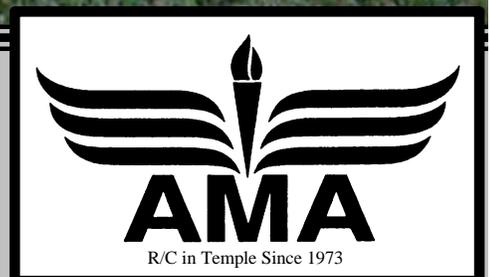


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The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
October 2002



This month's meeting will be held Monday, October 28th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



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

Club Info

*Last Combat
November 10th*

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

Nov 10	Combat
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)

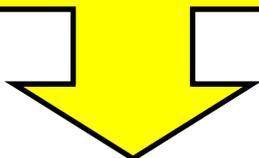
Nov 2	Jetero Fall Fly-In, Swap Meet and Nite-Fly, Jetero R/C, Huffman, TX
Nov 2-3	Elf Louise Charity Big Bird, San Antonio Prop Busters, San Antonio, TX
Nov 9-10	Scale Aerobatics (IMAC), North Dallas RC Club, Frisco, TX
Nov 17	Vintage Aircraft Fly-In, Gerger's Aero Squaron, Odem, TX
Nov 23	Annual Swap Meet, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, Heart of Texas Miniature Aircraft Club (HOTMAC), Waco, TX

ON THE COVER

Deb Justice poses with her 2002 Temple Aero Modeler Fall Fun Fly 1st place trophy and the airplane used to snag the trophy. "The Equalizer", designed by Scott Justice, has a wingspan of 50" and uses an ASP .40 engine for power, guided by a JR Century VII radio.

Photograph by Scott Justice

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President's Report

by Frank Sodek

Greetings from your club President. For some unknown reason we wound up having exceptionally great weather for all of our latest club events, even including the Fall Picnic! The club's fall picnic was well attended, and I think everyone present took advantage of the opportunity to overeat (including the grand finale – homemade ice cream brought by Scott and Deb Justice). We had fun flying combat and then boring holes in the sky until dark. There was one scary incident when a wing failed and the fuselage and remaining wing half became a missile and impacted between the flight line and the pit area without warning. Luckily no one was hit, although there had just been a couple of members walking through the impact area a short time before it happened. It's scary how fast an accident can happen. I ask all members to stay alert when they're not under the pavilion, and if you happen to lose control of your plane, start screaming at the top of your lungs to alert everyone in the area.

On the following Sunday we held our annual Fall Fun Fly under Buster Hinkle's direction. The Fun Fly turned out to be loads of fun, with Deb Justice showing the Men Folk how to do it. Buster should have a full report elsewhere in this newsletter, so see his article for more details.

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.

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Secretary's Notes

The September meeting of the Temple Aero Modelers club was called to order by club President Frank Sodek Jr., at 19:31 pm at the Ronald McDonald House meeting room in Temple. There were 14 members in attendance and no new visitors.

Don Mondrik the Secretary / Vice President sat and listened to the minutes as read by Mark Cullison, Mark had to fill in for me last month. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and seconded by John

Redwine. 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 John Rovetto and seconded by Mark Cullison.

Old Business:

- a. **Field Maintenance** Grass burrs; we have the finest crop in Bell County! Scott and Deborah Justice erected some poles on the centerline of the runway to help pilots set up for landings.
- b. **Poker Fly** Don Mondrik, the Poker Fly CD, gave a brief report regarding the recent Poker Fly. There were 20 pilots and people waiting to fly all day. Don also thanked everyone for attending and those that helped out.
- c. **Fall Picnic / Combat Report / Safety issues** Frank Sodek Jr. reported on our annual Fall Picnic. There were about 50 people there and lots of visitors. It was a great weekend for a picnic this year. Mark Cullison reported on the Combat held during the Fall Picnic. The Combat flyers did a good job entertaining the families while trying to earn points. A safety issue about how we control our planes was addressed. As a club we need to be diligent about safety out at the field and at home in our workshops. The importance of a structurally sound airplane became very clear when a plane lost a wing and crashed near the pit area. Club members should check their planes and equipment and remind others of being a safe conscientious flyer at all times.

New Business:

- a. **Fall Fun Fly** The Fun Fly CD, Buster Hinkle, informed the meeting that this year's event would be a bomb drop, a balloon bust and a third item yet to be determined.
- b. **Christmas Banquet** Frank Sodek Jr. reminded everyone about the upcoming Christmas Banquet on December 9th. We'll have more on that at the next meeting.

