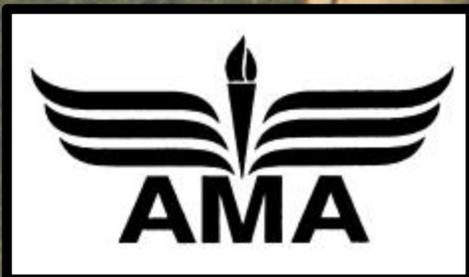


# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

This month's meeting will be  
held **Monday,**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>** at  
**>>7:00pm<<**  
at the Club Field in  
McGregor Park at Lake  
Belton.



**Multi-Club  
"Poker" Fly-  
In Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

# Club Info

**Fall Picnic/  
Combat  
Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Fun Fly  
Oct 7<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

Sep 23 Multi-Club Fly In  
Sep 30 Fall Picnic/Combat  
Oct 7 Fall Fun Fly  
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)

Oct 5-7 Southern Rotary Classic (helicopter), Northeast Texas RC Flyers, Mount Pleasant, TX  
Oct 6-7 BCF Pylon Races, Scobee Field, Bayou City Flyers, Houston, TX  
Oct 6 NDRCC All Scale Fly In, Texas RC Modelers/NDRCC, Denton County, TX  
Oct 6 FBRC Big Bird Fly In, Fort Bend RC, Rosenberg, TX  
Oct 6 Fall Fest Fly-In (unsanc), NAS Chase Field, Bee Radio Control Flying Club, Beeville, TX  
Oct 13-14 Art Watson Dave Thomasson Memorial Big Bird Fly In, Prop Nuts RC Club, Crosby, TX  
Oct 13-14 Small Steps Fly In, Dallas RC Club, Seagoville, TX  
Oct 13-14 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Fly, Angelo RC Club, San Angelo, TX  
Oct 13-14 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Jet Rally, Speegleville III park, Heart of Texas Miniature Aircraft Club, Waco, TX  
Oct 13-14 HCAM Big Bird (IMAA), Clud Field, Hill Country Aeromodelers, Austin, TX  
Oct 19-21 MCRC IMAC Duel at the River, Mid Cities RC Club, Arlington, TX  
Oct 20 Fly-In for Pet Food, Portland Aeros, Portland, TX  
Oct 20 Open Class "B" RCCA Combat, North Dallas RC Club, Alvin, TX  
Oct 20-21 Fall Float Fly, River City RC Flyers, San Antonio, TX  
Oct 27 Fall Warm Up Warbird Race, Jetero RC, Huffman, TX

### ON THE COVER

Derek Ward, one of our new club members, is shown holding his RTF Thunder Tiger Trainer.

Photograph by Frank Sodek, Jr.

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## President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. All of a sudden our weather has gone from extremely hot and dry to very tropical. If you haven't been to the field lately, you just won't believe how green the grass is now. Unfortunately all the rain has brought out some giant-sized and very ferocious mosquitoes. If you happen to be stuck at the field on a calm evening around sunset cleaning up your plane, you had better hope that someone brought insect repellent with them.

The club has three big events in a row coming up – the Inter-Club Poker Fly-In on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>; the Club's Fall Picnic on the 30<sup>th</sup> and then the Fall Fun Fly on October the 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate for us. There's been some great flying weather lately, the only problem is that the days are getting too short.

In preparation for the upcoming events the club had a work day at the field on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout of members and a lot was accomplished. Don and Mark Cullison cleaned out the storage shed. John Rovetto brought his tractor and front end loader and used it to haul sand around the runway edge and fill in some of the low spots on the east side of the field. Don and Nicholas Mondrik, Travis Berry and I helped spread the sand around the edges. Bill Hamby brought his mower and with Frank Sodek (Sr.) and Travis Berry using the club's mower they got a lot of the field mowed. John Redwine brought his weedeater and cleaned up the fence lines. Ken Schulz helped to spread sand and also swept out the bathrooms. Thanks to everyone's help, the field is in terrific shape for the upcoming events.

Mother Nature wasn't kind to us during our spring picnic. We had strong winds gusting to over 30 MPH all day, and we had problems even keeping the food on the tables, much less trying to get some flying in. Hopefully we'll get lucky this time. Bring a dish of goodies, a big appetite, your family and friends and of course your planes to fly. We will eat at 1PM and fly all afternoon. Come out and have some fun!

