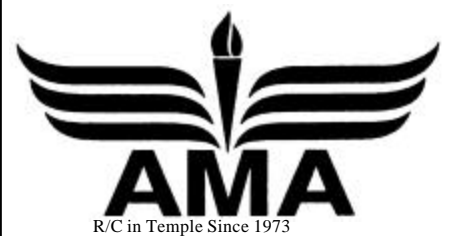


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The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
November 2004



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



*Ronald
McDonald/
Toys for Tots
Fly-In –
Dec 5th*

CLUB INFO

*Christmas
Banquet/
Officer
Elections -
Dec 13th*

2004 Officers

President: Jeff Pitts
780-2245
Vice Pres/Sec. Ken Schulz
773-3866
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle
982-4746
Safety Officer: Frank Sodek, Sr.
642-3526
Field Marshals: John Redwine
773-2742
John Rovetto
939-5659

Temple Event Schedule

Dec 5 Ronald McDonald/
Toys for Tots Fly-In 1:00pm
Dec 13 Christmas Banquet/
Officer Elections (NEW
LOCATION) 6:30pm

Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081
Mark Cullison 773-9686
Steve Meyer 939-6394
Paul Horan 780-1274
B.W. Ponder 778-6182



District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Nov 27 HOT MAC 7th Annual Swap Meet, Waco,
TX (254-662-5587 or 254-776-4991)
Dec 4 GSW Toys for Tots, Greater Southwest
Aero Club, Ft. Worth, TX
Jan 14-15 8th Annual Georgetown Swap Meet,
Georgetown, TX (www.gamarc.org)

On The Cover

Doug Staines shows off his recently renovated Cessna AgWagon Crop Duster. This airplane started out as a Kyosho ARF, but Doug has added many scale details. Including a scaled out cockpit and pilot, a working spray boom, functional landing lights, not to mention a "cool" Canadian insignia. He also installed the unusual RCV .91 4-stroke engine driving a 3-bladed prop. The plane contains a couple of large batteries to run the lights, two water pumps, and the electronics. Doug says it is about ready for a test flight.

Photo by Gloria Staines

Club Dues are now due!

A membership form has been included in this newsletter. You must join/renew to participate in the officer elections at the upcoming Christmas Banquet.

Mark Cullison Co-Editor 773-9686
Frank Sodek, Jr. Co-Editor 773-8081

On the web at:
<http://home.hot.rr.com/taeromodelers/aero.html>

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President's Report

by *Jeff Pitts*

Temple Aero Modelers,

As we approach the Holiday Season and the end of 2004, I am reminded of how much we have to be thankful for:

- We had another year without injury.
- We had a season of good weather for our events.
- Beginner's nights have flourished and quite a few new members joined our club.
- Our outstanding team of officers stepped up and did their jobs excellently.
- We've had a lot of fun flying and hanging out at the field.
- We've shared some good food together.
- We introduced quite a few youngsters to our hobby by hosting Belton Cub Scouts pack 117 and 5th grade kids from the Killeen gifted and talented program.
- We had a very successful Mall Show.
- We did an exciting combat demo at the Central Texas Air Show.
- We've cheered each other on and helped each other out.

Our last events of the year are our Ronald McDonald/Toys for Tots fly-in on December 5 at 1 p.m., and our Holiday Party/Officer Elections on December 13 at 6 p.m.

Bring an unwrapped toy to the December 5 fly-in, and we'll donate the toys to the Ronald McDonald House and Toys for Tots.

Bring your family and friends, a dish to share, and a wrapped gift to the Holiday Party if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Let's celebrate a great year as we look forward to another one.

