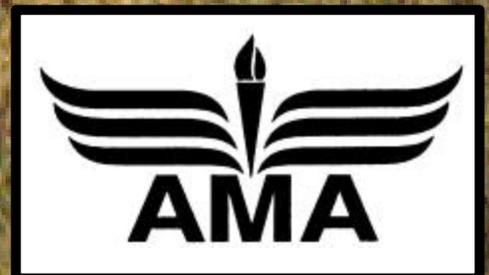


The Temple Aero Modeler

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



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



**Fall Fun Fly
October 6th**

Club Info

**Fall Picnic/
Combat
September 29th
Combat October
20th**

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

Sep 29	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 6	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 20	Combat
Oct 23	Last Beginner's Night
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)

- Oct 4-6 IMAA District VIII Fall Rally, Palestine R/C Flying Club, Palestine, TX
- Oct 5 Big Bird over Benbrook, Ft Worth Thunderbirds, Benbrook, TX
- Oct 5-7 Southern Rotary Classic, Northeast Texas RC Flyers, Mt. Pleasant, TX
- Oct 6 Fort Bend R/C Big Bird, Fort Bend R/C, Rosenberg, TX
- Oct 11-13 ARCA Fall Heli Fun-Fly, Austin Radio Control Assoc., Austin, TX
- Oct 12-13 21st Annual Fun-Fly, Angelo RC Club, San Angelo, TX
- Oct 12-13 Art Watson/Dave Thomasson Memorial Big Bird, Prop Nuts R/C Club, Crosby, TX
- Oct 18-19 422 Pylon Race, Space City R/C, Houston, TX
- Oct 19 Poker Fly, Cen-Tex Modelers, Killeen, TX**
- Oct 19 Open Class "B" RCCA Combat, North Dallas RC Club, Frisco, TX
- Oct 19 Great Pumpkin Fly-In, Tri County RC Club, Henderson, TX
- Oct 19-20 Fall Float Fly, River City R/C Club, San Antonio, TX
- Oct 26 RRCC 2nd Annual Last Day Of Daylight Saving Fun-Fly, Richardson Radio Control Club, Branch, TX
- Oct 26 Fall Warm-up Warbird Races, Jetero RC Club, Huffman, TX
- Oct 26-27 Thunderbirds IMAC Challenge, Ft. Worth Thunderbirds, Fort Worth, TX
- Oct 26-27 Bob Courtney Memorial Big Bird, Hill Country Aeromodelers, Austin, TX

ON THE COVER

Travis Berry poses with his V-Mar RV-4. The aircraft uses a .46 Thunder Tiger with a Pitts style muffler for power and utilizes five channels for control (flaps).

Photograph by Mark Cullison

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. Hopefully you were able to attend the Poker Fly-In that was held on September 15th – you missed a great time if you weren't able to make it. Somehow Don was able to sneak a big event in right under Mother Nature's nose, and nothing bad happened, even though rain was forecasted all weekend long. In fact, we had great flying weather all afternoon long, which allowed many, many flights to occur. Not only did you miss out on a great flying afternoon, you missed out on some deliciously tender brisket cooked up by Steve Sanders. Check out Don's report elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

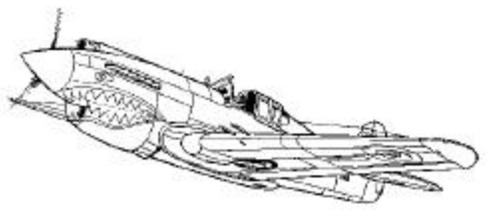
Believe it or not, it's time once again for the Club's Fall Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, September 29th. We will eat at 1PM and fly all afternoon. Bring a dish of goodies and a big appetite, your family and friends and of course, your planes to fly. Hopefully there will be enough surviving (or recently revived) combat planes to put on a few combat heats for everyone's enjoyment. Come out and have some fun! Also, don't forget about the Fall Fun Fly which will be held on Sunday, October 6th. I'm sure Buster has planned a really fun afternoon for all of us. Come out and have some fun!

On a sadder note, on behalf of all club members I want to pass on condolences to Bill Hamby for the recent loss of his father. I would also like to wish Don Cullison a speedy and complete recovery during his lung cancer treatment. Please keep both of these members and their families in your prayers.

