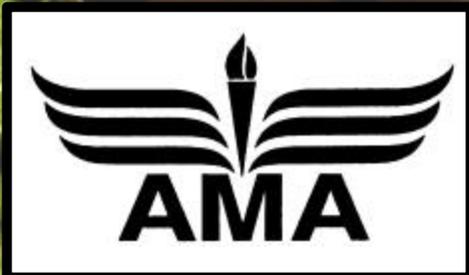
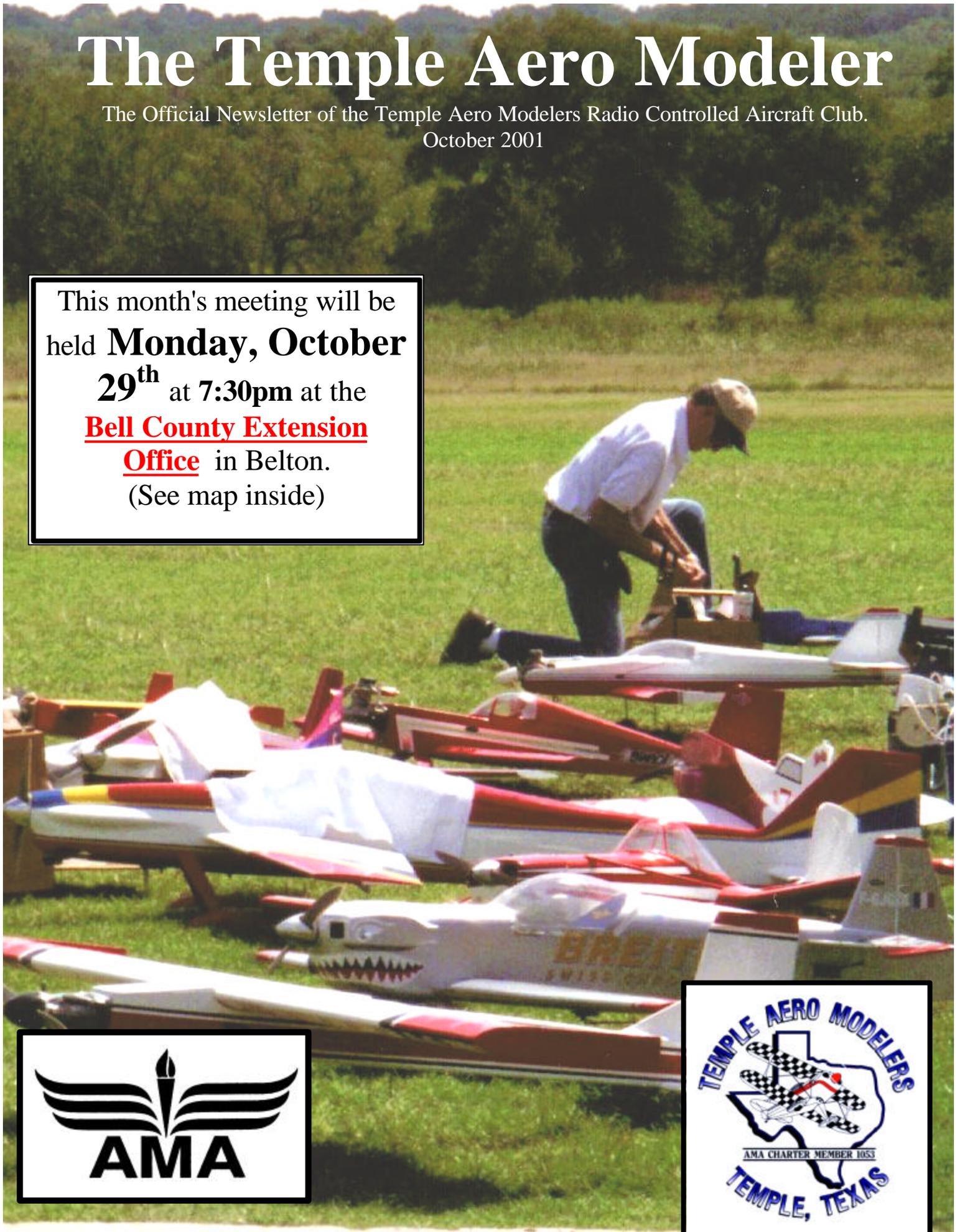


# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

This month's meeting will be held **Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm at the **Bell County Extension Office** in Belton.  
(See map inside)



*Last Combat  
Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>*

# Club Info

*Last  
Beginner's  
Night  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>*

## 2001 Officers

President: Frank Sodek Jr.  
773-8081  
Vice-president: Ken Schulz  
773-3866  
Treasurer: Dennis Torline  
899-1331  
Secretary: Don Mondrik  
939-1242  
Safety Officer: Frank Sodek Sr.  
773-3979  
Field Marshal: Fred Huber  
947-9551

## Temple Event Schedule

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)

Nov 3	(UnSanc) Fall Fun Fly, East Texas Aero Modelers Club, Longview, TX
Nov 3	Battle of the Trinity (combat), Greater Southwest R/C Club, Ft. Worth, TX
Nov 3-4	Elf Louise Big Bird, Covell Gardens, San Antonio Prop Busters, San Antonio, TX
Nov 10-11	Mini Reno Air Races, Horizon City R/C Club, El Paso, TX
Nov 10-11	IMAC Scale Aerobatics, NDRC Field, North Dallas R/C Club, Frisco, TX
Nov 17	Barnstormers Competition Fun-Fly, Tri-County Barnstormers, New Waverly, TX
Nov 18	Relaxed Fun-Fly, Bell Properties, Rio Grande R/C Flyers, Penitas, TX

### ON THE COVER

Frank Sodek, Sr. readies a plane during the Inter-Club Poker Fly-In. This is a view of the Southern portion of the pit area (about a third of the planes there)... lots of participation, flying and fun!

Photograph by John Rovetto

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Frank Sodek, Jr. – Co-Editor (254) 773-8081

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## President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. For some reason we have had exceptionally great weather for all of our latest club events, even including the Fall Picnic! We had a great turnout for the club's first Inter-Club Poker Fly-In, and it turned out to be a fantastic success. I think we set a record for club members participating in an event, with over twenty members having a great afternoon of flying fun. I would like to thank Don Mondrik for organizing the event and for David Laster and Steve Sanders for taking care of the food concession.

The club's fall picnic was the following Sunday, and after overeating some delicious goodies we had some fun flying combat and then boring holes in the sky until dark. Then for the third nice Sunday in a row, we held our annual Fall Fun Fly under Buster Hinkle's direction. I had even bet Buster that there was no way that we would have three perfect Sundays in a row, but luckily I lost the bet. The Fun Fly turned out to be loads of fun, as we kept Buster busy blowing up balloons for us to pop.

I always get depressed this time of year when we lose Daylight Savings Time, because it puts an end to our Wednesday evening training sessions. I hope to continue sneaking out of work early on pretty Wednesdays, but I know that will only benefit our retired members and those of you that have flexible schedules. If you are in need of training it is probably best to pre-arrange a meeting time on Sunday afternoon during the fall and winter months, to save you a trip out to the field for nothing.

Since we've lost daylight and the Ronald McDonald House meeting room is still not available, this month's meeting will be held at the Bell County Extension office in Belton, located at 1605 North Main Street.

See you at the flying field,

*Frank Sodek*

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## Do Your Duty!

No, this isn't an article about retaliating against Osama bin Laden – I'm giving a call to arms for each and every one of you to consider running for a club officer position for next year. At this month's meeting I will form a nominating committee that will be responsible for soliciting candidates for the club officer elections that will be held in December. The nominating committee will report back to the membership at the November meeting. Following is a list of the elected club officers and a summary of their duties, as described in our club's Constitution.

President: The President presides at all official club meetings, and is responsible for keeping order and decorum at all times during those meetings. The President has the power to rule on any question before the club as to its constitutionality or to its being out of order at the time.

VP/Secretary: The VP/Secretary assists and advises the President as required, including presiding over meetings when the President is absent. The VP/Secretary keeps minutes of all meetings, unless he is presiding over the meeting due to the President's absence. The VP/Secretary is responsible for arranging the meeting place for club meetings.