See you at the flying field,

*Frank Sodek*

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## Treasurer's Report

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance   | <b><u>\$3,392.78</u></b> |
| Deposits            |                          |
| Total Deposits:     | 60.00                    |
| Debits              |                          |
| Pilot boxes:        | (33.69)                  |
| Postage:            | (9.18)                   |
| Total Debits:       | (42.87)                  |
| Balance August 2001 | <b><u>\$3,409.91</u></b> |

Submitted by *Dennis Torline*

Club Treasurer

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## Secretary's Notes

Frank Sodek Jr. called the meeting to order under dark rain clouds at 7:30 pm at the Temple Aero Modelers flying field. We had two new members attending the meeting, John Civello and John Cast.

Don Mondrik read the minutes from the July meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Fred Huber and seconded by Buster Hinkle.

Dennis Torline read the Treasurer's Report. Fred Huber made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Fred Fouche.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Field Maintenance**

- a. Fred Huber will serve as the Safety Fence Chairman to see that the new safety fencing gets installed on the PVC pipes covering the conduit used on the safety barriers around the pilot boxes.
- b. Fred Huber is still working to get quotes for some club decals.
- c. A reminder to collect or save your aluminum cans to donate to the club. If you would like to donate your excess aluminum cans to the club please bring them out to the field or make arrangements with Frank Sodek Sr., Frank has volunteered to help with the cans collecting.

#### **2. Interclub Gathering**

Don Mondrik reported that the Waco, Killeen and Georgetown clubs have replied to e-mails regarding the

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Poker Fly In. The date for the fly in will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Buster Hinkle has volunteered to help run the flight line and Fred Huber will donate several decks of playing cards.

## New Business:

1. September 8<sup>th</sup> has been chosen as a workday for field maintenance, we will start at 9:00 a.m. John Rovetto has offered the use of his front-end loader to help fill in the edges of the runway. Club members are asked to bring shovels and rakes if possible.
2. September is a busy month for our club, we have two rounds of combat, a Poker Fly In and our Annual Fall Picnic. The picnic will be a Pot Luck lunch starting at 1:00 p.m. The club will provide soft drinks and water. We will follow lunch with several rounds of Combat.
3. Buster Hinkle will be the CD for the upcoming Annual Fall Fun Fly in October.
4. A Motion was made by Frank Sodek Sr., seconded by John Rovetto and unanimously passed when put to a vote to provide the Temple Daily Telegram to Mrs. Zikes' third grade class for the "Partners in Education" program.
5. Frank Sodek Jr. will check into subscriptions of Model Aviation magazines for the Temple Public Library and the Temple and Belton High Schools on behalf of the Temple Aero Modelers Club.

## Combat Report:

Mark Cullison gave a combat report for July updating the club members present with the current combat points standings and details of streamer dragging fun.

## Trip Report:

B. W. Ponder provided a report on a Pattern Contest held in Conroe, Texas that he, Ken Schulz, Max Blose and Todd Blose attended. Todd finished 1<sup>st</sup> in FAI, B. W. finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ken finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 39 contestants.

## Blunder Awards:

1. Fred Huber was flying Monroe Mortimer on the

buddy box when he accidentally let go of the trainer switch while he was trying to use the trainer radio to fly resulting in a lost plane.

2. Frank Sodek Jr. was flying Dean Higginbotham when the wing came off the plane in flight. The wing dowels were not glued in on the ARF trainer. The plane is repairable after lawn darting into the ground.
3. David Laster was flying his Coroplast combat when he stalled it and it simply fell back to the ground before he could recover and only broke the prop.

Congratulations to Fred Huber winner of the July Blunder Award.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Mondrik and seconded by Fred Huber at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by *Don Mondrik*

Secretary

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## Meeting Location

For the next couple of months the meetings are going to be held at our **flying field** at Lake Belton's McGregor Park (see map on ad page) while the Ronald McDonald house is under construction. Just gives us an excuse to fly more. Come early and bring a plane and a chair! (and OFF! bug spray!)

**This Month's meeting will start at  
7:00pm (thirty minutes early.)**

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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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## Combat League Report for 08/26/01

We had six competitors show up for battle this day: Bobby Zikes flying his new "Battle Floyd", Don Mondrik with his "Com.Bat" Gremlin, Frank Sodek flying his "Raptor #7", Steve Meyer with his pair of "Quickie" type planes, Fred Huber had his "Four Star Forty", and myself flying the "T4" Gremlin and "Devastator" coroplast backup combat plane. We used new streamers that had not been stored in the hot shed. Result: no streamer failures!

