

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
September 2004



**This month's meeting will be held
Monday, September 27th at 7:30pm at
the Ronald McDonald House Meeting
Room in Temple.**



*Fall Picnic/
Combat -
Sep 26th*

CLUB INFO

*Fall Fun Fly
- Oct 3rd
Poker Fly -
Oct 17th*

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Temple Event Schedule

Sep 26 Fall Picnic/Combat 1pm
Oct 3 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 17 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 27 Last Beginners' Night
Dec 5 Ronald McDonald/
Toys for Tots Fly-In 10am
Dec 13 Christmas Banquet/
Officer Elections

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On The Cover

James McKee's poor old trainer has seen its last repair!
Never fear, he already has another and is back in the
air!

Photo by Mark Cullison

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Oct 2 Chuck Cunningham Big Birds Over
Benbrook Fly-In, Benbrook, TX
Oct 2-3 DEAF - 18, Seagoville, TX
Oct 8-10 WACO Cub Fly-In, Waco, TX
Oct 8-10 ARCA Fall Heli Fun Fly, Austin, TX
Oct 8-10 Hill Country Aeromodelers Big Bird,
Austin, TX
Oct 9 Greater Southwest Aero Club All Scale
Fly-In, Fort Worth, TX
Oct 9-10 23rd Annual Fun Fly, San Angelo, TX
Oct 16 20th Anniversary Big Bird Fly-In, Deer Park,
TX
Oct 23-24 Great Pumpkin Fly-In, Henderson, TX
Oct 30 5th Annual Fall Fly-In, Livingston, TX
Oct 30 Big Bird Fly-In, Killeen, TX

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President's Report

by *Jeff Pitts*

Temple Aero Modelers,

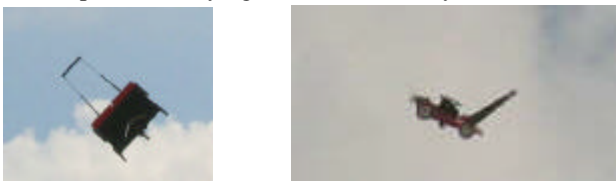
This past Saturday, my daughter, Julie, and I headed out to Monaville to see the B-17s. The event was huge. People were streaming in all day long, and there were RVs parked as far as the eye could see.

From our spot in the covered grandstand, we could see the static judging of the B-17s, many of them with 10-foot wing spans, while Warbirds of every kind flew overhead. Then, the B-17s were fueled up. I watched closely as one pilot started the four Saito .91 four-stroke engines and tuned each of them to the optimum setting with a tachometer. He then shut down the engines and topped off the fuel tanks – one for each engine – before making the scale flight for the contest.

Everyone's eyes were fixed on the B-17s as they took off and made their passes. On some of them, bomb bay doors opened to release up to nine model bombs during a pass over the field.

One of the Warbirds, a B-25 Mitchell, with a 12-foot wing span, made a spectacular flight during a strong crosswind. Several other planes didn't fair quite as well. What I think may have been a P-38, which was going to fly in formation with a B-25, crashed upon take-off at the end of the runway. It was a good thing there was a fence between the airstrip and the pilot/crew area or someone may have been hurt. Another plane, a Christen Eagle bi-plane, went straight down into the ground in front of the grandstand.

Amidst all these amazing planes, the most incredible thing I saw was a Flying Lawnmower that did aerobatics. It flew fast and did loops and rolls. It also did low passes, to simulate cutting the grass on the field. I am still puzzled both by how it could work and why we want to make things fly. But, my new idea for a plane is a Flying Guitar. What do you think?



An unusual sight – a Flying Lawnmower at the 16th Annual B-17/Big Bird (Scale) Fly-in in Monaville.

See you at the field,

Jeff Pitts

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,968.77</u>
Credits	
Total Deposits:	80.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Mark Cullison (stamps).....	37.00
John Redwine (mower parts).....	128.99
Bobby Zikes (postage).....	15.91
Mark Cullison (sausage).....	25.00
Total Debits:	(226.90)
Balance August 2004	<u>\$5,821.87</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

Jeff Pitts called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 30, 2004. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the Minutes from the July meeting. Correction for the month of July, Don Mondrik did not have the sign made. The minutes were accepted by B.W. Ponder and seconded by Doug Staines.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted by Frank Sodek Jr. and seconded by Mark Cullison.