Treasurer: The Treasurer maintains the club's bank account. He receives all funds and reimburses members for club expenditures. He reports on the financial standing of the club at each meeting and keeps a current account of each member of the club. The Treasurer will record meeting minutes when the VP/Secretary is presiding over a club meeting.

While our Constitution only specifies the three officers noted above, the club also elects a Safety Officer and Field Marshal each year. The Safety Officer is responsible for maintaining safe operating procedures at the field, and is encouraged to submit safety-related articles to the club's newsletter. The Field Marshal helps oversee and organize any required maintenance duties at the flying field. By the way, the Newsletter Editor is not an elected position; it's purely a voluntary task.

There are a few other duties for each officer that is not covered by our Constitution. The President is the main representative and primary contact point for any

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interactions with people or groups outside our organization, and should also exhibit strong enough leadership skills so that he can keep the club organized and going in positive directions. The VP/Secretary maintains the club's video library.

During the past year (and also in prior years) I've found it very rewarding to be an officer in our club. It's actually an easy job in this club because all it takes is the slightest hint of something needing to be done, and there will be multiple members immediately volunteering to help you out. So think about helping your club out by becoming an officer next year. When a member of the nominating committee gives you a call or approaches you at the field, don't hesitate to say YES!

Frank Sodek  
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## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<b><u>\$3,409.91</u></b>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	124.00
Debits	
Keys – gate:	(32.47)
Postage:	(6.47)
Temple Telegram:	(117.00)
Total Debits:	(155.94)
Balance September 2001	<b><u>\$3,377.97</u></b>

Submitted by *Dennis Torline*  
Club Treasurer

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## Secretary's Notes

Club President Frank Sodek Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm at the Temple Aero Modelers flying field.

Don Mondrik read the minutes from the August meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and seconded by Fred Huber, again. (Next meeting somebody has to beat them to it!)

Dennis Torline read the Treasurer's Report. John Cast made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and was seconded by John Redwine.

## Old Business:

### 1. Field Maintenance

- a. Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, was a field work day. We had lots of help to clean out the shed, put sand around the runway and got a lot of mowing done.
- b. Tree trimming letter has not been drafted.
- c. The question regarding the mower cowl has been answered; it just kept falling off. John Rovetto has volunteered to take the mower home to repair the mower cowl when the weather cools off.

### 2. Interclub Gathering

Don Mondrik reported on the Poker Fly In. We had 33 registered pilots and all but 4 flew in the event. There were 37 airplanes and 2 helicopters. There were 20 pilots from the Temple Club, 3 pilots from Waco, 7 pilots from Killeen and 3 pilots from Georgetown. The 4 pilot boxes were almost always full with 2 or 3 planes waiting on the taxiway all afternoon. Don thanked his Dad, Albert Mondrik, for helping register pilots, give away cards and watch over the transmitter impound. Don also thanked Nicholas Mondrik, his son, and Bryan Collins, his nephew (both new club members), for helping throughout the day. Special thanks to David Laster and Steve Sanders; they volunteered themselves independently to cook hotdogs and sausage for the afternoon's event. Don also thanked all the club members that helped to make the event a success.

### 3. Library Donation

Frank Sodek Jr. is checking on getting the AMA magazine Model Aviation for the area high schools and the Temple Public Library. Deb Justice offered to get Frank some more information on free magazines for the schools.

## New Business:

### 1. Annual Fall Picnic

The Temple Aero Modelers Annual Fall Picnic will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the flying field. A potluck lunch will begin at 1:00 pm and be followed by an afternoon of flying fun including a round of COMBAT! Everyone is invited, bring your friends and family!

### 2. Fall Fun Fly

Our annual Fall Fun Fly will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>

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at the club field. Buster Hinkle will be the Contest Director for the event scheduled to begin at 1 PM. The events this year will include Las Vegas balloon bust and timed flight power off spot landing.

