

The Temple Aero Modeler

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



This month's meeting will be held Monday, September 25th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Club Meeting -
Sep 25th
Fall Fun Fly -
Oct 1st
Last Beginners'
Night - Oct 25th*

CLUB INFO

*Tree Trimming
Sep 23rd Oct 7th
14th 21st
Fall Picnic &
Last Combat -
Sep 24th*

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Temple Event Schedule

Sep 23 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Sep 24 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 25 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 30 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Oct 1 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 7 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Oct 14 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Oct 15 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 21 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Oct 25 Last Beginner's Night
Oct 28 Tree Trimming 8:00am
Oct 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
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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On The Cover

Buster Hinkle (left) checks the score sheet after helping a couple of pilots on the Bryan team retrieve their downed combat plane during the Three Club Combat held recently.

Photo by Larry Macie

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list!)

Sep 30-01 Jetero RC Warbird Weekend, Huffman, TX
Oct 7 NDRCC All Scale Fly-In, Aubry, TX
Oct 07-08 SPARKS Pattern Classic, Tomball, TX
Oct 07-08 BME South Central Regional
Championships, Waco, TX
Oct 14 Tyler Modelers Fall Float-Fly, Lake
Palestine, TX
Oct 14 Dallas R/C Scale Fly-In, Seagoville, TX
Oct 14-15 25th Annual R/C Fly-In & Swap Meet, San
Angelo, TX
Oct 14-15 HCAM Annual Big Bird, Austin, TX
Oct 22 2nd Annual Richard Jones Memorial Cross
Country Fly-In, Katy, TX
Oct 20-22 ARCA Fall Heli Fun-Fly, Austin, TX

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President's Report

RC Model Airplanes, how bad have you got it? Have you noticed how well we all get along in our club? The common denominator, the number on the bottom of a fraction, is our love of building, flying and tearing up model airplanes. We have such a great club, I mean everyone seems to get along, at least I think they do. When you get out to the field you seem to leave the outside world at the gate and enter the modeling zone. Some may zone out more than others but my point is we all seem to have a good time. Many times I think there is more laughing and talking than there is flying but that's all part of it.

Club members will bring watermelons or some might bring peanuts just to share. If you didn't like the people you hang out with at the field why on earth would you bring something to share? We have a great club. We have the usual workers, people that volunteer for everything and those that work behind the scenes, our club wouldn't be what it is without these people. Some of our members hardly ever fly but show up to work and then some members only fly and never work. But, everything seems to balance out and everyone seems to get along. What a club!

By now we've had the Fall Picnic and another weekend of Combat; I hope it all went smoothly. We recently were host to the Bryan Club and one lone flyer from the Waco area to compete in the Tri-City Armageddon RC Combat. Once again the Temple club pulled a rabbit out of the fire, I mean hat. We tore up some airplanes and had a blast doing it, unless of course it was your plane that got trashed... I hope our picnic can always be a magnet of sorts, to draw our friends and families together to enjoy our hobby. We always seems to have a good time regardless of how many people show up, it's just the way our club is, did I mention I think we have a great club?

Now for some serious rhetoric, no matter how much you would like to buzz around like your airplane, don't ever, I mean never ever try to get a buzz by snorting model airplane fuel. First, it's poisonous and secondly it hurts. Not long ago I think all the planets and stars in the cosmos were lined up perfectly because the output line from my fuel pump popped off and squirted fuel straight up my nose. It's a really funny story, now. I just happened to be leaning over the pump so I could see how much fuel was in my sorry, rotten, no good, worthless, expendable combat plane. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time to try a line of 20% nitro methane fuel. To say that it burns would be an understatement, it hurts. And man, did I sneeze; I thought my feet were going to jump up to my shoulders each time. So, like the Myth Busters always warn, Don't Try This At Home,"I" Am A Trained Professional... A professional what? Just take

my word for it, don't do it, don't get it in your eyes either, I hear that doesn't give you a buzz either, in fact, it hurts just as bad as up the snoot. So if you have ever gotten fuel in your eyes then you know how bad it will feel if you snort it. And last but certainly not least, don't get it in your mouth, remember, it's poisonous and it doesn't really taste good, not even with a Coke chaser. All kidding aside, please be careful with fuel, it's flammable and it's poisonous and the last thing I would want to see is a member of our terrific club get hurt from ingesting fuel or any other accident for that matter.

See you at the field,

Don Mondrik

President

Meeting Minutes

Called to order by President Don Mondrik at 7:32pm

New Members/Visitors None present

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

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by James McKee and 2nd by Roger Miller.

Old Business

Field Maintenance No report was made.

Tree Trimming/Cutting Project chairman gave a report; resuming the project on Saturday, September 30, with an 8:00am start, and every Saturday after that until the project is completed; an outline of the plan to complete the project was presented.

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

3 Club Combat CD Doug Staines gave a report; asked all members present if they could attend to lend a hand at being spotters.

Safety No report or discussion in this regard was made.

Partners in Education Judy Gildon, Teacher at Western Hills

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Elementary will be heading our participation in the 'Partners In Education'.

Web Site Don Mondrik indicated that the Web site was not up to date and offered to contact a person to possible run the site.

New Business

Fall Picnic Report made and reminder to all members present of the upcoming Fall Picnic for Sunday Sept 24; Frank Sodek will provide the beverages, all members that are planning to attend are encouraged to bring a dish/food item to share, format being Pot Luck Picnic Lunch; will also feature the last Combat match of the season; a 1:00pm start time was planned

Trip Reports Bobby Zikes gave a report on the recent Pattern Match that was held in Nederland; indicated that BW Ponder placed 1st in respective class.

