

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
March 2004



This month's meeting will be held
Monday, March 29th at 7:30pm at
the Ronald McDonald House
Meeting Room in Temple.



R/C in Temple Since 1973

*Apr 7th - First
Beginner's Night*

*Apr 25th - Spring
Picnic/First
Combat*

CLUB INFO

*Mall Show
Mar 27th
and 28th*

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On The Cover

The group of TAG 5th grade students and their instructors from two Killeen elementary schools. We had a blast flying these kids (and adults) on buddy boxes and stuffing our faces with hotdogs and chips!

Photo by Mike Wilson

Temple Event Schedule

Mar 27-28	Mall Show
Apr 7	First Beginners' Night
Apr 25	Spring Picnic/First Combat
May 1-2	Temple Air Show
May 22-23	Pattern Contest
Jun 6	Combat
Jun 13	Sanctioned Fun Fly
Jul 11	Combat
Aug 1	Combat
Aug 29	Combat
Sep 12	Combat
Sep 26	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 3	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 17	Poker Fly
Oct 27	Last Beginners' Night
Dec 5	Ronald McDonald/ Toys for Tots Fly-In
Dec 13	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Apr 3	Anything Fly's Fly-In & Swap Meet, Deer Park, TX
Apr 3-4	HOTMAC Pattern Contest, Waco, TX
Apr 9-11	3 rd Annual Kingsbury Heli Fly-In, Kingsbury, TX
Apr 17-18	Central Texas Jet Rally, Austin, TX
Apr 24	Mini-Reno Race Classic, Huffman, TX
Apr 23-25	6 th Annual Any Size Warbird, Austin, TX

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President's Report

by *Jeff Pitts*

Temple Aero Modelers,

I have no doubt that Wednesday, March 10, 2004 is a day 22 students from Killeen will always remember. That was the day we hosted 5th grade Talented and Gifted students at the field. Against a clear blue sky, each student got the opportunity to fly a trainer twice with an instructor, watch several demo flights, and eat a hot dog lunch before boarding the bus back to school. They may not remember the date, but they will certainly remember the experience.

The field came alive with club members, children, teachers and parents milling about with anticipation and excitement. Our members worked together flawlessly to orchestrate the day from beginning to end. One by one, each child took his or her place at the controls. The sky was full of motion. Yet, in each flying station, the kids were standing completely still, only fingers moving.

While this club has a long history of holding such events for students, scouts and various clubs, this was the first one I attended. I realized what an incredible and unmatched experience we offer these kids – the chance to control an object in flight, outside in the great outdoors.

They may each have a drawer full of video games they play regularly at home, but that's not what they're going to remember when they get older. They're going to remember what it felt like to do something that, at first, seemed nearly impossible, thanks to the help and guidance of some truly dedicated adults who happen to love this hobby.

See you at the field,
Jeff Pitts
780-2245
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Meeting Minutes

Jeff Pitts called the meeting to order at 7:31pm on February 23, 2004. 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 Buster Hinkle.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted by Frank Sodek Jr. and seconded by James McKee.

Old Business

East Property Line

Jeff Pitts reminded everyone to respect Mr. Brown's property.

TAG Students from Killeen.

The flight training for TAG is set for March 10, 2004. Steve Meyer will get the food. Frank Sodek Jr. will bring the drinks. The flying will begin about 10am.

Safety

Frank Sodek Sr. read a letter from Dr. Sandy Frank about a Safety and Accident Prevention Program.

Field Maintenance

Compost has been applied to the field. The flight station safety barriers need to be replaced. Frank Sodek Jr. will replace the missing can crusher.

Sign

Frank Sodek Sr. and B.W. Ponder will make a sign to show direction to the hospital from the field.

Video Tapes

No news about storage of the Club's tapes at the Ronald McDonald House.

Club Web Site

Bill Schulz updated the Club's web site and uploaded the current newsletter.

Mall Show

The date for the show will be March 27th and 28th. Frank Sodek Jr. passed around a signup sheet. Frank Sodek Jr. will get the raffle plane. We will start setting up at 9am on Saturday March 27th. Jeff Pitts agreed to run the show in Frank's absence.

Cen-Tex Air Show

Frank Sodek Jr. stated that the main volunteer signup has passed. We have 2 more meetings to work out the details for the club booth.

New Business

Tree Trimming

Mark Cullison will try to arrange a discussion between Lance Starzyk and Jeff Pitts to discuss tree trimming.

Fun-Fly

Buster Hinkle stated that we might not be able to keep the date of June 13th.

