

# The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.  
November 2007



**This month's meeting will be held Monday, November 26th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.**



*Club Meeting –  
November 26th*

*Don Cullison  
Memorial Christmas  
Toy Drive/Fly-In –  
December 2nd*

# CLUB INFO

*Christmas  
Banquet/Officer  
Elections –  
December 10<sup>th</sup>*

## 2007 Officers

President:	Doug Staines 780-3512
Vice Pres/Sec.	Steve Sanders 939-7707
Treasurer:	Buster Hinkle 982-4746
Safety Officer:	Paul Horan 780-1274
Field Marshals:	Ed Weems 982-4902 Larry Macie 291-4590

## Temple Event Schedule

Nov 26	Club Meeting - 7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In and Poker Fly - 11am
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections - 6pm

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr.	773-8081
Mark Cullison	773-9686
Paul Horan	780-1274
Doug Staines	780-3512
Lance Starzyk	760-8678
Fred Huber	698-4777



## District VIII Events

(This **is** a complete list!)

Dec 01	Brown Santa Open, Pflugerville, TX
Dec 08	Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Club Toys for Tots Fly-In, Ft. Worth, TX
Dec 09	<b>HOTMAC Toy drive/Poker Fly</b>
Jan 18-19	<b>11th Annual Georgetown Swap Meet, San Gabriel Park Neighborhood Building, Georgetown, TX</b>

## On The Cover

Thanksgiving. We all have many things to be thankful for. This great hobby of ours brings many wonderful people together to share in the enjoyment of flying and building. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to share this hobby with my dad, Don Cullison. We enjoyed building and flying together for several years before his passing two years ago.

Be thankful for the time we have together!

(Note: Depending on the outcome of the elections, this may be my last newsletter. Mark Cullison, Editor)

Photo by (don't remember)

**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 - Editor 773-9686  
Frank Sodek, Jr. - Editor's Assistant 773-8081

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## President's Report



For the benefit of those that were not able to be in attendance at last month's meeting, I made the announcement that I have accepted the position of Associate Vice President for District 8 of the AMA, which was recently offered to me by District Vice President, Jim Rice. In this regard I will not be seeking re-election for Club President. I feel that my new position in the AMA will keep me busy enough.

It was an honor and a privilege to have served as your Club President this past year and Vice President before that. I will certainly continue helping out where and when I can.

The Club will be needing officers for the next year. We need members to step up to the plate and offer to be an Officer. The Club doesn't run by itself and in order for our Club, let me correct that, Your Club to continue to prosper and remain viable we need Officers to take over the Helm. If you are interested please let Buster Hinkle or Mark Cullison know.

This will be my last newsletter, I hope you have enjoyed them or perhaps you are saying thank goodness; anyways I have enjoyed putting them together. Throughout this past year, I have always tried to encourage members to lend a hand and help out. We need to be mindful of this request and to continue with our volunteer efforts.

It's easy to take the position 'I pay my dues to fly not to work'; well, you would not have a field to fly from if people didn't give up some of their time other than to fly to lend a hand and help out. Like I have said time and time again, the Club doesn't run by itself and we don't pay anyone to run it.

And speaking of lending a hand and helping out, I can't thank those members enough that have helped the club out during my tenure as President and Vice President these past several years. Helping out on the tree trimming project, Cub Scout Fly-ins to answering the call for grass cutting, to name but a few. Those members that have helped out know who they are and you have my gratitude, and for those that have not helped out in the past, you know who you are and you should look towards the New Year as an opportunity to do your part and help out.

A couple of events remain on the calendar for the Club. On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> the 'Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive'; bring an unwrapped toy for a Landing Fee. We will also be featuring a 'Poker Fun Fly' with a \$10 entrance fee to participate with raffle prizes given to participants, and winner takes all for highest card hand. Great food for all participants, spectators and visitors, provided and cooked by Randy Mennen and Larry Macie. Be sure to come

out and enjoy some flying and some great cooking. Start time is 11 am.

On Monday, December 10, with a 6:30pm start, our Annual Christmas Club Banquet and Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange takes place, please see article in the newsletter for more details

As we close in on the upcoming Holiday Season, I want to extend my best wishes and regards to you and your families for the very best. I hope Santa will be good to you and that new plane is waiting under the tree Christmas morning.