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

fsodek@aol.com



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,328.37</u>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	2,272.00
Debits	
Steve Sanders - Club shirts.....	1,001.00
Ronald McDonald	
- rent for several months.....	75.00
John Redwine - Mower parts.....	60.00
Bernadine Torline - Sale of estate..	2,126.50
Total Debits:	(3,262.50)
Balance August 2002	<u>\$4,337.87</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

Secretary's Notes

The August meeting of the Temple Aero Modelers club was called to order by club President Frank Sodek Jr., at 7:32 pm at the Ronald McDonald House meeting room in Temple. There were no visitors.

Mark Cullison read the minutes from the July meeting and a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by B.W. Ponder and seconded by Buster Hinkle. 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 James McKee and seconded by Paul Horan.

Old Business:

- a. **Field Maintenance** Grass burrs have been very bad this year. B.W. Ponder apologized for not spraying the field this spring. He is planning to spray on Wednesday August 28th. Steve Meyer brought his small tractor with shredder to the field and will leave it for a few days. Frank Sodek, Jr. used it a couple days ago to shred most of the outlying area around the field. The issue to trim the tops off of the trees to the north was discussed. No decisions or action plan was decided. Scott Justice suggested that the placement of poles with flags at each end of the field (near the trees) in line with the center of the runway would help novice flyers line up for landings.
- b. **AMA Memorial Brick for Dennis Torline** Members

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present approved the wording for the memorial brick as follows: "Dennis Torline Temple, TX". We only had 2 lines of 14 characters each to work with.

- c. **Dennis Torline's RC items** All items were sold. B.W. reported that upon news of the sale, Dennis' wife Bernie was pleased and grateful.

New Business:

- a. **Poker Fly-In** Don Mondrik will be CDing the event. He will be using decks of cards from last year and asked for donations of "unusual" decks of cards. Don will be at the field by mid-morning. The Fly-In will start at 1pm and end at 6pm. Drinks will be provided free to the pilots. Same rules as last year. Entry fee will be \$5, with 1st prize 50% of total, 2nd prize 30%, and 3rd prize 20%. The following "positions" will need to be filled by members; transmitter impound, flight line control, flight verifier. Frank Sodek, Jr. will bring the drinks; Mark Cullison and Frank will bring the watermelons. If a student flies on a buddy box with an instructor, both shall receive a card for the flight.
- b. **Fall Picnic** The picnic will start at 1pm. Frank will bring the drinks and B.W. is in charge of the paper products. If there are any airworthy combat planes, we will have a round or two of combat for the spectators.
- c. **Flight Line Safety** Paul Horan voice concern about safety on the flight line. Three action items resulted from the discussion: The instructors need to reiterate the safety rules to the beginners on Wednesdays; Bobby Zikes will run a Safety Report on the topic; The Field and Frequency rules will be published in the next newsletter. All agreed that pilots need to be "loud and clear" of their intentions while on or near the flight line. Scott Justice asked what is the rule regarding the fence... are planes suppose to be east or west of the fence. During normal flying days it is pilots discretion. During special occasions or contests where there is a spectator draw, pilots are encouraged to place their planes on the east side to prevent accidents.
- d. **Partners In Education** Bobby Zikes made a motion to continue supplying the Temple Daily Telegram to a school classroom this year at the cost of \$117. With a second from Don Mondrik the motion passed.
- e. **Model Aviation Magazine Subscriptions for Libraries** Frank asked for any discussion pertaining to the three subscriptions that have come due. A vote last year to purchase them on an ongoing basis will allow the club to continue unless a motion is made otherwise. The

Belton and Temple High School library subscriptions cost \$12 each. The Temple Public Library subscription costs \$16. The club will renew the subscriptions.

Comments & Announcements:

- a. **Solo Certificates** Steve Sanders, Travis Berry and Rick Berry all received solo certificates.
- b. **Combat Report** Mark Cullison reported that the Combat held on the 25th was the shortest one yet! The first and only round lasted less than two minutes. Don Mondrik and Steve Meyer had a spectacular mid-air collision. With two of the three planes down, Mark Cullison didn't have any reason to stay in the air! No cuts were scored so each pilot only got the one participation point for the day.
- c. **Hobby Town** Hobby Town is a new hobby shop in College Station. They contacted Frank Sodek, Jr. asking for a mailing list/roster of our club so they could send out discount flyers. It was decided that if they want to send us discounts... they could send them all to Frank and he could pass them out.
- d. **Bomber Field** Frank reminded everyone that the annual B-17 gathering would take place at Bomber Field in Monaville, Texas on Sept. 20th through the 22nd.
- e. **Pattern Contest** B.W. reported that the weather was HOT! They had a record 33 Conroe contestants. Bobby Zikes placed 4th in Intermediate class, B.W. placed 1st in Masters while Todd Blose of Waco got 1st in FAI class. B.W. mentioned that he woke up several times during the night at the hotel to check that his truck and trailer were still there!
- f. **NSRCA News** B.W. Ponder has been appointed the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics (NSRCA) District 6 Associate Vice President.

