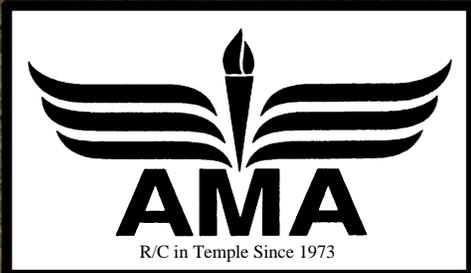


# The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.  
November 2002



This month's meeting will be held Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Santa  
Pal/Ronald  
McDonald  
Fly-In  
December 1<sup>st</sup>*

# Club Info

*Christmas  
Banquet/  
Elections  
December 9<sup>th</sup>*

## 2002 Officers

President: Frank Sodek Jr.  
773-8081  
Vice-pres/Sec: Don Mondrik  
939-1242  
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
982-4746  
Safety Officer: Bobby Zikes  
773-3773  
Field Marshal: John Rovetto  
939-5659

## Temple Event Schedule

Dec 1 Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald  
Fly In  
Dec 9 Christmas Banquet/  
Elections

## Instructors

B.W. Ponder 778-6182  
Frank Sodek Jr. 773-8081  
Mark Cullison 773-9686  
Bobby Zikes 773-3773  
Fred Huber 690-5025



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

## District 8 Events

(This is not a complete list)

Nothin' much hap'n in December!

Jan 17-18 Sixth Annual Georgetown Aero Modelers  
Swap Meet, San Gabriel Park  
Neighborhood Building

### ON THE COVER

The "Pizza Box Flyer" invasion has begun! Don Mondrik (yellow), Mark Cullison (white), and Steve Meyer (blue/red) show off their "PBFs". These "flying boards" are a hoot to fly! They are cheap, easy to build, and tough. Check out the bottom side of the planes in a photo elsewhere in the newsletter.

Photograph by Frank Sodek, Jr.

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## President's Report

by Frank Sodek

Greetings from your club President. This is the final newsletter of the year, in order to give Mark a well-justified break from the hard work he puts in each month for the club producing a top-notch newsletter. Because of this, I'll try to cover as much as possible to take us through the next newsletter (which will come out in mid-January).

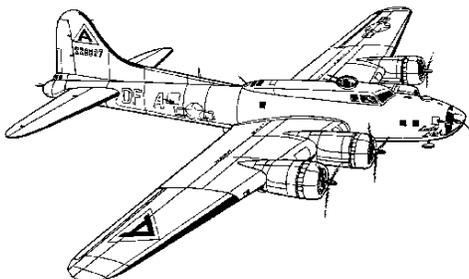
The first item to mention is the club's final flying event for the year, our annual Santa Pal/Ronal McDonald Fly-in which will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning around 1PM. The entry fee is a new unwrapped toy. The field will be open to fly whatever you bring, no competition of any kind will occur.

The final event for the year is our Christmas Banquet. This year the banquet will be held on Monday, December 9 in the McLane Room on the top floor of the Temple Public Library/Bank of America building (also known as Carpenter Plaza) located at North 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Adams in downtown Temple. I have the room reserved from 6 to 9 PM. We'll try to begin the pot luck dinner around 6:30 PM. Top level parking entrance is on 1<sup>st</sup> street (from Adams); lower level covered parking entrance is on 3<sup>rd</sup> street (west side of the building).

After engorging ourselves on all of the goodies that will be brought to the banquet, we have to take care of a bit of important business – the election of club officers for next year. Those members who are present and have paid their dues for next year will vote for officers. At the last meeting Buster Hinkle and Don Mondrik volunteered to help me produce a list of nominees for club offices. If you have a desire to help run our club please contact one of us before the banquet (if we don't contact you first!), or speak up at the upcoming meeting.

The conclusion of the Christmas banquet is always the most fun of the evening. Buster will lead us in a "Chinese" gift exchange that is always loads of fun for everyone present.

Every person who wants to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift (\$5 to \$10 value at most).