Hope to see you at the field on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Banquet on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Staines*  
President

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance \$5,389.36

Credits:

Doug Staines Trailer Payment.....100.00  
Dues.....50.00  
Aluminum Cans.....41.00

Total Deposits: 191.00

Debits:

Doug Staines (wind sock, etc.).....115.18  
Ronald McDonald House.....20.00  
Model Aviation (school subscriptions).....40.00  
Fun Fly Trophies.....30.00  
Texas Trees (4-30gal trees).....320.25

Total Debits: (525.43)

Balance October 2007 \$5,054.93

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, October 29, 2007**

Called to order by President Doug Staines at 7:32pm

New Members/Visitors None

Announcement Doug Staines, President; announced that he has accepted the Position of Associate Vice President for District 8 of the AMA; stated that in this consideration he would not seek re-election of Club President, but would fulfill his obligations as President until the end of the current year.

Minutes from the meeting held in September were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Andy Sonnier and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buster Hinkle.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Randy Mennen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Miller.

Safety Report Paul Horan, Safety Officer was not present, no report made.

## Old Business

Field Maintenance Doug Staines reported that the access road has been repaired and that arrangements have been made whereby a set of keys were given to Bell County Roads Department in order for them to access the road in the future for regular road maintenance; the work day went well on Sat Oct 27 with a good turn out with several projects being completed, the Club Cadet Lawn Tractor was still in need of servicing, Doug Staines offered to take the Tractor in for servicing at the next convenient opportunity; Doug Staines discussed the reasons for removal and relocating of the white Helicopter table, which included the difficulty of moving it for the purposes of cutting the grass, Randy Mennen indicated that he was going to build a suitable replacement table for Helicopter starting and one that was easier to move.

Poker Fun Fly/Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive in consideration of the cancelled Poker Fun Fly which had been scheduled for Sunday, Oct 21; that it would be rescheduled to take place in conjunction with the Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Randy Mennen and Larry Macie offered to cook for the event for all participants, spectators and visitors, raffle prizes for participants; Landing fee would be a Unwrapped Toy and if

you wanted to participate in the Poker Fun Fly the cost would be \$10.

Club Christmas Party Doug Staines reminded everyone of the Christmas Party to be held on Monday, December 10 at Western Hills Church; with a 6:30pm start; Pot Luck Meal with everyone encouraged to bring their favorite dish; a Chinese Christmas Gift exchange would follow dinner with a \$10 to \$20 limit on the gift.

## New Business

Gate Lock/Speed Limit Doug Staines reminded everyone to make sure you lock the gate when leaving the flying field because McGregor Park was now open; the gate Hosts made a request to Doug Staines to remind all members to please observe the 10mph speed limit on the access road.

New Officers Doug Staines reminded everyone of the need for new Officers for next year; Mark Cullison and Buster Hinkle will head up the Election Committee to obtain candidates for the Officer Positions.

Brazos Valley RC Modelers; Fall 'Just Plane Fun' Fly In Doug Staines reminded everyone of the Fun Fly in Bryan for Saturday, Nov 17, 9am to 3pm; encouraged members to participate, considering the annual participation of the Bryan Club at our Spring Fun Fly; \$10 Landing Fee and an Unwrapped Toy for their Christmas Toy Drive; Prizes for best Aircraft, Most Flights and Most Flight Time; Raffle and Lunch for participants.

Club 40 Pylon Racing League Doug Staines gave a report on the 'Club 40 Pylon Racing League' in the Central Texas Area; offered to give information to any members interested in participating next year; indicated that this Pylon Racing was entrance level and an easy way to participate.

Blunder Awards Several Candidates Nominated:

Doug Staines: Crashing his Profile at the Fall Fun Fly.  
John Hagel: Bad landing and collapsing the gear of his Giant Scale at the Fall Fun Fly.

David Henry: Crashing his SPAD in the Pit area during maiden flight of this Plane.

Larry Macie: Crashing his Avenger, did not extend the Transmitter Antenna.

Larry Macie was declared this month's winner of the Blunder Award.

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## Trip Reports None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes recorded by *Larry Maciel*/Acting Secretary

Submitted by *Doug Staines*/President

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## Chinese Gift Exchange

(Ed. Note: This article was reprinted from last year's newsletter)

This year will be the 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In (and Poker Fly)**

Our annual toy drive is quickly approaching. The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning around 11am. 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.

Along with the Toy drive/fly-in we will have our delayed "Poker fly" contest. Bring \$10 entry fee to join in on the fun. Highest card hand at the end of the contest wins the pot. Pilot prizes will be given away. Great food will be provided free of charge! Don Mondrik will be the Contest Director for the event.

The combined event starts at 11am.

