided we needed rain that day, and rain it did. Buster was out early marking off our runway, and preparing for the event. However it just wasn't going to be. We didn't even get through the first round of the timed event. Too bad! We had several flyers make their way from Bryan to join us. And what a fun group they are. I for one was looking forward to a fun day of flying. Buster refunded all entry fees, and invited our guests to come back in October and join us in our Fall Fun Fly. The really tough part was sending Chef Sanders home to freeze the meat and cook it another day. Thanks Buster "Rain Man" Hinkle for your efforts.

On June 26th, we will host Cub Scout Pack 117 at our field for an afternoon of flying and eating. There will be approx. 15 scouts, and they are scheduled to arrive at 6pm. We will need volunteers for the flight line, instructors, hot dog cooking, etc. Please let me know if you can help.

The combat season is still young, and there are still a lot of streamers to be cut. So build'em, or dust'em off and come on out.

A recent Sunday afternoon saw multiple aircraft being sucked into the tops of trees. These plane magnets wreak havoc on what would otherwise be a normal flying day. Our field is surrounded by dense brush, cactus, vines, and other things that stick. Thanks to Jeff Pitts for donating a pair of brush resistant trousers, which can be slipped over shorts. They will be kept inside our storage shed. May no one ever need them!

At our last meeting, some words and gestures were made which might be construed as offensive to some. Remember, we are conducting an open business meeting with women and children present, so please lets keep it clean.

The grass Burrs are history. The recent rains have "greened up" our field and it looks great, and has minimal grass burrs. The MSMA spray is doing its job. Thanks to all who donate their time and efforts in making our airfield look great.

Safe Flying.
Steve Meyer
 oscar54_2000@yahoo.com

Safety Report

I have received several emails concerning possible radio interference caused by cell phone use on the flight line. An informal test has proved that a ringing cell phone could cause interference with synthesized radios. Another test showed the interference was the result of the transmitter not being able to hold the right frequency when the cell phone rang. Both the tests and the reported interference incidents involved cell phones ringing while attached to the flyer's belt or ringing within four feet of the transmitter. By the way, none of these reported interference incidents occurred at our field.

The solution to the problem was a simple one. Just turn the cell phone off, if it's on your belt when you fly, or leave the cell phone in the pit area. Another logical conclusion was to ask what the benefit was of having your cell phone turned on close to you while flying, since you couldn't answer it anyway. Believe it or not, one report involved a well-known pattern flyer from the Houston area (I won't name who, but I know!) crashing his pattern airplane, because the cell phone on his belt rang, and he attempted to answer it. Now since I'm the kind of person that gets irritated when I hear a cell phone ring in the movie theater, etc., I'm afraid I can't have a lot of compassion on that one.

Submitted by *Bobby Zikes*
 Safety Officer
 bzpostal@hotmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,057.02</u>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	974.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Georgetown Aero Club.....	306.00
Pattern contest plaques.....	242.75
Frank Sodek, Jr.(table, banner, etc.)..	135.75
Total Debits:	(704.50)
Balance May 2003	<u>\$5,326.52</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

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Secretary's Notes

Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on May 26, 2003. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the Minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were accepted by Fred Huber and seconded by Rick Berry.

Buster Hinkle presented the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was accepted by B.W. Ponder and seconded by Fred Huber.

Old Business

Cen-Tex Air Show

Frank Sodek Jr. gave a report about the Cen-Tex Air Show.

Pattern Contest

B.W. gave a report about the Pattern Contest.

Grass Burrs

B.W. has sprayed the grass burrs.

East Property Line

Steve Sanders tried on May 26th to deliver the insurance papers to Mr. Brown, but Mr. Brown was not available.

Combat

There was a combat report given. Bobby Zikes and Steve Meyer had a mid-air collision. Steve's plane some how managed to survive the collision.

Wednesday New Pilot Training

Mark Cullison stated that Mother Nature has not been kind on Wednesday afternoons. They have been battling the wind, but have been able to get in some good training flights.

New Business

Thank You Note

Steve Meyer read a thank you note from Linda Zikes' 3rd grade class for the purchase of a subscription to the Temple Daily Telegram. The kids really like the "Mini Page".

Fun-Fly

The fun-fly is scheduled for June 8th. Flying will begin around 10:30. Steve Sanders volunteered to cook and Frank Sodek Jr. will bring the drinks.

Cub-Scout Pack 117

We will be hosting Pack 117 at the Field on Thursday June 26 @ 6pm for flight instruction and training. Steve Meyer and Frank Sodek Jr. will bring the food and drinks.