See you at the field,

Jeff Pitts
780-2245
jeffpittscarpet@earthlink.net

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,674.93</u>
Credits	
Total Deposits:	15.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Jeff Pitts (picnic supplies).....	21.71
Jeff Pitts (field photo enhance).....	5.35
Frank Sodek, Jr.(x-mas banquet rm).	35.00
Frank Sodek, Jr.(drinks).....	20.07
All Sports Trophy (Fun Fly).....	25.00
AMA magazine subscriptions.....	40.00
Total Debits:	(167.13)
Balance October 2004	<u>\$5,522.80</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

Jeff Pitts called the meeting to order at 7:32pm on October 25, 2004. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the Minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were accepted by Don Cullison and seconded by Don Mondrik.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted by Mark Cullison and seconded by Jim McCormick

Old Business

Mr. Brown Property

Please remember to wear a safety vest when crossing the fence. Deer season is here!!!!

Field Maintenance

Several people helped with the mowing before the Poker Fly-In. B.W. has the 55 gallon barrels. Frank Sodek Sr. made a motion that the club install some shelves in the shed at a cost of no more that \$50. Fred Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tree Clearing

The original proposal sent to the Army Corps of Engineers was determined to be cost prohibited based on the reply for the Corps. Discussions were started about trimming some of the trees, and not remove them. Jeff is going to contact

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the Corps about trimming existing trees.

Beginner's Night

Turnout has been very good on beginner's night. As of October 20th there have been 355 training flights.

AMA Grand Event 2005

There is nothing new to report.

Fun Fly

Buster Hinkle gave a report about the fun fly.

Poker Fly

Don Mondrik gave a report on the Poker Fly.

New Sign

Spectators will be asked to park in the parking lot west of the pavilion. This will allow people more room to unload their planes. Jeff Pitts ordered the signs at a total cost of \$26.

Christmas Party

Mark Cullison made a motion that we reserve the Family Life Center at the Western Hills Church of Christ for December 13, from 4 to whenever we're done, at a cost of \$100. Doug Staines seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Indoor Flying Site

The cost to reserve the gym at the Wilson Rec. Center is \$28 per hour + a \$50 deposit. Some members are still looking into other sites.

New Business

Election Committee

Mark Cullison, Don Mondrik and Buster Hinkle will head up the election committee for the 2005 officers.

Dues

Both the AMA and Club Dues are now due for 2005. You must have your dues paid to vote for the 2005 club officers.

Club Website

There was some discussion started about re-hosting the club web site. There are some members looking into possible solutions. They will provide more info at a later date.

Blunder Awards

1. Jeff Pitts crashed his trainer during the Poker Fly.
2. Larry's Instructor "Paul Horan" hit a tree near the outhouse (twice!).
3. Mark Cullison hit the backboard in the gym at the Wilson Rec. Center.

Larry and Paul are your winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*
Vice-President/Secretary

>>> **Buster's Request** <<<

Our Treasurer, Buster Hinkle, would like for members to make an effort to pay their dues **before** the Christmas Banquet this year! Dues are still \$40 per year. Please see the membership form included in this newsletter. (The banquet is a hectic time for Buster, with him running the Gift Exchange and all)

!!!CORRECTION!!!

Last month's article about the Fall Fun Fly incorrectly identified the scorekeeper. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Jesse Measles for performing that task!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year's committee consists of Don Mondrik, Buster Hinkle, and Mark Cullison.

The Ballot as it stands at the time of printing:

President.....Jeff Pitts

Vice President/Secretary...Doug Staines
Bill George

Treasurer.....Buster Hinkle

Safety Officer.....Bobby Zikes
Paul Horan
B.W. Ponder
Frank Sodek, Jr.

Field Marshal(s).....John Redwine
Bill George

Thanks,

Mark Cullison
Nominating Committee Chairman

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Club T-Shirts

B.W. Ponder will be bringing what's left of the club's shirts to sell at this next meeting. T-shirts sell for \$9, polo shirts are \$17.

Ronald McDonald/Toys For Tots Fly-In

Our annual toy drive is quickly approaching. The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th, 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. B.W. Ponder will be the Contest Director for the event.

