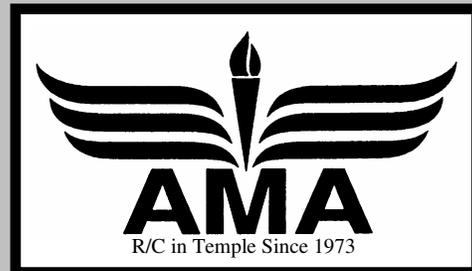


The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
June 2006



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



*Cub Scout Fly –
Jun 24th
Combat –
Jun 25th
Club Meeting -
June 26th*

CLUB INFO

*Combat –
Jul 9th
Combat –
Jul 23rd*

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Temple Event Schedule

Jun 24	Cub Scout Fly 12 Noon
Jun 25	Combat 3pm
Jun 26	Club meeting 7:30pm
Jul 9	Combat 3pm
Jul 23	Combat 3pm
Jul 31	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 6	Combat 3pm
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
Dec 11	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections

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On The Cover

B.W. Ponder's new Scandalous pattern plane (an electric biplane!) on final approach at Jetero's pattern contest two weeks ago. He had about 10 flights on the plane then. The airplane is powered by a Hacker C50XL 14 wind motor, 90 amp Jeti speed controller, two 4200 mAH 18.5v batteries (5S2P) swinging a 20X15 APC prop. The plane weighs 11 lbs.

Photo by Ron Barr

Guest Editor

Mark is on a well-deserved vacation with his family this week, so I'm helping him get the newsletter out this month. Please direct any complaints to me if you see something you don't like. I apologize in advance, there's no way I can fill Mark's shoes.

Frank Sodek, Jr.

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President's Report

Greetings and Salutations!

"I've been to the edge, there I stood and looked down..." I've always thought that was cool lyrics from a song - now I'm able to work it into my own story. As many of you may know, I've been through quite an ordeal this year. First, I had surgery on my neck to relieve chronic pain from a pair of damaged disks. They cut those offending little things out and replaced them with some bone chips from a cadaver and tied three vertebrae back together with a titanium plate and some titanium screws. I think I'm a little taller now, too!

Anyway, as if that wasn't enough, I ended up back in the hospital with something called *Ketoacidosis*, which is a medical way of saying: I have diabetes. I am diabetic. A Type 1 diabetic to be specific, and that means I have to take insulin by injection now for the rest of my life. Why? That's a good question. The doctors think it may have been caused by the surgery and possibly a virus I got after surgery, or those two things and maybe a defective gene. It's unusual to develop this type of diabetes this late in life, or so they tell me.

Why am I divulging this information? Because I'll need for people to know what's wrong with me in the event that something happens to me someday at the flying field. If I keel over someday it may be because of low blood sugar and I'll need help. I am learning to cope with this new disease, but I'm not happy about it. One of the side effects of *Ketoacidosis* and diabetes caused my eyes to change. When my eyes first changed I didn't need my contacts to see, my vision was almost perfect. Now, they are slowly, and I mean slowly, changing back to needing contacts again and I can't see well enough to fly or work on airplanes. Talk about frustrating! But, I'm alive so I shouldn't complain. The doctors told me that if I had waited a few more hours before going to the hospital I might have died. Died, dead, fineto, kicked the bucket... That didn't really sink in until I learned more about what diabetes is and what can happen if you don't take care of yourself.

Ketoacidosis is very serious - it's why I lost so much weight, almost 60 pounds! My body couldn't use the sugar I was feeding it, even with all the Cokes I drank. I was literally starving to death (circling the drain so to speak), from the inside and my body started using all the fat I had stored over the past winters to keep me going. Things are getting better though; I'm back up to fighting weight, so I hope I'll be able to

fly my new little BRIO soon. In the mean time I think I'll use a little foamy I built before all my other problems developed. One bright note through all of this is my new radio: I sold my Futaba 9ZAP and got a new Futaba 12Z. As soon as I get my eyes to work, I'll get to use it! That's enough regarding me (I think that's enough for three people, actually).

See you at the field,

Don Mondrik
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Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22, 2006

Called to order by acting President Doug Staines at 7:30pm

New Members present were Ray Kelly and Andy Sonnier

Minutes from the meeting held in April were read by Doug Staines. Motion to accept minutes as read was made by John Redwine, 2nd by Fred Huber

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Fred Huber, 2nd by Paul Horan

Old Business

Cub Scout Fly-In is set for Saturday, June 24 with a 12 noon start. Doug Staines (Coordinator for the event) indicated that this was considered a premier event for the Cub Scouts and encouraged all members to try and come out and help. A list of trainer planes and pilots was generated. Doug Staines will secure food, Roger Miller will provide beverages.

Field Maintenance Tree Trimming/Cutting chairman Doug Staines presented a plan to mow down all the new growth in the cleared area.

Air Show post-show summary was given. Discussion was held in regards to having more Club Members pilot aircraft for next year's show.

Temple Pattern Contest Bobby Zikes/B.W. Ponder gave a post-contest report. 22 pilots competed; contest went well without any problems.

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(Meeting Minutes, continued)

Beginners' Night is ongoing with 3 to 4 students currently in training.

Combat is going well with an average of 7 pilots competing with very few mishaps. Reports indicating several ribbon cuts recorded by several competitors.

Linda Zikes' reading class sent a letter of appreciation to the club in regards to the Telegram subscription sponsorship; it was read by Doug Staines.

Safety Further discussion was held in regards to the operation of helicopters and also in regards to operation of small electric aircraft.

Fun Fly is scheduled for Sunday, June 11. Buster gave a summary; BW Ponder to provide food, Bobby Zikes will provide beverages.