Runway Sealing

There was a little discussion about sealing the runway. This was tabled until next month.

Safety Report

Bobby Zikes warned the club about the Bull Nettle. Mark Cullison will look into getting a set of chaps to keep out at the field.

Intra-Club Swap Meet

There was some discussion about the club having a swap meet. It was decided that on July 20 the club would have an Intra Club swap meet at the field. Bring anything that you would like to sell or trade.

Blunder Awards

1. James McKee and Frank Sodek Jr. crashed James McKee's trainer while teaching James how to land.



2. B.W. Ponder was doing torque rolls about 25ft off the deck with his Hydeout when the motor died. The plane crashed on landing.
3. Frank Sodek Jr. was flying dad's Perfection when the motor broke off causing some damage to the airframe. Frank repaired the plane only to have crashed it the following Wednesday when the pull-pull cable broke on the up elevator side.
4. Paul Horan crashed his Ultra Sport when he dumb thumbed it in doing the 2 half roll in the Sportsman Pattern. Paul was practicing for our pattern contest.
5. Steve Meyer crashed his Magic in the top of a tree. There were a few small holes in the covering. Paul Horan wins the Blunder Award.

Show and Tell

Mark Cullison brought his Laser Arrow for show and tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*
Vice President/Secretary

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John Rovetto

Frank Sodek, Jr. (left) and Don Mondrik (right) present the raffle plane to the winner, Matthew Wright. Matthew has already been out to our field several times and has flown the plane on a buddy box.



Mark Cullison

This unusual pattern plane was designed, built and flown by Nat Penton from Sulphur, Louisiana.

Temple Aero Modelers 15th Annual Pattern Contest

May 24th and 25th

This was our fifteenth year in a row to hold an AMA sanctioned pattern contest. Wow! What an accomplishment for our small club. This years contest was a bit different as we used some contestant judging. This was a first for us so we did not really know just how well it would work. Well it was great for us as a club because it lightened our workload quite a bit. Which was a great relief for some of us who in years past have sat in the judging chairs for most of the two days.

We had great weather for the most part other than rain on Sunday afternoon, which kept us from flying round six. There were only a few places that could have changed if we flew six rounds so it was not that big of a deal. We had a total of 30 contestants, a little shy of last year's 35. But was an easy number of contestants to manage. Thanks to Bobby Zikes who co-CD'd the contest and handled many of the details for the event. Thanks to all the club members who took time out of their weekend to help make this event a huge success.

BW Ponder



Mark Cullison

Pattern C.D.s Bobby Zikes and B.W. Ponder converse with a pattern contestant, while Buster (seated in back) prepares for judging duty.

May 26, 2003

Dear Temple Aeromodelers,

Thank you so much for buying the newspaper subscription for my third graders this year. Its benefits to my students are immeasurable. I can use it to support almost any subject. My students learn the parts of a newspaper, newspaper vocabulary, and information about their community, state, country, and world. Since many have no exposure to a newspaper in their homes, with your help they can have that exposure at school.

A regular weekly activity I do with the children involves the Mini Page. It contains articles geared to children's interests and school curriculum. Most of the time, I have the children read it twice carefully by themselves. They may take notes on sticky notes, and many do, as they see their usefulness. Then, we play a game, which the children love. I divide the children into teams and ask questions. The first team to earn ten points wins the game and gets a piece of candy. The questions I ask at first only involve finding an answer. As they improve, I ask questions that involve finding an answer and applying that knowledge. The answers are not easy. They have to use higher level thinking skills to come up with the answers. I, also, include as much math as possible, using dates, fractions, and percentages.

My coworker who teaches my students math uses the weather page to graph sunrise and sunset and read charts in her classes weekly.

Your support has been most valuable to my students. Because of the use of the newspaper and other nonfiction resources, I can say that all of my students passed their state-mandated reading tests this year. Some of these students started the year reading two years below grade level, so this is a great accomplishment for them. All but one passed their math assessment, and that student missed only one question.

I have credited the Temple Aeromodelers in my weekly newsletter, and explained to my students that you fly radio-controlled model airplanes. They have asked questions, which I have answered to the best of my ability. Some have asked where you fly or have said they have seen model airplanes out near the lake. I have told them that you fly on weekends. I have at least one student very interested in going out to watch. I hope that maybe some of these students will show an interest in flying some day.

Once again I want you to know how much my students and I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



Linda Zikes

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