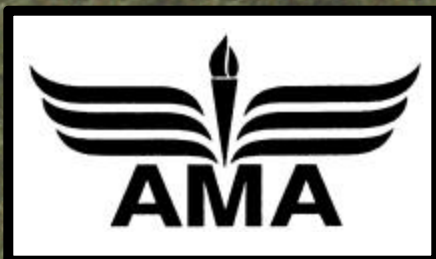


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The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
May 2001



This month's meeting will be held
Monday, May 28th at
7:30pm **at the Club Field**
in McGregor Park at Lake Belton.



**Big Bird
June 23rd**

Club Info

**Combat
June 3rd
Fun Fly
June 10th**

2001 Officers

President: Frank Sodek Jr.
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773-3866
Treasurer: Dennis Torline
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Secretary: Don Mondrik
939-1242
Safety Officer: Frank Sodek Sr.
773-3979
Field Marshal: Fred Huber
947-9551

Temple Event Schedule

Jun 3	Combat
Jun 10	Sanctioned Fun Fly
Jun 23	Big Bird
Jul 8	Combat
Jul 29	Combat
Aug 12	Combat
Aug 26	Combat
Sep 9	Combat
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night
Oct 28	Last Combat/DST Ends
Dec 2	Santa Pal Fly-In
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Elections

Instructors

B.W. Ponder		778-6182
Frank Sodek Jr.		773-8081
Mark Cullison		773-9686
Bobby Zikes		773-3773
Fred Huber		947-9551

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

District 8 Events

(This is not a complete list)

Jun 2-3	Annual War Bird Meet, Bomber Field, Monaville, TX
Jun 7-10	Wings Over Texas 2001: Big Bird Rally and Unlimited Giant Scale Race, Hearn City Municipality Airport, Hearne, TX
Jun 10	Freedom Flyers Over Dallas Warbird Fun-fly, Metro East RC Club, Mesquite, TX
Jun 16	Big Bird Fly In, HOTMAC, Waco, TX
Jun 16	Battle On The Bayou, Scobee Field, Bayou City Flyers, Houston, TX
Jun 16-17	Southeast Texas Pattern Championship, Mid-County R/C Club, Nederland, TX
Jun 20	Helmer's Old Farts Fly-In, Thunderbird Field, Ft Worth Thunderbirds, Ft Worth, TX
Jun 22-24	12 th Annual Cub Fly, Vintage Aviation Field, Tri City Flyers, Kingsbury, TX
Jun 23-24	1 st Annual GSW Big Bird Fly In, Greater Southwest RC Club, Ft Worth, TX
Jun 30	Big Bird Fly In, Texoma RC Modelers, Sherman, TX
Jun 30	1 st Annual Hub City IMAC Classic, Reese Technology Center, Wings Miniature Aircraft Society, Lubbock, TX
Jun 30-1	Chopper Madness, SeeBee Park, Abilene R/C Society, Abilene, TX

ON THE COVER

One of many "newbies" this spring... David Laster shows off his Hanger 9 Super Stick. It is (over) powered by an OS .91 FX!

Photograph by Frank Sodek, Jr.

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. I'm proud to say that our small little club has once again pulled off a very successful pattern contest, even despite the fact that Mother Nature was trying her best to rain us out. The Temple airport recorded almost 4.5 inches of rain late Saturday afternoon, shortly after we ended flying for the day. Up until that point the conditions actually were terrific for flying. The start of flying on Sunday morning was delayed because of a very low cloud deck. It was interesting to watch B.W. test the ceiling, and watch his plane disappear into the clouds as he pulled into a vertical upline. The sun finally burned off the low clouds, and we were able to get the final rounds in. Because we finished kind of early, we even had time to get quite a few training flights in later that afternoon. Thanks to everyone who pitched in, especially to B.W. for being the ringleader!

Mother Nature wasn't as kind to us during our spring picnic. We had strong winds gusting to over 30 MPH all day, and we had problems even keeping the food on the tables, much less trying to get some flying in. About the only flying that was done was a few rounds of combat, and I assure you that it's not a whole lot of fun trying to pull a streamer into strong winds like that. I think the highlight of the picnic was definitely the deer sausage and deer burgers that David Laster grilled up for us. If you didn't come, you really missed out on some tasty treats!

