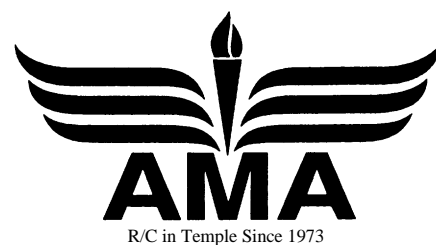


The Temple Aero Modeler

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



This month's meeting will be held Monday, March 31st at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*First Beginner's
Night April 9th
Spring
Picnic/Combat
April 27th*

CLUB INFO

*Mall Show
March 29th
and 30th*

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On The Cover

Don Mondrik performs a "Show and Tell" for the Killeen TAG elementary students. This is the second year we have hosted the group. After Don finished, four instructors took the kids up on trainers and buddy boxes.

Photo by Steve Meyer

Temple Event Schedule

Mar 29-30	Mall Show
Apr 9	First Beginners' Night
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/First Combat
May 3-4	Temple Air Show
May 18	Combat (NEW DATE)
May 24-25	Pattern Contest (NEW DATE)
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly
Jun 22	Combat
Jul 6	Combat
Jul 20	Combat
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

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Apr 5 3rd Annual Cash Classic Scale Warbird Races, Jetero RC Club, Huffman, TX
Apr 5-6 River City Spring Float-Fly, River City R/C, San Antonio, TX
Apr 6 7th Anniv. Fly-In & Swap Meet, Jetero RC Flying Field, Huffman, TX
Apr 12-13 Central Texas Jet Rally, Austin RC Assoc., Austin, TX
Apr 12-13 Prop Nuts Annual Flea Market & Fly-In, Prop-Nuts RC Club, Crosby, TX
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President's Report

by *Steve Meyer*

Greetings,

On Wednesday March 12, our club hosted a group of Killeen TAG students at our flying field. The weather cooperated to the point that all kids, teachers and parents were able to get in a couple of flights each. A great time was had by all. Two big "ATTA BOYS" to Don and Nicholas Mondrik for coordinating this event. Thanks to instructor pilots Mark Cullison, Frank Sodek, Jr., BW Ponder, and Bernie Gill. (Bernie came over from the Killen club to help out.) BW also gave us a flying demonstration with his new helicopter. Though nervous at first, his practice time is paying off, as he has gotten quite proficient in a short time. The Flight Line was safe and smooth, thanks to Buster (dog killer) Hinkle, Paul Horan, Frank Sodek, Sr., Don Cullison, and Fred (crash) Huber. Our gourmet hot dog cooks, John Rovetto, John Redwine, and James McKee also did a great job. The kids stayed with us until 1pm and appeared to have had a great time. Our hobby needs more interaction like this.

Our annual Mall Show at the Temple Mall is this coming weekend. (March 29-30) This is a great event in which we can showcase our club and hobby. Bring your plane(s) and come on out. We will meet at approximately 8am Saturday morning at the old "Zeno" space located between Waldenbooks and the Shoe Department. The best way to come in is through the Main entrance on the North side by Casa Ole. If you have not signed up to work one of the designated time slots and wish to do so, please call Frank (Dead-Stick) Sodek, Jr.

Time will change from Central Standard to Daylight Savings Sunday April 6th. Every Wednesday afternoon/evening during Daylight Savings Time our club welcomes beginner/student pilots. Wednesday the 9th will be our first beginners evening. This has always been a time of teaching, learning, and just some good old RC Fun. If you know of someone interested in RC Flying, NOW is the time to recruit!

Also coming up in April is our Spring Picnic and first round of combat, so don't be *skeered!* Get those planes and streamers ready.

I know many of you have been glued to CNN much as I have in recent days. I support our troops in this war and pray you do too. Let a soldier know how much you appreciate his or her sacrifice for our freedom.

Safe Flying,
Steve Meyer

oscar54_2000@yahoo.com

Safety Report

I have a confession to make. There actually is one aspect of pattern competition that I don't like. That is those contests where I find myself flying in conditions where I normally could never consider flying at the home field. The unpleasant flying condition usually has to do with wind. I've never been to a pattern contest where the event was cancelled due to high winds, even at the 2000 NSRCA district championship in Lubbock where the wind velocity got up to 30 mph. The other element that is a challenge is dealing with the sun during the first round on Saturday mornings. That one is actually the toughest to deal with, because just about all pattern airplanes fly OK in windy conditions. So Paul Horan, if you ever get the urge to fly in a 30 mph wind, you can rest assured that the Meridian can handle it.

Another reason the office of Safety Officer at our field has been an easy one for me is that we're all a bunch of fair weather flyers! That's not a bad thing, just a matter of common sense. That threshold where weather conditions are unacceptable is probably different for each of us. For example, I just cannot see my plane well enough to fly safely in the failing light of sunset. But I know that does not seem to be a problem for other club members. As far as windy conditions go, I was one member of a group who showed up at the field about three weeks ago. It turned out that conditions were a lot windier than expected. You know the scenario. We all decided to go home when the birds were walking instead of flying. It's a true story. Ask Rick and Travis Berry.