During last month's meeting we discussed having a New Year's Day Chili Fly-in, but we didn't really finalize all of the details (there were concerns about conflicts if we actually held it on New Year's Day). We'll attempt to finalize the details for the "first" event of next year during this upcoming meeting, and will let everyone know.

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

fsodek@aol.com

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## Secretary's Notes

The October meeting of the Temple Aero Modelers club was called to order by club President Frank Sodek Jr., at 19:30 at the Ronald McDonald House meeting room in Temple. There were 19 members in attendance and no new visitors.

Don Mondrik the Secretary / Vice President summarized the minutes from September meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and seconded by Ken Schulz. No changes were needed for the minutes.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report to the meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mark Cullison and seconded by Ken Schulz.

### **Old Business:**

- a. **Field Maintenance** The sealing of the runway was put off until next spring. Frank Sodek Jr. bought a windsock for the club and indicated he would install it on top of the shed.
- b. **Fall Fun Fly** Buster Hinkle provided us with a summary of the Fall Fun Fly. There were 8 contestants with trophies awarded to the first three places.

### **New Business:**

- a. **Santa Pal Fly In** The CD, B. W. Ponder, was absent from the meeting so the details will be covered in the November meeting.
- b. **Christmas Banquet** Frank Sodek Jr. informed the members present that the Christmas Banquet will be held in the large meeting room on the third floor of the Temple Public Library this year.
- c. **Officer Nomination Committee** The nomination committee this year will be made up of members Frank Sodek Jr., Buster Hinkle and Don Mondrik. If you get a call asking you to run for an office please consider

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saying yes. Buster Hinkle has been nominated for Treasurer and Frank Sodek Jr. has been nominated for President. The offices of Vice President/Secretary, Safety and Field Marshall still need nominations. Elections will be held during the Christmas Banquet and remember to vote you must have paid your dues for the coming year before the election.

- d. **Chili Fly** Scott Justice suggested having a Chili Fly on New Year's Day this year. Details will be discussed at next month's meeting.

## Comments & Announcements:

- a. **Killeen Poker Fly** The Killeen Poker Fly was rained out.
- b. **Combat Report** Mark Cullison reported that the Combat event was eventually cancelled because the humidity and speed disintegrated the streamers before the round could be started.
- c. **Waco Swap Meet** The Heart of Texas Model Airplane Club will have a swap meet on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- d. **TOC Report** Club members B. W. Ponder, Frank Sodek Jr. and Frank Sodek Sr. attended the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Frank Sodek Jr. reported the event was an excellent flying exhibition. Pattern Flyer and sometimes visitor to the Temple area, Chip Hyde, won the event.

## Blunder Awards:

There were no reported Blunder Awards this month so we let Fred Huber keep the Blunder Award for another month!

**Program – Sig Kougar** Club member Paul Horan brought an orphaned Sig Kougar to the meeting for show and tell, Travis Berry adopted the Kougar and immediately began to offer to let people finish it for him.

Meeting adjourned at 20:08

Don Mondrik  
V.P./Secretary  
czechtek@aol.com

## Safety Report

Thanks to all for making this a safe flying year. There have been a few close calls, but aside from some grass burrs in our palms and knees, no personal injuries. The airplanes that are no longer with us, however, are too numerous to count.

My final report this year is on the subject of airplane color schemes. As you know, the color scheme of your plane will affect how well it shows up in the air, so a little extra time and effort in choosing a color scheme for your new project will pay off greatly in the long run. The colors you choose in order for it to show up really come down to how your eyes affect your perspective. For example, a popular color scheme for pattern airplanes is a white base color with several trim colors. While I really like this scheme, and I've seen many beautiful pattern airplanes finished this way, I have a hard time seeing this combination in the air. So like a lot of flyers, I have discovered that the best color combination for my eyes is a yellow base coat with a dark contrasting color, like red or black. However, this might not work for you. The best advise I can give you here is to just observe other airplanes in the air and notice which color combinations you can see well. My new pattern airplane color scheme is a combination of my old scheme with a change in relation to someone else's color scheme that I noticed I could see well in the air. Maybe you'll recognize it as yours! Secondly, try to pick contrasting colors, but try to stay away from earth and sky tones. I don't think powder blue or camouflage are good choices. Finally, it's a good idea to make the top and bottom of your plane completely different colors.