Our Wednesday evening new pilot training remains extremely busy. We have instigated a signup sheet and have started limiting training flights to 10-12 minutes each in an attempt to prevent anyone from sitting idle too long waiting for an instructor. The situation has been aggravated because I'm temporarily working in south Austin, and it's tough for me to get to the field before 6:30 PM. I'm hoping I will only have to drive down there for another four to six weeks. Thanks to Mark, B.W., Ken, Fred and Bobby for covering for me. Believe me guys, we know how frustrating it is having to wait on someone to help you. Just try and be patient with us, we'll eventually get you flying on your own.

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$3,750.26</u>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	240.00
Debits	
Rent April:	(15.00)
Road repair:	(800.00)
Gate repairs/keys/gas:	(224.00)
Postage:	(6.80)
Total Debits:	(1,045.80)
Balance April 2001	<u>\$2,944.46</u>

Submitted by *Dennis Torline*

Club Treasurer

Secretary's Notes

04/30/2001 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Frank Sodek Jr. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple. There were 18 members present.

Ken Schulz summarized the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were accepted based on a motion by Fred Huber and seconded by Buster Hinkle.

The club Treasurer, Dennis Torline, presented the Treasurer's Report. The ending balance for the month of April was \$2,944.46. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Fred Huber and seconded by Doug Gosset.

Old Business:

Weed Control

B.W. stated that the fertilizer has not been applied. B.W. will apply the fertilizer in his spare time.

Lawn Mower

David Laster will perform the maintenance to the mower. David will be changing the oil, plugs, air filter, and replacing the blades.

Road Work.

The roadwork has been completed.

Restrooms

The doors on the restrooms have been fixed. B.W. will look into getting the toilets pumped out before the pattern contest.

By-Laws

B.W.'s motion to change the Club's by-laws passed with a unanimous vote. This change will combine

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the office of Vice President and Secretary to one position named VP/Secretary. This change will take effect in 2002.

Mall Show

Frank Sodek Jr. passed out the plaques for the People Choice Awards. The Peoples Choice winners are 3rd place - Don Cullison with his SIG 4 Star 60, 2nd place - Mark Cullison with his Stearman in the bones and 1st place - Dennis Torline with the Enforcer.

The New Science and Discovery Museum at the SantaFe Train Station

Frank Sodek Jr. manned a booth for the Temple Aero Modelers on Saturday April 28 from 9am to 3pm. Franks sold \$26 dollars in raffle tickets.

Multi-Club Rotating Fun Fly

There is nothing new to report here.

Meeting Room at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House is undergoing an expansion. We will be meeting at the club field until the renovations to the Ronald McDonald House are complete.

New Club Member Booklet

Frank Sodek Jr. volunteered to author a "New Club Members Booklet" for the club. Frank has not started on this booklet.

Beginners' Night

David Laster made a plea that we need more instructors on Wednesday afternoons. This lead to the discussion that we should manage our time better to allow all the new pilots equal flying time. It was stated that we should limit their flying time to 10 minutes. Max Blose at the Waco Hobby Stop donated the JR buddy boxes to the club.

Spring Picnic/Combat

The Spring Picnic was held on April 22. There was a lot of good food and fellow ship. The winds were a bit strong, but that did not stop the combat pilots from flying 4 rounds of combat.

Pattern Contest

Frank Sodek Jr. will bring cold drinks. Steve Meyer will be bringing the coffee pot and generator. Bobby will bring water. Ken will get the doughnuts. Moffat Bar-B-Q will cater the lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.

New Business:

Safety Fence

There was some discussion about replacing the plastic safety fence between the pits and flight line. Zach Kline will check to see if his brother will donate his time and labor to help install the fence.

Blunder Awards

B.W. took off his tail-heavy combat plane and crashed into the lake.

James Mckee took his trainer off and crashed in a turn.

Mark Cullison was getting wild with his profile GeeBee and crashed causing extensive damage.