Submitted by *Bobby Zikes*

Safety Officer

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Secretary's Notes

Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:32pm on March 5, 2003. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the minutes from the January meeting. The minutes were accepted by Fred Huber and seconded by Don Mondrik.

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

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Old Business

Runway Sealing

Rick Berry stated that TAM was approved to use the services of the "Community Service Restoration" to provide some labor for sealing the runway. They will need a 2 to 3 week notice. The runway was last sealed on 10/25/02. B.W. will check into the cost of the sealer. This discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

TAG Flight School

The event is scheduled for March 12 with a 10am start time. There will be 15 students. Don will need trainers, instructors, and a cook. Steve Meyer will pick up the food.

Mall Show

The show is scheduled for March 29 and 30. The tentative location is the old \$5 space near the JC Penney Court. Frank Sodek Jr. passed around a sign up sheet. Fred Huber will bring videos and TV/VCR. Mark Cullison will be in charge of raffle tickets, signs and other stuff. Steve Meyer has donated a raffle plane and engine. Debra Justice has some AMA info for the mall show. Frank will have vinyl sign made. Members are encouraged to bring old modeling magazines to be giving away at the show.

CenTex Air Show

The decision was made to combine the TAM and Georgetown booth into one. There was some discussion on splitting the proceeds from the raffle plane, if Georgetown supplied the radio. Frank will contact the Georgetown club to discuss them donating the radio for the plane.

Pattern Contest

The date of the pattern contest was moved to May 24 and 25. The original date was conflicting with the Baton Rouge La. Contest. This would have cut our attendance in half.

New Business

6-Foot Metal Prop

Lance Starzyk has 6' 4 blade metal Prop he will give to the club. Steve Meyer agreed to pick up the Prop.

Trip Reports

Frank Sodek Jr. had some pictures of planes from a museum in Germany.

Blunder Awards

Fred Huber crashed his CoraStang shortly after takeoff. Fred wins by default.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*
Vice President/Secretary

2003 Mall Show

Each year our club holds a static display in the mall to show off the planes we've built during the winter, and to let the local community learn about our wonderful club and hobby. This year's show will be held on Saturday, March 29th from 9am - 9pm and Sunday March 30th from noon to 6pm. We will be in the empty store that used to be "Zeno's", which is located between Waldenbooks and the Shoe Department just down from the Food Court (which is located on the east end of the Mall). You can use either the Food Court entrance in the back of the mall (near Foley's) or the main front entrance on the north side (near Casa Ole) to bring your planes in. In either case, turn left after you intersect the main hallway.

We will begin setting up the mall show display at 8am. Please try to have your plane at the mall before 9am Saturday morning. Planes should be picked up at 6pm Sunday evening. We will be having a "People's Choice" competition in which mall patrons vote for their favorite model, with the top 3 winners receiving plaques. We will be answering questions about our hobby, handing out club information sheets, and encouraging the spectators to vote for their favorite plane. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the ARF trainer being raffled away at this year's full scale airshow at the Temple Airport, and will have a computer flight simulator and TV/VCR running. Also, please bring any of your old modeling magazines that you would like to give away to spectators.

Here's the list of volunteers that signed up at the last meeting to help with the show: Saturday 9am-noon: Paul Horan, Scott and Deb Justice; 12-3pm: Rick Berry and John Rovetto; 3-6pm: James McKee, Mark Cullison and Ken Schulz; 6-9pm: B.W. Ponder - Sunday 12-3pm: Steve Sanders and John Rovetto; 3-6pm: James McKee and Mark Cullison. Several other members have indicated they will be there from some to most of the time. If you are free at any time during the two days, please come and help out.

Regards,
Frank Sodek, Jr.

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		<u>\$4,964.34</u>
Deposits		
	Total Deposits:	192.00
Debits		
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00	
Steve Sanders (food).....	28.32	
Mark Cullison (newsletter stamps).....	37.00	
	Total Debits:	(85.32)
Balance February 2003		<u>\$5,071.02</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer



All photos of the Killeen TAG event shown on this page were photographed by Steve Meyer. Clockwise starting from the left: John Rovetto and James McKee cooking hot dogs; TAG kids getting instructions; TAG kids launching their home made tri-planes; B.W. Ponder showing off his new flying skills.

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- Apr 19 4th Annual Float Fly, Greater Southwest
Aeromodelers, Arlington, TX
- Apr 26 Fun Fly, Cedar Creek Aero-Modelers,
Malakoff, TX
- Apr 26 5th Annual NDRCC War Bird Rally, North
Dallas R/C Club, Denton, TX
- Apr 25-27 5th Annual Any Size Warbird, Austin
Radio Kontrol Assoc., Austin, TX
- Apr 26 West Texas IMAC Spring Blowout,
Odessa Propbusters, Odessa, TX
- Apr 26-27 **HOTMAC Pattern Contest, Heart of
Texas Model Aircraft Club, Waco, TX**

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Copy or cut these out and sell them!

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