### 3. Meeting Location

Our usual meeting location, The Ronald McDonald House, will not be available until January. The next meeting will be held at the Bell County Extension Office in Belton at the regular meeting time, 7:30 pm. James McKee offered to reserve the Club Room at his apartment complex if needed; the only problem was the room is not available on Monday nights. B. W. Ponder also offered the use of his shop as an alternate meeting site.

### Combat Report:

Mark Cullison gave an update on the last round of the club Combat. It was held on a damp afternoon. The streamers had to be shortened due to the high humidity so they would not tear away in the air. There were few cuts during the afternoon, but lots of excitement as usual. The next round of Combat will be held during the club's Fall Picnic.

### Trip Reports:

#### Monaville B-17 Bomber Fly In:

The Temple Aero Modelers were well represented at the annual Monaville B-17 Bomber Fly In. John Cast, Scott and Deb Justice, Don Mondrik and family and Frank Sodek all attended the event. It seems Saturday was far better than Sunday for spectating. On Saturday afternoon the announcer informed the crowd that this was the largest number of registered planes, the largest number of pilots and the most spectators they have ever had at the event. Planes were lined up 5 or 6 deep waiting to fly all afternoon.

### North Dallas Pattern Contest:

B. W. Ponder and Ken Schulz from the Temple club attended the Pattern Contest and placed very high among the 26 entries. B. W. took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ken took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Masters. Congratulations from the club to both of them.

### Blunder Awards:

1. John Redwine was starting his plane and when he went to get up he dropped his transmitter. As he caught his transmitter he bumped the throttle to

- full throttle and the plane spun around and hit him in the leg. John received 22 stitches in his leg.
2. Fred Huber changed the radio in his Sig Kadet and tried to take off with the ailerons and rudder reversed. Fred crashed on an attempted take off.
3. James McKee got confused when practicing landing and pushed down instead of throttle, resulting in a minor crashed landing.
4. Frank Sodek Jr. was flying with David Laster and his new EZ Stingray while David was practicing inverted flight. The plane got too low and Frank was unable to recover before the plane was disassembled.
5. Frank Sodek Sr. was flying his Perfection and decided to practice the CROW maneuver and flew through a tree.
6. Steve Meyers was flying the Bobby Zikes Postal design when he lost control and hit the trees. The plane suffered some wing damage.
7. B. W. Ponder was flying Nick Mondrik on the buddy box during the Poker Fly In and ran out of elevator. The push rod was flexing inside the plane and ran out of up, the plane was badly damaged.

John Redwine won the Blunder Award unanimously.

Reminder to vote for AMA President.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by a motion from Buster Hinkle and seconded by Fred Huber.

Submitted by *Don Mondrik*

Secretary  
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### Fall Fun Fly

Frank bet me that we could not have 3 beautiful Sundays in a row. He lost! The weather was great with clear skies and no wind. There were occasional gusts from the east-southeast. B.W., Frank, Fred, Ken, Mark, Steve, and John Cobb flew in the contest. About a dozen club members showed up as spectators and our newest club member, (a yearling doe), visited us in the pit area and under the shelter two different times and let us pet her.

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The first event was the Las Vegas Balloon Bust. Roll the die; do the number of loops that appeared on the die, and then burst the balloon. Time starts at lift-off and stops when balloon is busted. B.W. won this event rolling a 6, 3, and 4. B.W. never missed the balloon on his landing. Fred was 2nd showing us the balloon can be busted on a dead stick landing. He did this two times. Fred rolled a 1, 4, and 3. Ken got 3<sup>rd</sup> place, rolling 4, 4 and 3. Ken used up both of his restarts in this event. The pilot has two restarts for the whole contest. The pilot can start over if he calls for a restart if the engine quits accidentally. If you are out of restarts the pilot has a team standing by to start the plane while the clock is running. Steve had B.W. and Ken standing by and I heard them planning their strategy on how fast they could work like a NASCAR team to get the plane back in action. Steve's engine quit, the team ran to the plane. B.W. had the starter spinning the prop for at least 7 or 8 seconds and kept looking over his shoulder at Steve. He gave up and removed the starter and found out the engine was running the whole time, just idling slower than the starter was spinning it. Steve fired them.