I know when I was younger and in a hurry to get my new project in the air, I just put on a finish as quickly as possible with not much thought of what the colors I chose would look like in the air. Now, with my failing eyesight, I use a lot of time and research before I choose a color scheme for any of my planes. Of course, the ideas expressed here are my opinions, but I hope this information will be helpful to you. Then again, if your flying experience has evolved (degenerated?) into flying a flat piece of coroplast around the sky, then none of this really matters, because you're going to crash it anyway!

Well, that's it! It's been an honor being your safety officer for 2002. And finally... If you are blessed with lots of knowledge, practical know-how, and material "stuff" in this wonderful sport of ours, share it!

Submitted by *Bobby Zikes*  
Safety Officer

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## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		<u>\$4,195.87</u>
Deposits		
	Total Deposits:	0.00
Debits		
Ronald McDonald – rent.....		20.00
All Sports Trophy.....		21.65
	Total Debits:	(41.65)
Balance October 2002		<u>\$4,154.22</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
Club Treasurer

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## My Dad, My Hero

Do you have a hero? If so who is he? Well here's my hero!

My hero is my dad, Don Mondrik. He is also my instructor in model airplaneing. My other instructors are B.W. Ponder, Frank Sodek, and Mark Cullison. My dad, I think, is the most reliable though.

I like them all. They are a great help to me. Model flying is harder than you think. My dad is my hero because, he helps me more than you think like flying, writing, and computers. The quote I got is, "I like it because, it's challenging and fun." My dad is my hero as a model airplane instructor but most of all because he is my dad.

I hope all people are heroes, all good and giving people deserve it. I hope they get the good fortune they deserve!

By Nicholas Mondrik  
4th grade

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## New Windsock

A big thank you goes out to Frank Sodek, Jr. for purchasing and installing a new windsock at the flying field!



Here is the flip side of the PBFs. Yet to see one that is actually decorated to look like a pizza box! The shape lends itself to creative color schemes and themes though.