David Laster's hard landing with his trainer, that bounced the plane 10 to 15 feet and then stalled in on its nose

Brian ??? tried flying his trainer by his self and crashed.

Scott Weisman tried flying his trainer 1 too many times and the battery died causing him to crash in the lake. Scott's motor broke off the plane and sank.

Dennis Torline spun in his combat plane.

B. W. wins the Blunder Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44

Submitted by *Ken Schulz* on 05/14/01

Vice President

!!New Meeting Location!!

For the next few months the meetings are going to be held at our **flying field** at Lake Belton's McGregor Park (see map on ad page) while the Ronald McDonald house is under construction. Just gives us an excuse to fly more. Come early and bring a plane and a chair! (and OFF! bug spray!)

Thank You

A few members need to be commended who went beyond the call of duty! If you've been out to the field recently, you may have noticed that there is more of it! That's because a 'few good men' took it upon themselves to reclaim a good portion of it from high weeds and brush. A big 'Thank You' goes out to: David Laster for mowing most of the existing grass area by himself, John Rovetto for bringing out his tractor and blade and removing brush and sand piles on the North end, and Steve Meyer who brought his tractor and shredder and mowed the North end and cut trails through the trees and to the lake.

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1st Combat League Report

Our first combat of the season took place during the Spring Picnic on April 22nd. Although the winds were a'howling upwards around 40mph, we decided to go for it! The brave souls tempting the gale were: Frank Sodek, Jr. flying a Raptor; Bobby Zikes flying his scratch built design; Fred Huber flying his new Devastator; and myself flying a Gremlin.

B. W. test flew his combat wing before we got started, but it was severely tail heavy and ended up taking a swim in the lake! Fred Huber, with a brand new SPAD Devastator sat out the first round, but didn't want to miss out on the fun, so he flew the next three. Amazingly, we had no mishaps through four rounds of combat (not including a couple of hard landings.) The results are as follows:

Mark Cullison – 7 pts
 Frank Sodek, Jr. – 6 pts
 Bobby Zikes – 4 pts
 Fred Huber – 3 pts

We have eight more Combats scheduled this year (see page two for listing) and generally start around 3pm. All club members are welcome to participate. Rules were published in a past newsletter, but if you need more info, contact me at 773-9686.

Mark "The Terminator" Cullison



Bobby Zikes shows off a 'kill' after a Combat round held at the Spring Picnic. Notice the streamer being blown to the left by the strong South winds we experienced that day.

Photo by Mark Cullison

TPL AWOS

The title above is not full of typographical errors – the letters "TPL" form the identifier for the Temple airport, and "AWOS" is an acronym that stands for Automated Weather Observation System. Like most medium-sized and larger airports, the Temple airport has a continuous weather monitoring station that provides automated reporting of current weather conditions to pilots in the local area. Pilots can hear the report on their communications radio by tuning to 134.975 MHz, and the same information can also be accessed by dialing 774-8337.

The full scale pilots are most interested in the current wind direction and velocity (for selecting the proper runway) and the current barometric pressure (for setting their altimeter). What's most useful to RC pilots is the current wind conditions, of course.

The wind report will be in the format "Winds one-five-zero at one-four, peak gusts one eight". The first number (150) is the wind direction in degrees (southeast in this case), followed by the average sustained wind velocity in knots, then followed by the peak gust velocity, also in knots. To convert knots into MPH, you need to add 15% (multiply by 1.15). In this case, sustained winds are about 16 MPH, and gusts to 21 MPH are occurring, which is fairly typical for this time of year, but are a bit strong for training flights (especially for someone practicing landing approaches). So if you find yourself with some free time on a pretty day and you're trying to decide whether you want to go flying, call 774-8337 and check the wind conditions to help you make your decision. The Temple airport is close enough to our flying field so that you can use the AWOS report to get a good indication of the winds you'll experience when you arrive.