Comments & Announcements:

- a. **Waco Jet Rally** Don Mondrik gave a report on the windy Waco Jet Rally. The Jet Rally was a three-day event on one of the windiest days we have had this year but the strong crosswind didn't keep them from flying. People came from several different states. Overall there were about 50 pilots and about 75 jets, only three were ducted fans the rest were all turbines.
- b. **Bomber Field** Dean Higginbotham gave a report on the annual event held in Monaville. There were lots of large scale planes of old war birds. The big Russian bomber owned by B. B. Weber flew during the event; this model has a 21-foot wingspan!
- c. **Lubbock Pattern Contest** B. W. Ponder gave a brief

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report on the Pattern Contest held in Lubbock, Texas. B. W. won the Masters division. Congratulations B. W.

- d. **Beginners' Night** Club President, Frank Sodek Jr. informed everyone that there were only 5 more weeks of Wednesday afternoon flying we call Beginners' Night.
- e. **Killeen Poker Fly** The Central Texas Modelers will be having a Poker Fly on October 19th.

Blunder Awards:

1. Fred Huber - Fred crash landed his Four Star 60 when the engine died after touch and go as he was attempting a steep climb out.
2. Travis Berry – Travis was attempting a touch and go and his RV4 hit one of the posts at a pilot's station and sliced off about a third of his wing.
3. Clifford Manuel - Clifford was flying a high wing plane when the about half the wing separated from the fuselage and crashed between the pilot stations and the fence.
4. David Skrabanek - David lost control of plane while flying because of a dead battery.

Fred Huber won the Blunder Award.

Program – This isn't delivery pizza... Mark Cullison and Don Mondrik both brought their new Pizza Box Flyers. A PBF is a flat piece of CoroPlast with an engine mounted to it and the radio gear installed using wire ties. The planes are a real handful to fly; they are capable of some really weird maneuvers. And no, we didn't use election signs, yet!

Meeting adjourned at 20:59

Don Mondrik
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Fall Fun Fly

Sunday, October 6 was partly cloudy with about 12-mph south wind. Fred Huber, Debbie Justice, Scott Justice, Steve Meyer, John Redwine, Tony Rovetta, Frank Sodek, Jr., and Bobby Zikes flew in the contest.

First event was taxi to balloon bust, the pilot has to taxi a lap around two balloons anchored to the runway then bust both balloons; fastest time wins. Steve won this event with 4,710 points with John only 10 points behind. We didn't have any crashes in this event.

Second event was a two-minute timed flight. Timed from engine start to engine stop and plane in circle. A loop, roll and a stall required. Fred was having engine problems and his plane disappeared behind the trees 2 times and reappeared. A spectator yelled, "Fred, you need to run and buy a lotto ticket." Fred crashed the next round. Steve also won this event with 5,425 points with Debbie 425 points behind.

Third event was bomb drop. Tony had trouble keeping the bomb on the plane and getting the bomb to come off. Each pilot got 3 tries to hit the 20' circle. Frank was the only one to hit the circle, his other drops were 47ft out and 65ft out. Steve's second try couldn't get the bomb to come off, rolled to inverted, pulled to one half loop but didn't have the ground clearance needed for this maneuver. He pan caked it in and the engine of his Super Hots ended up about 30 feet from the plane. Steve realized he wasn't on high rates. The next round, I turned around and Steve had his Edge sitting in the ready box with a bomb rack mounted on it. Steve made his best drop with it, only 42 feet out; his other 2 were 100 and 111 feet out. Debbie won this event with 25, 16 and 62 feet out. Frank was only 100 points behind.

Debbie won the contest with 14,050 points, Bobby 2nd place with 14,045 points and Steve 3rd place with 13,605. Scott was 4th place, John 5th, Frank 6th and Tony 7th. Don Mondrik started running the score board then Rick Berry took over. Steve Sanders made chili dogs and nobody bothered to make the CD a chili dog. We all had fun.

Buster Hinkle, CD

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$4,337.87</u>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	135.00
Debits	
Denny's AMA brick.....	100.00
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Three AMA Mag Subscriptions.....	40.00
Temple Telegram PIE Sponser.....	117.00
Total Debits:	(277.00)
Balance September 2002	<u>\$4,195.87</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

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