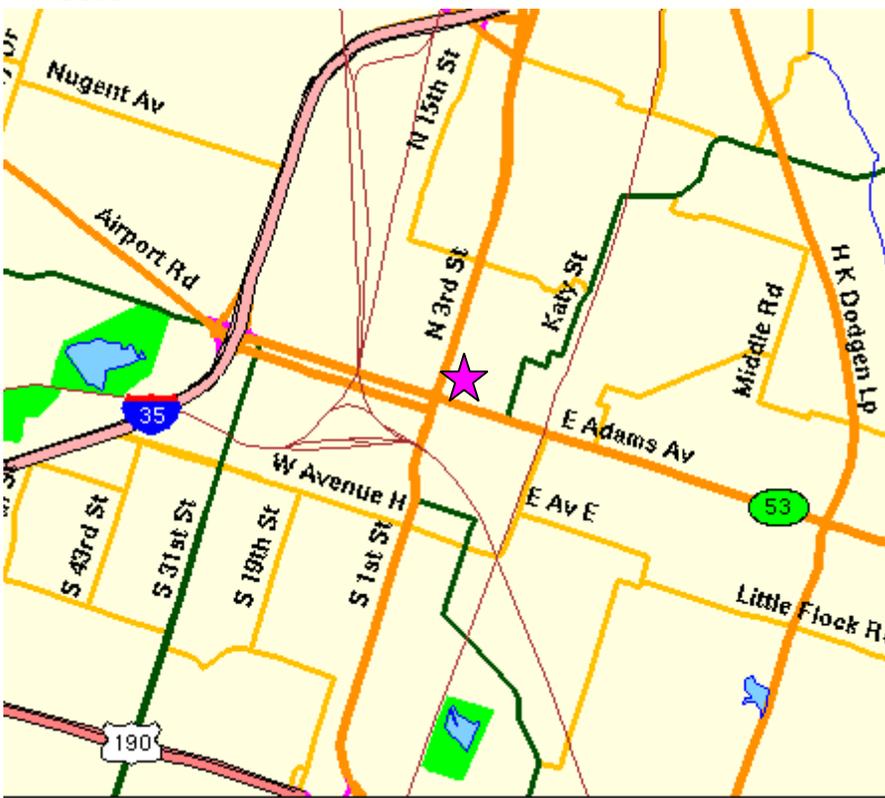
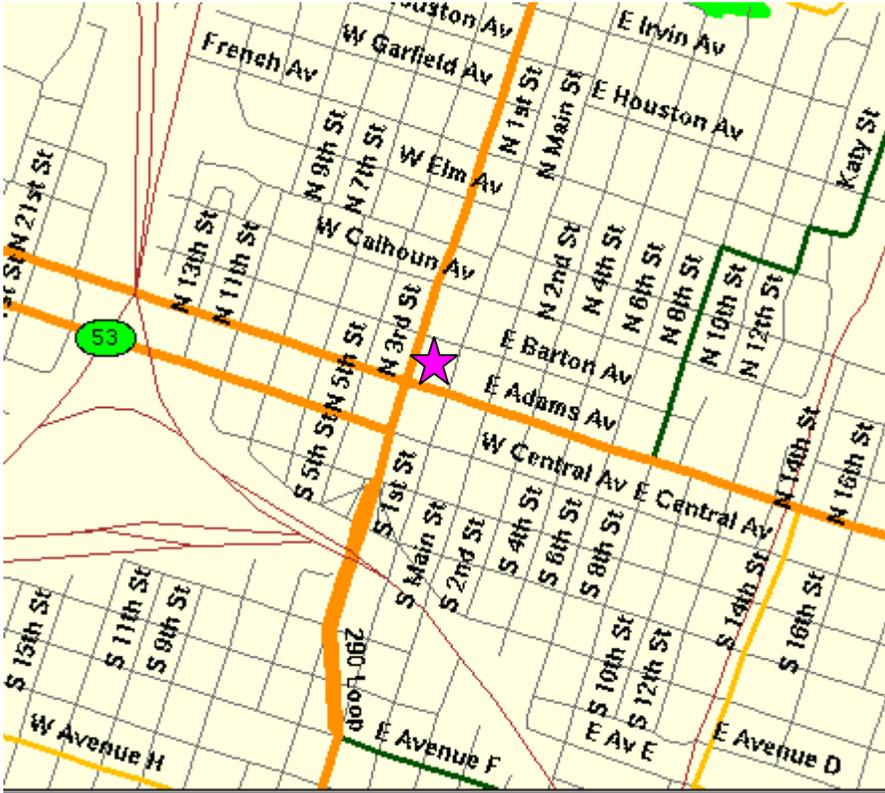
Photo by Frank Sodek, Jr.

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## Don Cullison

Don Cullison recently underwent surgery at Scott and White Hospital. He is doing well and will be hospitalized for a week or so. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

# >>>Christmas Banquet Location<<<



The official name of the building is the “E. Rhodes and Leona B Carpenter Plaza”, but it is better known as the Temple Public Library/Bank of America building. It is the white three-story building located at 100 West Adams, which is the corner of North 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Adams across from Jack-in-the-Box, in downtown Temple. There is a parking lot on the north side of the building and an underground parking area too. Take the elevator (or the stairs) up to the third floor, and when you exit the elevator, go to the right to the end of the hall. We will be meeting in the McLane room. Signs will be posted. Hope to see ya’ll there!

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Temple Aero Modelers

To join the Temple Aero Modelers or renew your dues, please fill out this form, enclose a check, and mail to:

**Temple Aero Modelers**

c/o Buster Hinkle  
11591 Pritchard Rd.  
Temple, TX 76501

Make check payable to:  
**Temple Aero Modelers**

(check or cash can also be brought to the next club meeting)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA#: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Channels that you fly: \_\_\_\_\_

**Renewals: fill in the lines below only if they have changed since last year.**

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (Home)  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed for:

Adult member dues (18 and over) .....	\$20.00	_____
Field maintenance fee .....	\$20.00	_____
(Required for adult members - optional for junior and senior (over 65) members)		
Junior member dues (under 18) .....	\$10.00	_____
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