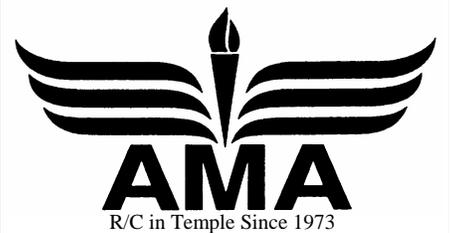


The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
October 2006



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



*Tree Trimming –
Oct 28th
Nov 11th
Nov 18th
Nov 25th*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –
Oct 30th*

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Temple Event Schedule

Oct 25 Last Beginner's Night
Oct 28 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Oct 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 11 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Nov 18 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Nov 25 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Nov 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 3 Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy
Drive/Fly-In
Dec 11 Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections

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District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list!)

Nov 04 6th Annual Class C Fall Fun Fly, Livingston, TX
Nov 04 Bayou City Flyers Big Bird, Houston, TX
Nov 04-05 Jetero Joust, Houston, TX
Nov 11 Toys for Tots Fly-In, Houston, TX
Nov 12 114th RC Aerosquadron Electric Fly-In, Grapevine, TX
Nov 18 Veteran's Day Fly-In, Orange, TX

On The Cover

Fall Fun Fly winners. From left to right: 3rd place – Doug Staines, 1st place – Mark Cullison, CD Buster Hinkle, and 2nd place – Bobby Zikes.

Photo by Nick Mondrik

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.

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President's Report

Well another month has come and gone and the club has certainly taken advantage of some good flying weather. The field has been busy every weekend it seems. We had a 3D Fly-In that was pretty cool, lots of big planes and some really talented pilots. The Fun Fly was held in the wind and proved to be quite entertaining. Then we had a picnic somewhere in there that included the last Combat of the year.

The Tree Trimming Project has been making great progress each Saturday. I would like to thank each person that has been gracious enough to spend their Saturdays fighting the ground war against undesirable brush and some dead trees. We have the brush clearing down to an art now, a small well organized group effort to cut stuff, rope it, drag it out, load it up and pull it off. There are just a handful of people that are doing the work and they are doing a great job. I know that some members have to work on Saturdays but not everyone does and I would like to invite those that have the time to come out and help. The entire membership is benefiting from the blood, sweat and dedication of a small group. Whatever your abilities or limitations may be, we could still use your help. If you have a trailer, a tractor or a chainsaw, please consider lending a hand. We don't have much more to go and with more help we could knock it out even quicker.

It is that time of year again when deer hunting becomes the big pastime for many people. We need to keep that in mind when we go out to the flying field. The early morning hours are the most productive when deer hunting, or so I am told, so we need to be aware of that when planning activities at the field. Should a plane go down remember to wear an orange vest when you cross the fence. We need to be good neighbors and respect the land next door. Pick up as many pieces as you can, you may need them later. During deer season we need to avoid early morning activities and try not to look like a deer if you cross the fence.

The electric stuff is gaining ground in the air and at our field. Fred Huber has invested in a solar panel to charge a bank of batteries that will be used to power some lights and some 12v jacks for charging batteries. It is a work in progress right now but it has the potential to be a nice addition to our flying site.

The Poker Fly was a lot of fun in spite of the weather. It looked like it was going to rain all day but it eventually stopped and we were able to get some flying in. There were a lot of flights to collect cards. Thanks to Nick Mondrik and Buster Hinkle for helping with the event. I would also like to thank The Hobby Center in Killeen for donating a GWS Zero as a door prize. That said, next time you need some plane stuff, consider stopping by The Hobby Center and supporting

them, they help us, we help them, it's a win-win situation for our hobby.

That's it for now, see y'all at the Tree Trimming or the meeting or the flying field...

Don Mondrik

President

Czechtek@aol.com

Meeting Minutes

Called to order by President Don Mondrik at 7:30pm

New Members/Visitors None present

Minutes from the meeting held in August were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and 2nd by Larry Macie.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by James McCormick, Jr. and 2nd by Paul Horan.

Old Business

Field Maintenance No report was made.

Tree Trimming/Cutting Project chairman reminded members of the first work day on the project for Saturday, September 30, with an 8:00am start, and every Saturday after that until the project is completed; an outline of the plans to complete the project was presented.

Beginners Night very few students with little to no flights being made.

Safety Paul Horan gave a report.