A couple test flights were flown. Steve developed a throttle problem with his combat plane, so had to ready his backup plane for the first round. Bobby flew his "Battle Floyd" and was satisfied. I should have test flown mine!

First round proved to be entertaining! Fred was late getting his plane ready so missed this round. I had a bad glow plug so I sat out the round as well. Frank's "Raptor #7" and Steve's "Quickie" combat backup plane mid-aired. Frank's plane spiraled in, while Steve managed to maintain "sorta" control and landed successfully in the grass on the north end. Steve's vertical stab was completely ripped off! He also had a large hole in the wing. Frank's wing was nearly broke in half, and the impact with the ground busted the front of the fuse off. Don got the only cut this round.

Steve repaired his primary combat's throttle (or so he thought) and flew it in the next round. I managed to get airborne as well. Steve and I mid-aired this round! My wing was broke completely in half, only the tape was holding it together. Steve kept flying and only had a gash on one wing for damage! Fred managed to get airborne with two minutes left in the round. Steve continued to have throttle control problems.

Dark clouds were approaching from the North and South, so after eating some great hot dogs (thanks David Laster!) we headed for the sky again. Steve had repaired his backup plane by borrowing/stealing Frank's vertical stab from his crashed combat. It flew great! I got my backup plane (Devastator) and off we went. Well, we've had a mid-air in each of the rounds so far, so why mess up a good string? Don's "Com.Bat" found my lethargic "Devastator" and nailed it to the ground while he kept flying! Don's plane lost a wing tip plate (and a whistle) while mine suffered another crease in the fuse, a broken wing dowel and a bent/broken muffler.

Soon after the clouds converged and dumped huge amounts of water on us! Thanks to David Laster and Frank Sodek for keeping the time for the rounds.

Points:

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Don Mondrik   | 5 pts |
| Steve Meyer   | 3 pts |
| Bobby Zikes   | 2 pts |
| Mark Cullison | 2 pts |
| Fred Huber    | 1 pt  |
| Frank Sodek   | 1 pt  |

Mark (*The Terminator*) Cullison

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## Combat League Report for 09/09/01

We had five contestants; Fred Huber flying his Four Star Forty, Steve Meyer with his two "quickie" type planes, Don Mondrik and his "Com.Bat" Gremlin, Bobby Zikes flying a "Battle Floyd", and myself flying my backup combat "Devastator" coroplast plane.

We had a large amount of rain the night before so the grass was soaked... made for troublesome streamer problems. We even tried to launch off the runway to keep the streamer off the grass, but I think they soaked up the dampness from the air. A spectator suggested we shorten the streamers to create less drag; that seemed to do the trick.

Fred Huber had engine problems the whole time. On his second dead stick of the round, I managed to get in front of him and pull up just in time for him to snag my streamer... a dead stick cut! Fred ended the round with two cuts.

Second round no cuts were scored. Steve and I managed to get together though. Steve's plane was destroyed, but I managed to land on the black top. Steve's plane broke my prop and wiped out my carburetor.

Steve brought out his second "quickie" plane and flew the third round. He managed to get the only cut of the round (boy those short streamers are tough to catch!)

Fred sat out the fourth round due to continued engine problems. The three remaining contestants were unable to score a cut.

Thanks to John Rovetto for being the timekeeper for the rounds.

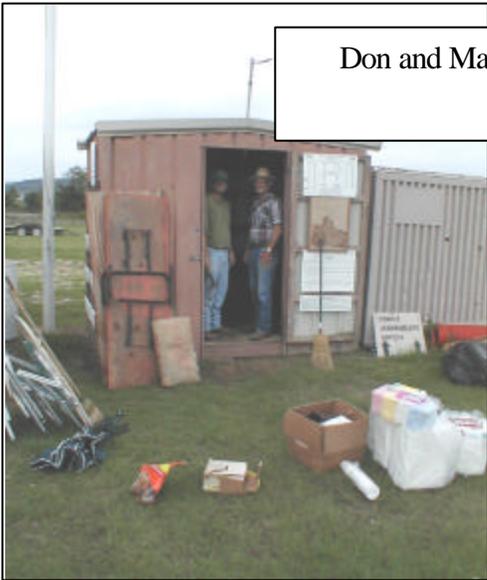
Results:

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|---------------|-------|
| Fred Huber    | 3 pts |
| Steve Meyer   | 2 pts |
| Don Mondrik   | 1 pt  |
| Bobby Zikes   | 1 pt  |
| Mark Cullison | 1 pt  |