Old Business

Field Maintenance

John Redwine has mowed a lot. Jim McCormick shredded parts of the field.

Buster Hinkle made a motion to broadcast ant killer. Frank Sodek Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed. It was stated that this could be the last season for the mower. The Field Marshall will head a committee to research getting a new mower for 2005.

John Redwine stated that we could use 2 55-gallon barrels to haul water for the sprayer. B.W. will acquire the 2 barrels.

Tree Trimming

The tree trimming committee has not met. The plan is to submit the proposal to the Corps in September.

Beginners' Night

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Turnout has been very good on beginners' night. As of August 10th there have been 250 training flights and 55 intro flights.

Troop 117

The flight training was held for 64 visitors. There were plenty of hotdogs and drinks. Thank to everyone who helped out.

Combat

Mark Cullison gave a report on the combat standing.

Out-House

Steve Sanders has added the Rid-X to the tank.

Cen-Tex Air Show

Frank Sodek Jr. read a thank you note from the Air Show boss.

New Business

AMA Grand Event 2005

The Waco HOTMAC club has been awarded the Grand Event for 2005. TAM has volunteered to help support the Waco Club. Frank Sodek Jr. will be the liaison for our club.

Fall Picnic

This event will be scheduled for September 26 with lunch beginning at 1pm. The lunch will be potluck.

Partners in Education

Frank Sodek Sr. was contacted by the Temple Daily Telegram to check if we would be interested in sponsoring Linda Zikes' Class. Frank Sr. paid the \$117 fee. Jeff Pitts made a motion that the club repay Frank Sodek Sr. the \$117. B.W. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Trip Reports

B. W. gave a report on the Nederland Pattern Contest.

Blunder Awards

1. James McKee, accidents happen in threes. A) Perfect landing in top of a tree. B) Cartwheeled his trainer while landing a week later. C) Fixed the trainer with lots of epoxy, flying way up high doing loops when the wing left the plane.
2. David D had half the wing fly off his U-Can-Do-3D after the cub scouts flight training.
3. B.W. crashed his helicopter while practicing 3D.
4. Ken Schulz did a perfect 2 point inverted landing in front of all the visitors at the cub scouts flight training.
5. Mark Cullison put his combat plane into a flat spin that never recovered. This was also done during the cub scouts flight training.
6. Fred Huber totaled his Skylark while practicing pattern.

James McKee is your winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*

Vice-President/Secretary

Free building materials

It's election time and soon there will be tons of free building material available. In most parts of the country, coroplast signs are used by people running for office. Almost everywhere, the signs have to be down within a few days of election. If you see a sign up past that date, do your civic duty and toss it into the trunk of your car. It's great for things like elevators or even building whole 1/2A airplanes. Last year, I saw a 75 mph airplane with the wing built out of coroplast. Check out some of the SPAD Radio Control sites on the Web for some creative uses. (WWW.SPADTOTHEBONE.COM)

Another thing to keep your eyes open for is new-home construction. Formica discards are great for making durable templates to cut foam wings. Even short lengths of two-by-fours can be cut into pine wing spars if you have a table saw. Scraps of foam bead board are useful to cut foam wings or even wing tips.

from Great Plains Combat News

Control Line Combat Newsletter

for the Great Plains

Bob Furr, editor

Omaha NE

Cut-off wheel sets

from Fred Huber

Sears sells a diamond cut-off wheel set that fits Dremel and Black & Decker "Wizard" moto-tools. These wheels eliminate the frustration when dealing with fragile "sand" wheels you buy 20 at a time and break each time you use them. The package comes with two wheels and the mandrel and is inexpensive. No more fragments of cut-off wheel flying around the shop (but you should still wear safety glasses)!

(Ed. Note: This tip from our fellow club member was published in the AMA's National Newsletter!)

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David Dusssetschleger and Jesse Measles (not pictured) came to the rescue!
David shucked his boots and socks, rolled up his pants and fished James
McKee's fuselage out of the pond. While Jesse Measles fought off a bull to
retrieve his wing (or so the story goes!) The wing and fuselage parted
company at the bottom of a high loop.

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