The next two events were flown in one flight. Time Flight and Dead Stick Spot Landing. The pilot drew a slip of paper with 30, 45, 60, 75, 90 or 120 printed on it. He would take off and attempt to fly the number of seconds that appeared on the paper. Then kill the engine and attempt to glide to a landing so that the airplane comes to a halt in the circle. John Cobb won this event, drawing a 45 & flew 38, only 7 seconds off. He then drew 90, flew 96, then drew 30 and flew 30 seconds, the only pilot to accomplish this perfect time. Steve won 2<sup>nd</sup>; he drew a 75 and flew 86, drew 30 and flew 31, drew 45 and flew 38. Frank won 3<sup>rd</sup>; he drew 45 and flew 44, drew 75 and flew 85, drew 30 and flew 36.

Mark won the Dead Stick Spot Landing; his plane came to a halt in the circle two times and only one foot out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt. B.W. won 2<sup>nd</sup>; with 5 feet out; in the circle; and 1 foot out. Ken won 3<sup>rd</sup>; with a circle; 9 feet out and a circle. All pilots did the best job in this event that I have ever seen. Everybody but Steve and Frank got in the circle. Frank was in 2 times but barely rolled out.

John Cobb won the contest. Ken Schulz was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mark Cullison finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fred finished 4<sup>th</sup>. We all had fun and a lot of laughs. Nobody damaged their plane during the contest. Dean Higginbotham did a good job running the scoreboard.

Don "Buster" Hinkle C.D.

## Confederate Air Show in Midland, Texas, October 6th & 7<sup>th</sup>

On October 5th I drove out to Midland, Texas with my family, Milissa and Nicholas and, my Dad, Albert. It was a long drive through a rain soaked cold front that saw temperatures drop from the 80s down into the 50s. The temperature eventually bottomed out in the lower 50s. The weather turned out to be very nice during the weekend though.

The Confederate Air Show is held at the Midland International Airport every year in October. The air show planes are occasionally diverted as an airliner lands or takes off. The crowd this year was estimated to be between 38,000 and 40, 000 people!

Due to cancellations overseas the show was able book the Air Force Thunderbirds. I believe the Thunderbirds contacted the CAF two days before the show to let them know that they were available. The Thunderbirds put on a great show.

There were rows and rows of aircraft on display, from pre-WW II to the modern B1-B. At the beginning of the show there were over 35 planes in the air, mostly trainer and cargo/ civilian type planes. A Pearl Harbor attack was staged that had replica Zeros and Wildcats flying around with simulated bombs going off in front of the crowd. Several other "attacks" were staged following a timeline that introduced aircraft as they became available during the war. We were fortunate to see "Fi Fi", the only flying B-29 in the world, do a fly by with a fighter escort. The B-29 looked like it was barely moving when compared to the B1-B flybys.

It was a well-organized event and if you ever get the chance to attend the CAF air show I'm sure you will not be disappointed.

Submitted by *Don Mondrik*

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## Free Assistance...

...to beginners with aircraft kit construction, ARF setup and repairs. (If I do it all for you... you don't learn how.)

*Fred Huber*  
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## Inter-Club Poker Fly-In Photos



Steve Meyer gets ready for another flight while Buster manages the flight line. Photo by John Rovetto.