New Business

Storage Shed Discussion was held in regards to replacing the current storage sheds with one larger structure. Doug Staines offered to chair the project with some preliminary cost estimates and plans, no decision or motion made at this time.

Blunder Awards Several candidates were presented:

- 1) Roger Miller: flew aircraft with glow driver attached
- 2) Fred Huber: crashed electric helicopter while attempting a dive
- 3) Doug Staines: transmitter/receiver glitch while taxiing his outstandingly beautiful, totally awesome and superbly Canadian-built P-47 Thunderbolt, resulting in collapse of retracts; no damage.
- 4) Larry Macie: accidentally drilled a hole in the fuel tank of his P-51 Mustang.

Larry was declared this month's winner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes recorded by Larry Macie – Acting Secretary
 Submitted by Doug Staines – VP/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,096.90</u>
Deposits:	
Raffle Plane	774.00
Cans.....	47.25
Dues.....	<u>40.00</u>
Total Deposits:	861.25
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald	20.00
All Sports Trophies	425.00
AMA Charter	<u>105.00</u>
Total Debits:	(550.00)
 Balance May 2006	 <u>\$5,408.15</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 President/Treasurer

Beginners' Night Training Report

There's been quite a bit of activity recently during our Wednesday evening training nights. We've already had two pilots fly solo this season: Ray Kelly and Matthew Walker. The Herrell family from Belton has been out to fly the Hangar 9 P-51 trainer that they won from our raffle, and there's been several new folks show up that have received Intro flights.

This Wednesday happens to be the Summer Solstice, which has the longest daylight of the year. Unfortunately the length of daylight will now start getting a bit shorter each day, but there's still lots of good training time available for anyone that's interested. Come on out and have some fun with us!

Regards,
 Frank Sodek

CUB SCOUT FLY
SATURDAY, JUNE 24 AT 12 NOON

Pilots, Pilot helpers and Trainer Planes needed
 Volunteers needed for flight school
 Cooks and helpers for Hotdogs

Come early to help set up chairs, grill and sun shelter tent

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Sun Safety

by **Howie Kelem**

Many of us are not young kids anymore, but whether you're young or old, it really doesn't matter. There are so many problems going on all around us that I think its time to slow down and get familiar with yourself.

Being here on our little piece of heaven (Florida) is wonderful, but it comes along with an unforgiving sidekick. I'm referring to that great big beautiful sun that brings us all of those wonderful days. However, it also brings along with it many nasty problems. Statistics show that there are 700,000 Americans who develop some sort of skin cancer every year. Naturally, the best way to avoid this is to stay out of the sun, but we can't do that; we have to fly!

That means you should find ways to protect yourself. I suggest getting rid of those baseball caps. They may look great with fancy slogans and designs, but they only have one good feature, especially for guys like me. It covers the part of the head where the hair is thinning out a little, but it leaves your face, ears, and neck uncovered and that's just asking for trouble. Wear a hat with a wide brim, or one that has a flap in the back to cover your neck—anything that will shade the skin.

Where other exposed parts of the body are concerned, use a sun screen with at least a 15 SPF rating. If it's the dollar that is making the difference, think of it as another tank of fuel. It's a good investment.

There are so many different types of cancer. Should you ever develop some sort of abnormal looking spot, don't be a Mr. Macho. It could be nothing or something minor, but check it out ASAP before it turns into something major.

Terms and Definitions

Melanin: The substance found in skin that gives it its color. The darker a person, the more melanin they have. It acts as a natural guard against harmful UV rays.

Basal Cell Carcinoma: The most common type of skin cancer; usually found on the face and neck. Those who work outside or spend long hours of leisure time in the sun are more prone to this type of cancer. Basal cell carcinoma is rarely fatal.

Melanoma: The most dangerous form of skin cancer; usually found on larger parts of the body: arms, leg, and trunk. It appears as a dark patch on the skin. When caught early, melanoma is almost 100% curable.

Metastasize: The spread of cancer throughout the body.

Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Non-melanoma Skin Cancer): The second most common form of skin cancer caused by prolonged exposure to the sun. It is found mostly on body parts exposed to the sun: head, ears, shoulders, and arms.

Sun Protection Factor (SPF): The amount of protection the sunscreen provides. Usually expressed in numbers; the higher the number the more protection. For the best protection, apply sunscreen liberally and often (especially if you come in contact with water).

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Are you ready for some Combat???

Jun 25 Combat 3pm
Jul 9 Combat 3pm
Jul 23 Combat 3pm

Participation in club combat is great this year - there's been up to seven combat planes in the air at one time! It makes for great spectating, come out and watch the fun.

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Sanctioned Fun Fly

There was a good turnout for this year's Sanctioned Fun Fly, with several Temple Aero Modelers club members being joined by pilots from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and also Bryan-College Station. Under Buster's direction, the club hosted another fun day of friendly competition between the pilots attending the event.

Here's a collection of photos graciously provided to the Editors by John Cobb.



Buster is closely watching Steve's takeoff.



What form! Is this crew getting ready for a Fun Fly or a Pylon Racing event???



Derek helped his father by being scorekeeper for the event.



Anybody can pop a balloon with their prop – it takes a real man to only use a wingtip!



Miracles sometimes do happen – John was barely squeezed out of first place! Bobby came in third.

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District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list!)

- Jul 01 Texoma RC Modelers Annual Big Bird,
Sherman, TX
- Jul 15 COR-MAC 5thn Annual Big Bird Fly-In,
Corsicana, TX
- Jul 15-16 CAF/HiSky Indoor Electric Fun-Fly and
Swap Meet, Midland, TX
- Jul 16 Summer Fly-In/Tailgate Swap Meet, San
Antonio, TX
- Jul 29 BVRC Big Bird, Bryan, TX

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**Don't forget to bring
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Ronald McDonald
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