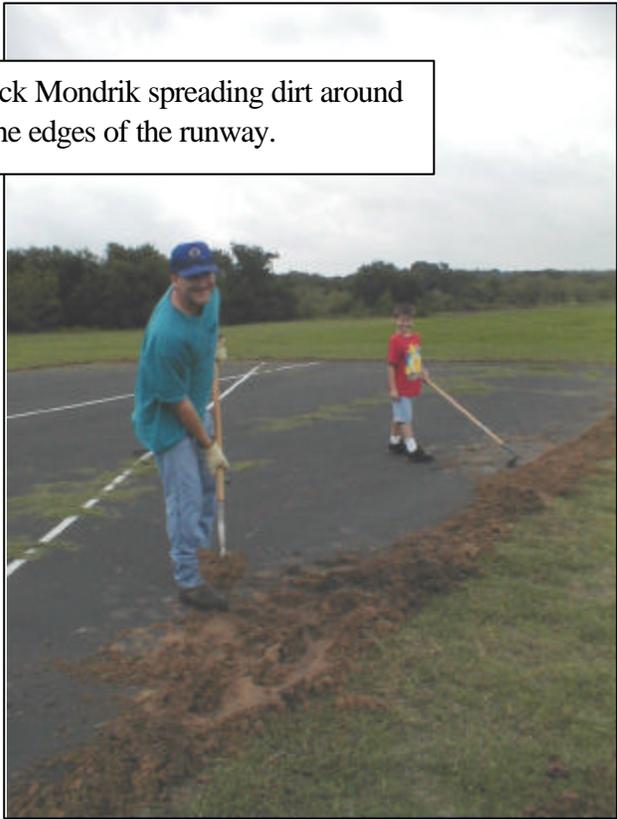
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## Work Day Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001



Don and Mark Cullison cleaning out the storage shed



Don and Nick Mondrik spreading dirt around the edges of the runway.



John Rovetto brought his tractor to help with the dirt work.

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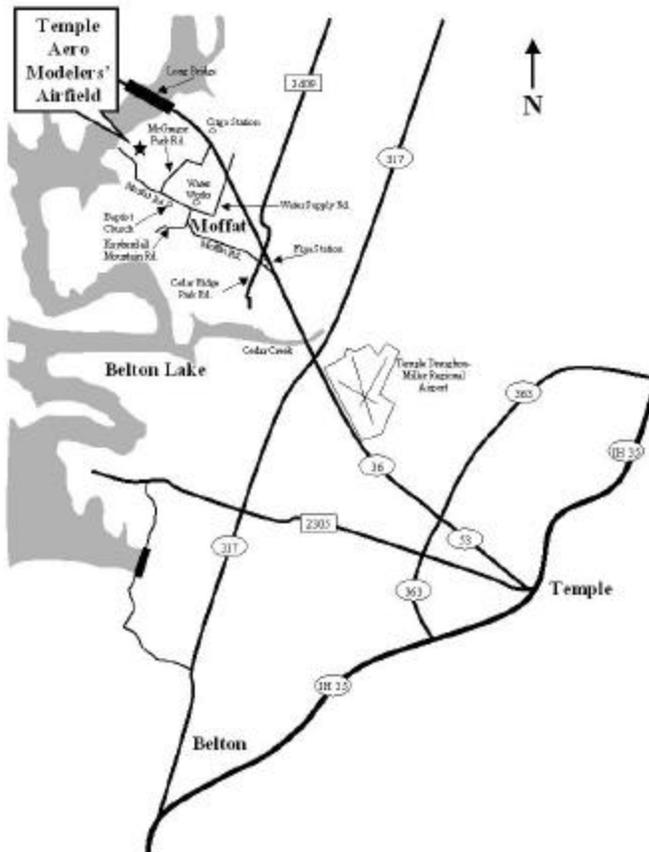
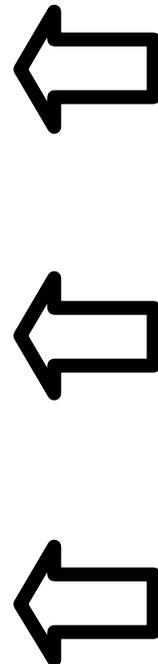
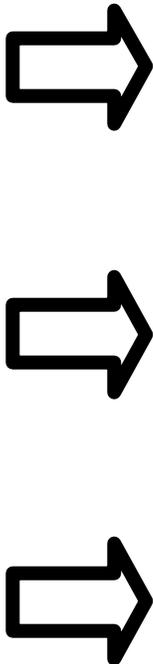
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