Blunder Awards:

1. **Paul Horan** - tried to retract his non-retracting landing gear on his Ultra Sport with a hard landing.
2. **Fred Huber** - Fred tried to test fly Rick Berry's new Stick with the ailerons reversed. Major damage but repaired and flying.
3. **Fred Huber** - Performing his usual aileron roll just after takeoff with his Dr1 tri-plane, the engine died. The ensuing stall and spin into the ground resulted in three broken wings.
4. **Mark Cullison** - The throttle linkage (quick link) came loose which left the engine in a fast idle. The hard/fast landing in the grass resulted in bent

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landing gear and a cracked fuselage on his Profile Gee Bee.

5. **Mark Cullison and Richard Musick** – Mark was flying Richard on the buddy box. Richard was attempting to trim out his trainer when he bumped the aileron stick and rolled it inverted 30' over the runway and proceeded to dive. Mark took control and tried to pull it out of the dive to no avail. Nose first into the grass on the south end of the run way, destroyed the plane.
6. **Lloyd Stiles** – Making a landing approach during a breezy afternoon, Lloyd apparently got a little too slow and close to the trees. The “treebulence” (turbulence due to wind cutting through the trees) bounced and flipped his airplane over and into the ground. Major damage to the nose.

Fred Huber won the Blunder Award for reversed ailerons.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mark Cullison

Acting Secretary in Don Mondrik's absence

Safety Report

Recently several club members have expressed some safety concerns to me that I want to pass along. One instance occurred when a flyer was attempting to land and noticed someone near the end of the runway. Another situation involved pilots not standing within one of the four flight stations.

As usual these problems can be addressed and eliminated by reviewing and following our field procedures and safety rules. A verbal call to announce your intention to enter and exit the runway will help clear up any confusion on whether the runway is clear or not. As far as the flight station problem is concerned, regardless of what kind of aircraft you're flying, be it a powered airplane (including electric) or a sailplane, I feel you should be standing on one of the four flight stations. One exception I can think of to this one is in the event there are more than four combat airplanes at one time in a particular heat. Even so, that fifth pilot will be standing between flight stations. If there is a special situation where the flight station rule creates a problem for you, you might want to consider making that flight during a less busy time, such as a morning flight or a weekday afternoon one.

Submitted by *Bobby Zikes*
Safety Officer



Poker Fly Report



The first sanctioned Poker Fly got off to a slow start but quickly picked up speed and soon there was a line of people waiting to fly. We had a total of 20 pilots from the Waco, Temple and Killeen clubs signed up and all but three or four flew during the day. I think we should limit this to the first 20 pilots next year, it makes the math really easy for dividing up the money! The weather forecast was calling for rain late in the day but it never materialized and it turned out to be a great day for flying. Unfortunately, there were a few broken planes. I think everyone was entertained by John Hill from the Waco club flying his PBF, Pizza Box Flyer. This thing was simply a flat, 24" square piece of Coroplast with an engine and some servos but it could do all kinds of aerobatics. I predict we will be seeing more PBFs in the very near future! There were a few rules broken during the day that had to be addressed by the CD. First was the “No flying while the CD is flying”, this rule seemed to be simply ignored. The second thing was when two flyers, who shall remain nameless, started playing NASCAR and flying the wrong pattern. I went out to the pilot stations and told Frank and Steve to turn off their transmitters and stop racing, they didn't listen either! Next year I'll make up some more rules like how the CD gets to select a card instead of the pilot who disregards instructions by the CD. At the end of the day we still had a line of planes waiting to get in just one more flight for that elusive card they needed to get a winning hand. Congratulations to Eric Remoy from the Killeen club, Eric won third place and \$20. Second place went to Travis Berry, Travis can use his \$30 to make a down payment on a new wing. First place went to Brad Record from Waco. Brad can use his \$50 to help pay for a new Perfection kit. I would like to extend a special thanks to Steve Sanders for the great brisket he brought to feed everyone and to Buster Hinkle for serving as the control tower on the flight line throughout the day. And, thanks to all of the club members that helped out during the day. In closing I would like to leave everyone with a question I was asked at the end of the day: This was fun, why don't we do this more often?