Solar Panel/Lights Fred Huber gave report on this project that he has been heading up; indicated that a solar panel had been obtained and he would install it and a series of lights in the covered pit area.

New Business

Proposal was made by Don Mondrik/President to waive the Annual Dues for Mark Cullison in appreciation and all the work he has contributed to the club and to the Newsletter, 2nd by Fred Huber, carried all in favor of such proposal.

Fall Fun Fly Buster Hinkle gave a report; scheduled for Sunday October 1, at 1:00pm; Doug Staines offered to provide

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the food, Bobby Zikes to provide the beverages.

Poker Fly-In Don Mondrik gave a report; scheduled for Sunday October 15, at 10:00am; Doug Staines offered to provide the food, Bobby Zikes and Larry Macie to provide the beverages.

Annual Membership Dues are due in November to be eligible to vote in December.

Avenger B2 Combat Planes Doug Staines handed out flyers outlining a group sale of these planes; details to follow.

Trip Reports

Bomber Field trip report was made by Doug Staines and Larry Macie.

Blunder Awards several candidates were presented for consideration:

- 1) John Cobb; flying a plane with reversed ailerons.
- 2) Frank Sodek; didn't fuel up plane, short flight with deadstick landing.
- 3) Don Mondrik; accidentally snorted some glow fuel.

John Cobb was declared this month's winner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Minutes recorded by *Doug Staines* – VP/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,855.36</u>
Total Deposits:	80.00
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald.....	20.00
Custom Agri-Service.....	275.00
Total Debits:	(295.00)
Balance September 2006	<u>\$5,640.36</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Treasurer

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Tree Legacy

As you may be aware the Club has been involved in a Tree Trimming and Cutting Project for the last 2 years. You may have also noticed the great improvement it has made to the field.

The project involved removing some trees that required us to replant some trees in another area. We are closing in on the time in the project when we will have to purchase and plant these trees.

I can tell you that the costs will be high, considering how many trees we will need to plant. The numbers arrived at is based on a simple formula that the Corp of Engineers outlined in the Permit they granted us.

For every 1 inch of tree trunk diameter removed of trees that have a tree trunk diameter greater than 4 inches, we have to plant 2 inches. In short, if we removed a total of 14 inches we would have to plant 28 inches.

To get more inches of tree trunk to replant in as few of trees as possible, we have elected to plant 30 gallon container trees which yield about 2 to 3 inch diameter trunk.

To help in this endeavor, the President of our Club, Don Mondrik and myself; have developed the **Temple Aero Modelers Tree Legacy**. We are offering to our members, families and any of our sponsors an opportunity to join us in our Tree Legacy.

For a minimum donation of \$100, a tree will be planted and cared for in your honor. In appreciation of your gracious gift, a plaque will be erected at the base of your tree clearly identifying your gift to the club.

To kick off the Legacy, both the President and I will each donate a tree. So join us in the Legacy and make a gift of a tree to the club. Donate a gift by yourself or several members together, or families can join the legacy.

Make your donations payable to the Temple Aero Modelers and send to:

Douglas Staines
 4 Verbena Street
 Belton, TX 76513

Please include your preference for inscription on the Plaques.

Thank You,

Respectfully yours, *Douglas Staines*.

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Tree Trimming/Cutting Project

At the time of this writing, 3 work days on the project have been completed. We are making some progress on the final stages of the project, despite the low number of members that have come out to help. I can't express enough, how much your help is needed.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those that not only show up to help, but who bring their trailers, chain saws and other equipment. Of particular appreciation to John Rovetto and his tractor. John shows up with his tractor which he equipped with some forks on the front end loader. What a big help this has been.

What we are missing this year and was a great help last year was Jim McCormick and his 4 wheeler ATV and its ability to haul the brush and branches out to the trailers. Jim, we sure miss you this year, but we wish you well and a speedy recovery.

I estimate that we have another 3 to 4 work days on the tree trimming/cutting aspect of the project. The next phase will be to plant some trees to replace some of the ones we cut down. Fortunately we can plant these where they would be the most use. We have decided to plant them along the parking lot cable across from the covered pit area. This will provide the area with shade from the west sun in the years to come.

Replanting was going to be a big job in itself. We were looking at digging a bunch of holes, and considering how few members actually come out and help, it was going to be a foreboding task. Well, the digging has been magically accomplished and we can thank Don Mondrik.