May the winds be with you,
 Frank Sodek



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Contest Report

On the first weekend in April three of our club members participated in the Waco Pattern contest. They were Bobby Zikes, BW Ponder and Ken Schulz. This is always the first contest of the year and traditionally is always windy but a great contest. This year was no exception, Saturday the wind was mostly cross and blowing about 20 to 30 mph. Very tough conditions to fly in. Overall most pilots handled the poor conditions well. We flew five rounds between Saturday and Sunday. The total number of contestants was down from last year from 47 to 32. Quite a drop. Seems these things come and go in cycles. Bobby flies in the Intermediate class and finished 2nd place, BW competes in Masters class and also finished 2nd, Ken Schulz a Masters flyer as well was very close to third place but finished 4th by a just a few points. A very good contest and we look forward to next year's.

On May 19th and 20th the Baton Rouge Louisiana pattern contest was held. There were three contestants from Central Texas that made the 7 hr drive to compete. They were BW from our club and two Waco club members Todd Blose and John Hill. We left Temple Friday at 1:30 and arrived at the Baton Rouge field at about 8:30 pm just before dark. There were a few guys hanging around but it was too dark to fly so we just visited for a while and headed to the motel for a good night's rest. Flying started Saturday morning at about 10:30. We flew four rounds on Saturday and one round on Sunday. Todd Blose finished first place in FAI with his new Hydeout, John Hill finished 2nd in Intermediate and BW finished 2nd in Masters. We had a jumbalaya supper on Saturday evening, which was very good. Those Cajuns know how to have fun. We had a great trip and look forward to returning next year.

BW Ponder



Pattern Flying Buddies at the Waco Pattern Contest.

Left: Stephan Byrd of Ft Worth won 3rd place in Intermediate. Center: Bobby Zikes snagged 2nd in Intermediate. Right: B.W. Ponder got 2nd place in Masters.

Photo by Kathy Ponder



B.W. makes a futile attempt to save his 2nd place plaque before being body slammed to the ground by Big Mike from Waco. See the rematch coming up on Pay-Per-View!

Who says pattern fliers are too serious?

Photo by Kathy Ponder

Meeting at the Flying Field

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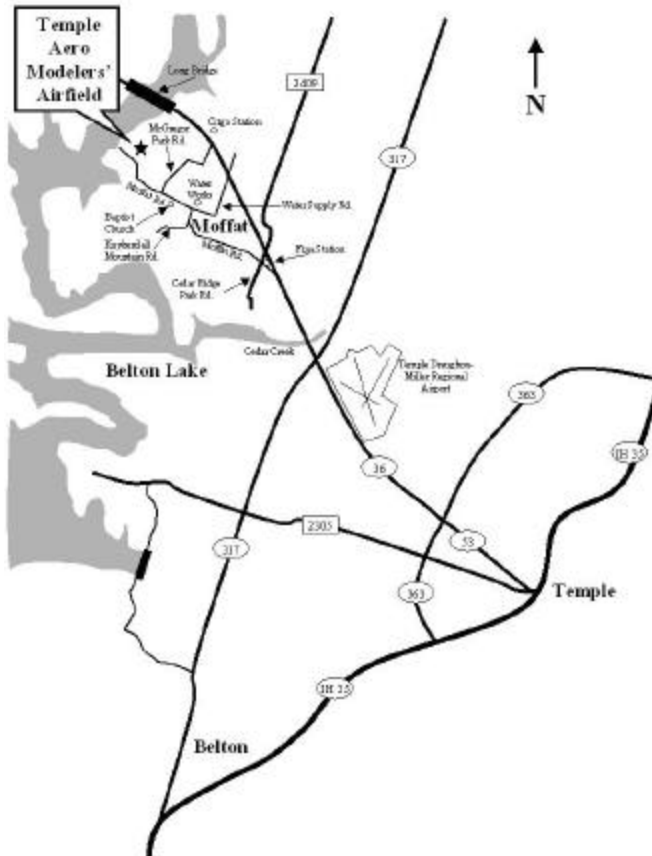
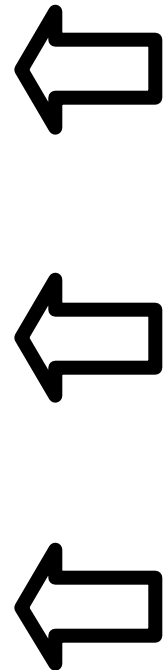
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