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## Christmas Banquet

(Ed. Note: This article was reprinted from last year's newsletter)

Believe it or not, the 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 10th 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 will be in the same room that we used last year, which is located in the Northeast corner of the complex.

For those that haven't attended before, we'll start the evening with a pot-luck dinner. 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 during a brief business meeting, 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.

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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!

# 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.

*Merry Christmas!*

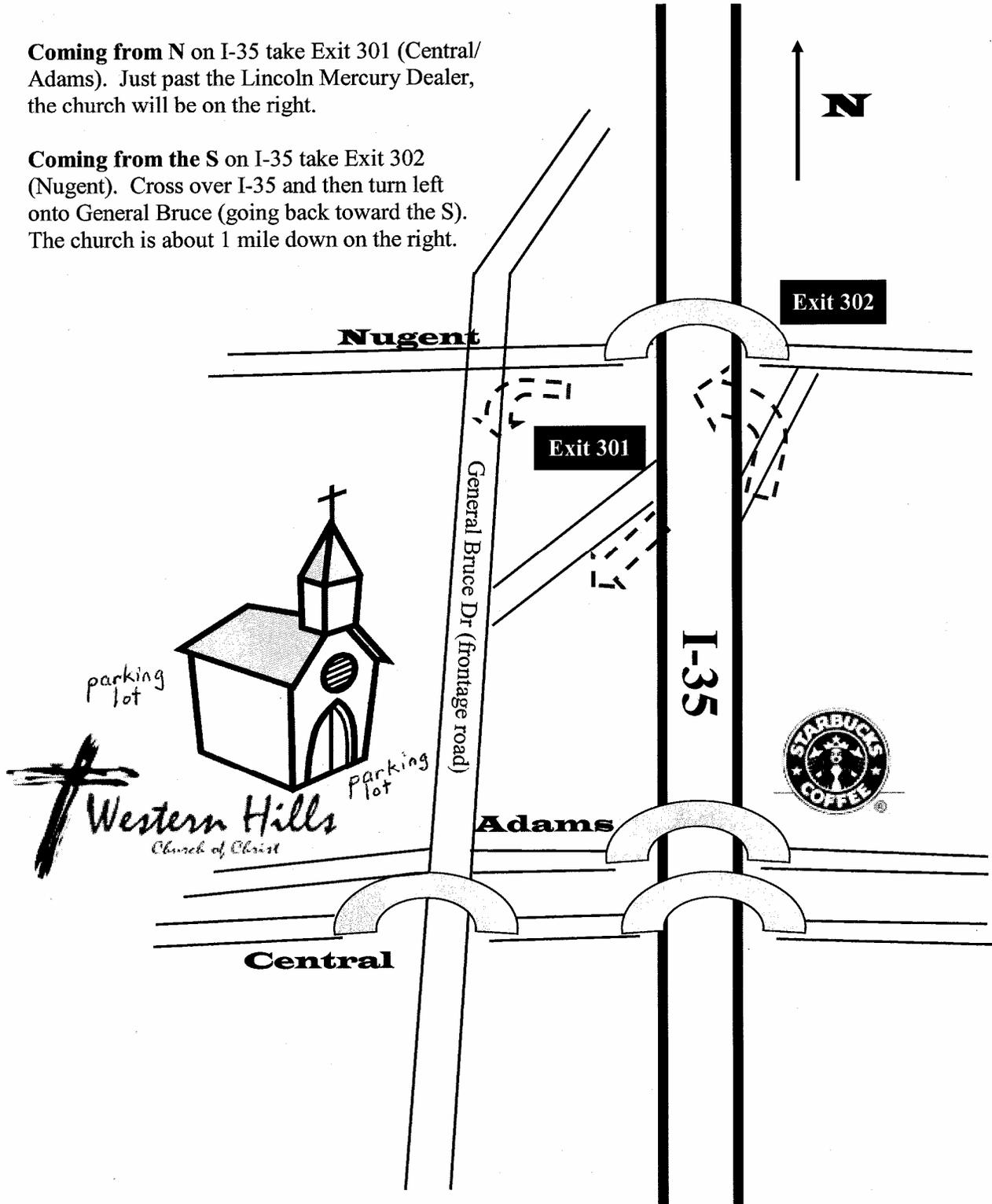


*and a Happy New Year!*

# Directions to the Western Hills Church of Christ

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.



Mark Cullison - Editor  
218 Tanglewood Rd.  
Temple, Tx. 76502

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**Poker Fly - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Christmas Banquet/Officer**  
**Elections - Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

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