Chinese Gift Exchange

This year will be the eleventh time we play Chinese Christmas. It has always been a lot of fun. Everybody who wants to play needs to bring a \$5 to \$10 unmarked wrapped gift. Usually men bring a man's gift, women a woman's gift, kids a kid's gift. All the gifts are placed on a table with everybody's chairs placed in a big half circle around the table so everybody can see. All the gifts are counted, then that many numbers are placed in a can. You reach in and draw out a number, which determines when it is your turn to steal a gift or open one. For instance, if there are 43 gifts, the numbers 1 through 43 are in the can on little round stickers. If you draw the sticker with the #1, you go first. Open any gift, show everybody what it is, then put your #1 sticker on it. The person with #2 can steal that gift or open another gift. If you steal a gift you give the number that you have to that person, then that person can steal a gift or open one and put the sticker on it. Every time a gift is opened it gets the sticker put on it that was called out. After a gift is stolen 3 times it is frozen, no one can steal it any more. So whoever has #43 can steal any gift that is not frozen or open the last gift. Then the #1 person has a choice to swap their gift with any gift that is not frozen. If a gift is stolen that person cannot steal it directly back. Another gift has to be stolen or opened. Through the years husbands and wives have learned to team up to get what they want. It is a lot of fun. If you have any questions call or e-mail me or ask some of the old club members.

Buster Hinkle

Christmas Banquet

Believe it or not, this year is almost gone and it's time for the club's annual Christmas Banquet! This year our banquet will be held on Monday, December 13th at Western Hills Church of Christ beginning at 6:30 PM. The church is located at the Northwest corner of IH35 and West Adams (see the map included elsewhere in this newsletter). We have the two-story room attached to the back of the church reserved for our party. There is a large parking area in back of the church available for us to use.

While the event will officially begin with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30, the room is apparently large enough for indoor electric flying, so there will be some club members coming early and getting a few flights in before the meal starts. The club will provide drinks, plates and utensils; club members just need to bring a dish of goodies and a big appetite. Voting for club officers for next year will occur, so it's important for every member to attend. The evening will end with a Chinese gift exchange, which is always a lot of fun for all. Everyone who wants to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift in the \$10 dollar range. Bring your family and friends and join us in celebrating the end of another great year!

See you there!

Frank Sodek, Jr.

McGregor Park Closed...

...but Temple Aero Modeler club members still have access! Due to the high water level of Lake Belton, McGregor Park has been closed. The gates near the park host have been locked. There are three gates at this location. The gate on the left has our padlock from the airfield gate. Just be sure to lock it behind you when entering and leaving.

Mark Cullison

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: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ (Home)
(____) _____ - _____ (Work)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*	
Adult member dues (18 and over)	\$40.00	_____
Additional family member	\$20.00	_____
Senior member dues (over 65)	\$20.00	_____
Junior member dues (under 18)	\$10.00	_____
Associate member	\$10.00	_____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

*For new members only – if joining in the first quarter (Jan-Mar): 100% of full year dues; second quarter (Apr-Jun): 75% of full year dues; third quarter (Jul-Sep): 50% of full year dues; fourth quarter (Oct-Dec): 25% of full year dues.