Don was able to secure the services of a large Hole Digging Machine and its crew to dig 14-36" diameter holes at no costs to the club other than a donation to the crew. We filled them back in, but when we are ready to plant the trees, these holes

will be easy to dig open again. A big attaboy to Don.

We will not be having a work day on Saturday November 4th, as this is the opening day of deer hunting season. I have decided to suspend work on the project out of respect for our neighbors on this day, however, we will be resuming work on the project the following Saturday, November 11.

So remember, if you can spare a couple of hours this Saturday or next, please come out and help. We start at 8am and finish by Noon. Hope to see you at the field.

Doug Staines, Project Chairman.

Fall Fun Fly

Sunday, Oct 1st at one p.m. was a day with a clear sky but once again we had to deal with the fickle winds of fate. There were 18 mph gusts which steadily climbed to 23 mph by the end of the contest. Bobby Zikes, Larry Macie, Doug Staines, Michael Greiner, John Greiner, and Mark Cullison signed up in this order for the contest.

First event was Las Vegas Loops. Time starts, roll a 7 or 11, start your plane, do three loops and land. Time stops at touchdown. Fastest time wins. Doug had the hot hand with the dice and won both rounds with a 45 seconds, then a 34 second round. Bobby had the worst luck; it took him 43 seconds to throw a 7 or 11 and only 29 seconds to start his plane, do three loops and land. Larry broke his landing gear in the first round and was out of the contest. John had a trainer plane with barely enough power to fly. He hit on the first throw then turned the second fastest time of 44 seconds. Next round he was not so lucky with the dice or flying. He was trying too hard and did not have enough altitude for the loop and piled it in. Pieces went everywhere when the left wing tip hit first at full power. Fuselage broke, all tail

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feathers stripped off and busted up, it looked totaled. John gathered up all the little pieces and headed for the pits.

Second event was the Two Minute Timed Flight Circle Finish. Pilot says when to start the clock, he starts his plane and takes off, does a loop, roll, and a stall, then lands. The time stops when the plane is in the circle and the engine quits. Closest time to two minutes wins. First round Bobby flew the maneuvers, landed, taxied into the circle and waited. He killed the engine at two minutes and one second. He scored the best time of the event. His second round was also good, Two minutes and fourteen seconds. Every time Bobby stopped his profile plane, the wind would roll it backwards down the runway. Paul Horan had the dogs ready so we all took a break to eat. We started the second round and I saw John's airplane in the flight line ready to go. I couldn't believe it! I told him to fire it up and pick up from where he left off. The engine was starving for fuel. John thought he had clunk problems, so he took the fuel line off the carburetor and sucked at least an ounce of fuel into his mouth and spit it out. He then said, "Nope, that's not the problem." I couldn't believe he did that! John informed me that you are not a good pilot unless you have fuel in your veins. It might be true because he won this event with a 2:10 and a 2:03, a total of 13 seconds off. One of those times his engine died and he had to carry his plane to the circle. In the first round Michael's engine quit after the last maneuver and landed about two hundred feet north of the runway. He ran and picked it up and ran back with it into the circle and scored a 2:13.

Third event was Las Vegas Balloon Bust. I took a vote to use one or two dice. With the strong wind I thought everyone would vote to use one die, but they voted to throw both dice. The pilot would roll the dice to determine how many loops to perform. Time started at liftoff and stopped when the balloon was busted in the circle. Not as easy as you might think! Bobby was first up. He threw an eleven

(exactly what he needed the first event that took him 43 seconds to roll!) He flew a 56 second round, the third fastest. Mark threw an eight and flew it in 40 seconds, then threw a five and flew it in 29 seconds. Mark blew away the competition in this event. His vertical takeoffs with his profile GeeBee was a big advantage.

Mark won the contest with 10,580 points, Bobby was second with 10,205. Doug came in third with 10,100, John was fourth, Michael was fifth and Larry was sixth. We flew this same contest in October, 2004 with no wind and the highest score was 9,310 by Steve Meyer. We all had fun and all pilots went home with their planes in one piece. Derek Hinkle and Nicholas Mondrik ran the scoreboard.

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*, Contest Director



A view of the flight line at an impromptu event organized by Charles Bradley this past month. He invited several of his large scale IMAC flying friends to come out to our field and fly.

Photo by Charles Bradley

>>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!



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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: _____

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Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*	
Adult member dues (18 and over)	\$40.00	_____
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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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