Don Mondrik
Poker Fly CD

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Field Procedures and Safety Rules

1. All flyers must be current members of a national modeling organization offering liability insurance, and all flying must be in strict accordance with respective current national model aircraft safety codes.
2. Each flyer must strictly adhere to current frequency control rules and procedures (see separate set of rules). The frequency control board must be used by each flyer. Make sure you “own” your channel before turning on transmitter.
3. Pilots should stand within one of the four flight stations with safety barriers. Do not fly over the pavilion, pit or spectator areas. Takeoffs and landings should be into the wind.
4. If more than one aircraft is flying, there shall be NO low-altitude (less than ~25’) high speed passes over the runway.
5. No spectators are allowed on field side (east) of heavy red stripe on taxiway and its imaginary north-south extensions.
6. Pets must be on leash. Children shall be supervised at all times.
7. A maximum of four planes shall be in the air at any one time unless a special event is occurring.
8. Carefully preflight aircraft mechanical and electrical functions before flying, including checks of control surface operations.
9. Be considerate of other flyers and their need to use tables for assembly, disassembly or repairs.
10. Do not run engines under pavilion or behind (west of) red line.. Use proper restraint when starting. It is recommended to use a glove or chicken stick when hand starting. When running up an engine do not stand in front of, or in line with, the propeller arc. Make sure that spectators are also clear of prop and prop wash blast.
11. Do not tie up the runway to start or adjust engines. Do not do taxi tests when there are more than one flyer.
12. Verbal calls shall be loudly made to announce intentions and include:
 - a) “Emergency Landing” - #1 landing priority
 - b) “Dead Stick” - #2 landing priority
 - c) “Landing Left (or Right)” - #3 landing priority (call ~15 seconds before touchdown)
 - d) “Touch and Go” - #4 landing priority (call ~15 seconds before touchdown)
 - e) “On the Runway” - any time a person goes on or crosses the runway to retrieve a plane. No landings or takeoffs until runway is clear.
 - f) “Runway Clear” - as soon as person is clear of the runway. Make retrieval expeditiously so that takeoffs

and landings may be resumed.

g) “Coming Out” - before taxiing onto runway.

13. Solo student flights will be allowed only when authorized by and supervised by club qualified instructors.
14. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed by pilots prior to, nor during participation in any model operations.
15. Persons doing field maintenance or mowing operations may curtail flight operations as they see fit. A “Field Closed” sign will be posted on frequency board.
16. Helicopters shall not be flown while fixed wing planes are in the air.
17. All engines should have a muffler or effective silencer.
18. After landing, do not taxi back past the flight stations.
19. Before leaving, place all your garbage into trash barrels. Flatten aluminum cans and place in can barrel. The last person at the field shall put up chairs, flags, etc.; lock storage and tractor sheds; and lock the field gate.
20. All flyers are to use the facility in a safe and responsible manner. Dangerous or reckless behavior will not be tolerated. Be considerate of your fellow flyer and always apply the golden rule.
21. Be polite and courteous to visitors and answer their questions where possible. Above all else, conduct yourself in a professional and mature manner.

Cen-Tex Modelers’ Poker Fly

Location: Hall Field, Union Grove Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake

**When: October 19th 2002, Registration starts at 8:30
fly from 9am till 2pm**

Entry Fee: \$3.00

Fly what you bring, best hand wins.

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Frequency Control Rules and Procedures

1. Before turning on a transmitter anywhere in field vicinity (within 3 miles), you must “own” or “capture” the proper frequency. This includes in and around vehicles and pit area in addition to flying.
2. To “own” or “capture” a frequency, raise the appropriate T-bar on the frequency control board to the “up” position and hold with a clothes pin. Attach your current national membership card under clothes pin. This gives a name to each used frequency.
3. When turning on your transmitter, check to see if any airborne aircraft are affected. Be prepared to turn it off immediately if trouble is observed.
4. If sharing a frequency with other flyers, lower frequency bar and remove your card after your flight to make it available for someone else to use.
5. When others are sharing your frequency, please limit flight time to approximately twenty minutes and then relinquish the frequency to the next person. Be courteous.
6. Never remove anyone else’s membership card from the frequency board. Locate the pilot and ask him to remove it.
7. If you improperly use the frequency board and turn on a transmitter which causes damage to another pilot’s aircraft, you could be responsible for damages.
8. No 50 MHz amateur radio equipment (non-RC) shall be used at the field.

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