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Blunder Awards

1. Bob Higginbotham crashed his delta wing in a tree.
Bob wins by default.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*
Vice President/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$5,555.04

Total Deposits: 120.00

Debits

- Ronald McDonald – rent..... 20.00
- John Rovetto – fertilizer.....108.00
- Steve Sanders – Taco Soup.....31.81
- Georgetown Pilots Assoc. (Air Show).100.00

Total Debits: (259.81)

Balance February 2004 \$5,415.23

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS:

It's Raffle Time!

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find a page of raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser. We are once again giving away a trainer/engine/radio combo built and ready to fly. (Don't forget to mention free flying lessons too!)

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, May 2nd at the end of the Temple Air Show. We will be selling the raffle tickets at the Mall Show and at our booth at the Temple Air Show. Please copy them and/or cut them out and sell as many as you can. Additional tickets will be available at the events or club meetings. Price is one dollar each, or six tickets for five dollars. Please bring any tickets sold and money collected to either of the events listed above, or the March and April club meeting.

Temple Aero Modelers Promote RC Planes at Colonial Mall March 27, 28

Each year, our club holds a static display in Colonial Mall to show off our planes and let the local community learn about Temple Aero Modelers and the hobby of RC model airplanes. This year's show will be on Saturday, March 27th from 9am to 9pm and Sunday March 28th from noon to 5:30pm. We will be in the empty store next to Caroline's Clothing Store. Entrance is through the Food Court.

We will begin setting up at 8am Saturday. Please try to have your planes at the mall before 9am Saturday morning. Planes should be picked up at 5:30pm Sunday evening.

We will be having a "People's Choice" competition in which mall patrons vote for their favorite model. The top 3 winners will receive plaques. We will be answering questions about our hobby, handing out club information sheets, and encouraging spectators to vote for their favorite plane.

We will be selling raffle tickets for an ARF trainer to be raffled away at the Central Texas Air Show on May 2 at the Temple Airport. And, we will have a computer flight simulator and a TV/VCR set up. Please bring any of your old modeling magazines that you would like to give away to spectators.

Here's the list of volunteers who signed up to help with the show:

- Saturday 9am-noon: Frank Sodek, Sr, Rick Berry, Travis Berry, Fred Huber
- Saturday 12-3pm: Doug Staines, Steve Meyer, Fred Huber
- Saturday 3-6pm: B.W. Ponder, Ken Schulz, Fred Huber
- Saturday 6-9pm: Mark Cullison, Buster Hinkle, Fred Huber
- Sunday 12-3pm: Mark Cullison, Tom Drybola, Fred Huber
- Sunday 3-6pm: Don Cullison, Doug Staines, Fred Huber

Several other members have indicated they will be there as well. If you are free at any time during the two days, please come and help out.

See you at the mall.

Jeff Pitts

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Another type of blunder....

We think of the ways we can make mistakes that damage the models when we give out the club's "Blunder Award." Well the models aren't all that we need to watch out for.

It was a beautiful day on a recent Saturday, and I couldn't resist taking the new model out to go flying. With the bright blue sky, pleasantly warm and very light winds. It just doesn't get much better. I packed up the stuff into the minivan, and went to the Killeen club's field (because its close... and people fly there on nice Saturdays. I don't like to fly alone.)

The flying was excellent and I ended up staying from about 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with about 7 other people at the field. There were lots of planes flying, two guys getting buddy box training in and even buffalo steak on the barbecue.

It wasn't until after 6 p.m. that I started to notice the problem... SUNBURN! This is the first time I've spent that long in the sun at one time in several months, and the result is not fun. Sunburned on the nose, forehead, back of the neck, and both arms. Some of the burns were 2nd degree. (Burn classifications are: 1st degree is redness and swelling, 2nd degree is blistering, 3rd degree is blackened charred skin, which is very rarely found in sunburns.) There had been no sign of redness until that late... however, by 8 p.m. I had some serious problems from the sunburns.

There is no really great treatment for a sunburn. There are things you can put on to relieve the pain, but once the damage is done... it's done. There is an Aloe Vera with lidocaine lotion available over the counter that is very good for the pain and Aloe does aid in keeping the skin soothed after the lidocaine has worn off.

Look out for that sun... it'll get you. Hats, long sleeve shirts and sun-block ointments will help prevent the sunburns. Preventing the burns is much less painful than treating them. (Trust me on this one...)

Fred Huber

DRAWING!

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ADDRESS: _____

City, Zip: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

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