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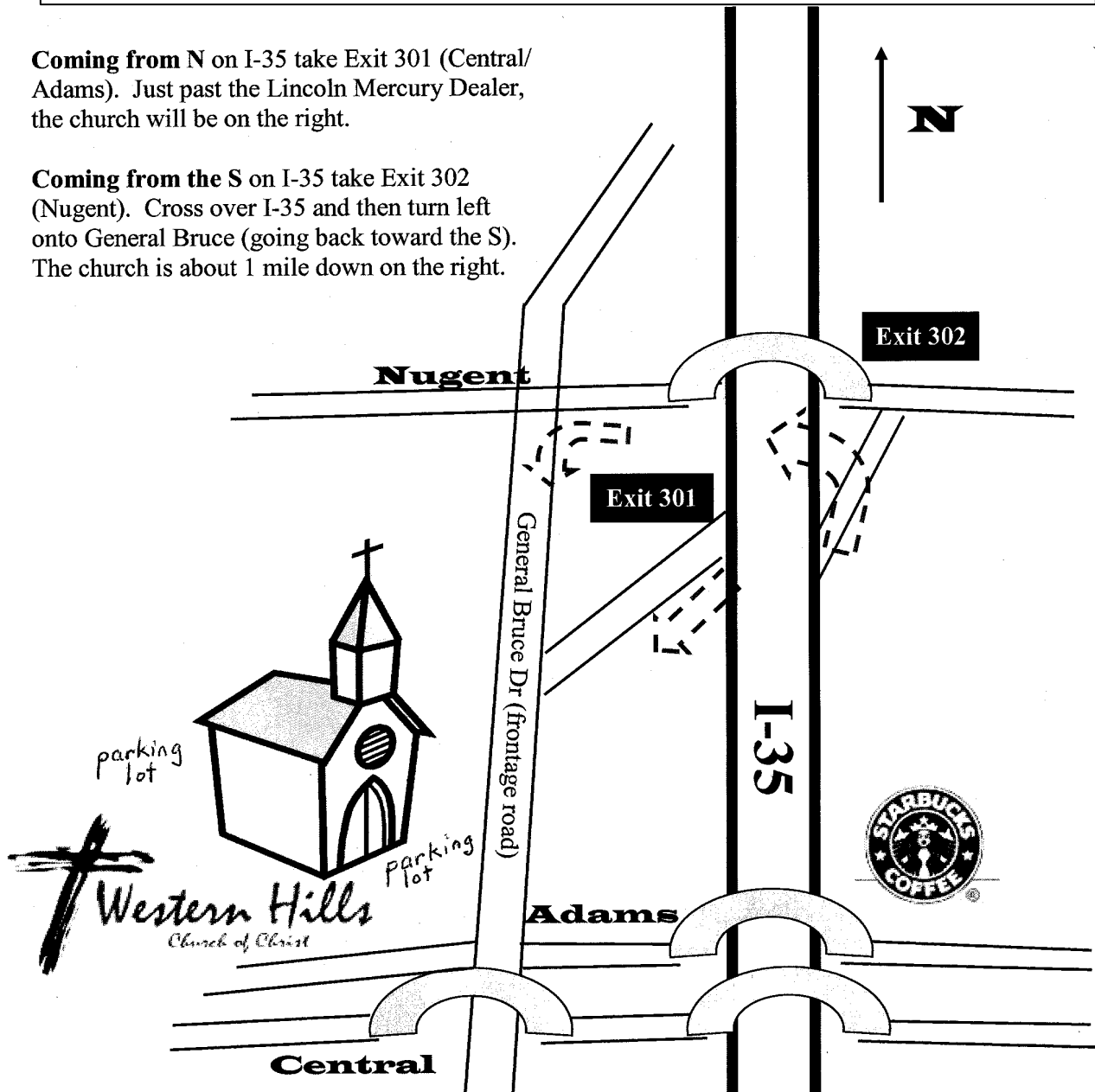
>>NOTICE<<

During the months of November, December and the first week of January, anybody crossing the east fence will be required to wear a “blaze orange” safety vest. Our neighbor will be deer hunting this season so all members need to wear them at all times whenever we visit his property to retrieve downed aircraft. Doing so is in everybody’s best interest. Let’s continue the good neighbor tradition!

Temple Aero Modeler's Christmas Banquet Location

Coming from N on I-35 take Exit 301 (Central/ Adams). Just past the Lincoln Mercury Dealer, the church will be on the right.

Coming from the S on I-35 take Exit 302 (Nugent). Cross over I-35 and then turn left onto General Bruce (going back toward the S). The church is about 1 mile down on the right.



The most important thing is that everyone needs to know to park in the large parking lot in the rear of the church. The Family Life Center is the rectangular shaped, two story building on the back of the church building. We will need to enter in the south corner door. I will make and post signs to help guide you.

Bobby Zikes

(Editor's note: Heading west on Adams, turn right on the street just past the Purvis Bearing building to get to the back side of the church. If heading south on the frontage road, you could also just pull into the front entrance and drive around to the back.)

Mark Cullison - Editor
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