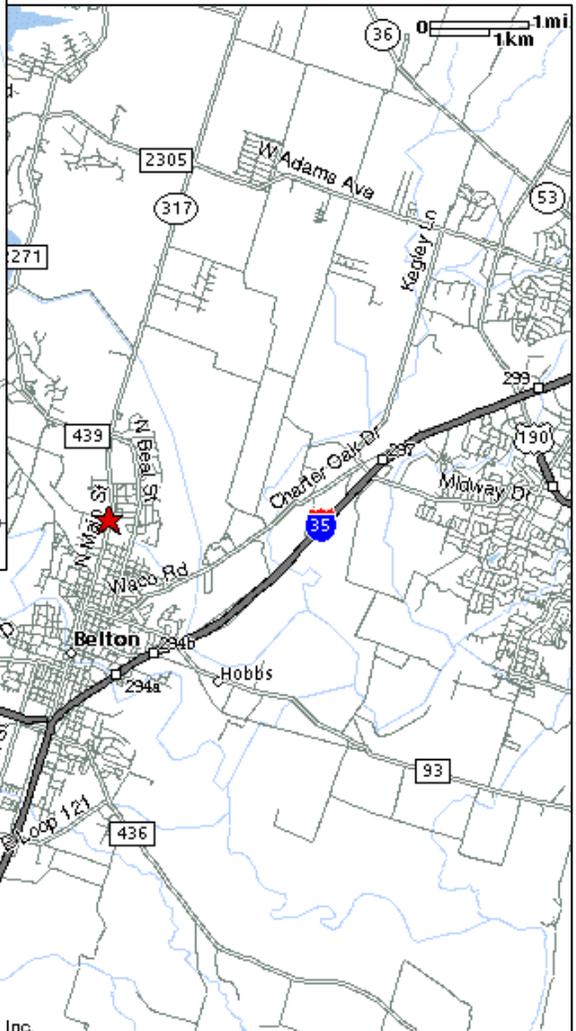
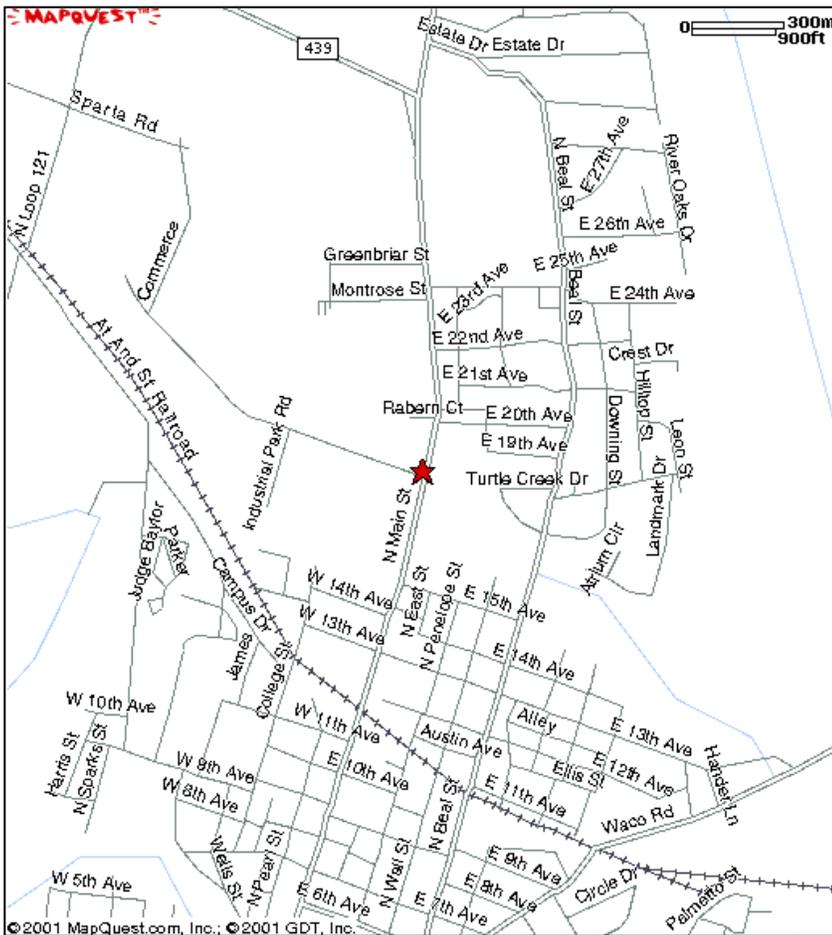
Steve Meyer helps Don Mondrik prepare his Crop Duster for a flight.

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## >>> THIS MONTH'S MEETING LOCATION <<<

This month's meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the Bell County Extension Office, 1605 North Main Street (Hwy 317) in Belton. It is located just North of the Belton Scott & White Clinic across from the North Belton Cemetery.



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**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Last Combat**  
**Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

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