Blunder Awards No candidates were presented; it was agreed by those members present that the award should go to the member who was runner up at last month's meeting; that being Mark Cullison with his improper prop choice on his Stearman which resulted in a crash.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes recorded by *Doug Staines* – VP/Secretary

Safety Report

This month we will look at pre-flight checks.

Yep, this is the part where you eliminate things like: reversed ailerons, not putting the antenna up, dead batteries, wings coming off in flight, etc.

Here is a preflight list for a plane that has flown before (not the maiden flight).

Put your AMA card on your frequency!

Structure:

- Make a brief check of hinges, control linkages, servos, wing hold downs, engine and flight surfaces (wing, vertical and horizontal stabilizers).
- Check for anything loose.

Ready the plane:

- Attach wing to fuselage - make certain the wing is firmly attached. We have had wing come off on take off and in later flight due the wing not being properly attached.
- Rubber bands: use 5 or 6 rubber bands per side of the wing (10-12 total).
If you do not have enough rubber bands the front of the wing may lift slightly at high speed. This will cause at least a sudden pitch up and may even rip the wing off.
Make certain the front of the wing is firmly inserted in the fuselage.
- Hold down bolts or wing tubes: This is more difficult to mess up but the results can be spectacular!
Wing tubes: do not forget the \$2,000 screw that holds the wing to the wing tube!!!
Hold down bolts: Put them in!!! All of them!!! Check that the hold down blocks are not cracked or loose.

Radio:

- **Check that all the controls work correctly.** Ailerons & rudder - left/right, Elevator up/down, throttle.
- Computer radios: Make certain that the correct model is selected!!!
- Batteries: check transmitter and receiver batteries.
- Range check: on the first flight of the day do a range check.

Start Engine:

- Examine prop for damage.
- Use one of the restraints or have someone hold your plane while starting.
- Start engine being careful **not** to reach across the prop while the engine is running. You would be surprised how many experienced modelers have gotten blood all over the prop and plane.

Last checks:

- Extend the radio transmitter's antenna.
- Check wind direction.
- Set flight timer (you do know how long the engine will run on a tank of gas... right?).
- Check other aircraft!!! Are any getting ready to land, or are deadstick?
- Announce that your plane is "coming out" onto the runway.

Paul Horan
Safety Officer

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The Battle of the Clubs

(Three Club Combat)

Last year was the first combat battle, which had nine Temple pilots, four Bryan and four Waco. The score was Temple 17, Bryan 15 and Waco 7. Each team had two pilots flying per round and we flew eight rounds.

This year we had seven Temple pilots and the Bryan team was the same four guys. When you see one you see them all, weather it is a fun fly, big bird or combat they are a team. Louigi Wolf, John Bowling, Geral Rasco and Doug McHan. Waco only had one, which was Steve F. who flew with the Waco team last year. Steve joined the Bryan team this year. Last year we finished the first four rounds without a mid-air.

This year Doug Staines, Larry Macie, John Cobb, James Cobb, Bobby Zikes, Don Mondrik and Mark Cullison flew for Temple. Mark test flew his plane and had bad tail feather flutter so he was grounded. Don couldn't get his engine running until the third round. We decided to fly six planes, three from each team. Temple drew names.

First round Larry and James got a cut. Bobby flew also. Geral and John B. got a cut Louigi flew also. The Score is tied.

Round two John Cobb got five cuts, Doug S. got three cuts and Bobby filling in for Don didn't get a cut. Doug S. and Geral mid-aired. Doug M. and Louigi did not score. Temple - 11 Bryan - 3. Steve Sanders grilled up some hamburger patties. We all had a feast with all the trimmings with chips and soda. Steve Sanders also donated three prizes for the pilots which we drew names after we ate. Doug McHan won a gallon of fuel. James Cobb won a Qhur spad 40 kit and Don Mondrik won a spad combat plane. THANK YOU STEVE!

Round three James got two cuts Larry and Don did not score. Geral and Doug M. both got a cut. Louigi flew also. Temple - 15 Bryan - 5.

Round four: James got three cuts and mid-aired with Bobby. Bobby and Don didn't get a cut. Don was having engine trouble. Doug M. and Steve F. both got a cut. The other Bryan pilots dead sticked. The round ended in four and a half minutes with no ribbons left. Temple - 20 Bryan - 7.

We decided to have a free for all because no one was on the same channel. Anybody who wanted could fly at the same time. Eight planes were in the mix. It was wild! Four planes mid-aired almost at the same time. Plane parts were still floating in the air while others were crashing together. Geral got two cuts then mid-aired. Louigi got two cuts then mid-aired. Doug M. mid-aired and Steve F. got one cut. Bryan only got four points in the first four rounds. In the free for all they scored eight. John Cobb got four cuts, James two cuts and Bobby mid-aired. Everybody scored in the free for all except Larry.

FINAL SCORE: TEMPLE - 27 BRYAN - 15

Bryan scored fifteen points both years. Temple will keep the glass trophy and John Cobb won the trophy for the highest scoring pilot, which were twelve cuts and one mid-air.

Last year Geral won the cut trophy with five cuts and one mid-air. He was runner up this year with four cuts and two mid-airs.

We had a mild wind that was changing but was not a factor in the contest. It was plenty hot on the flight line.

I ran the stopwatch and kept the score. Everybody had a blast. We decided to have the battle in Bryan next year.

Buster Hinkle

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,992.36</u>
Total Deposits:	0.00
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald.....	20.00
Partners in Education (Telegram).....	117.00
Total Debits:	(137.00)
Balance August 2006	<u>\$5,855.36</u>
Submitted by <i>Buster Hinkle</i>	
President/Treasurer	

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TREE TRIMMING AND CUTTING PROJECT

Please post this for future reference.

Commences

Saturday September 30

**And Every Saturday thereafter
Until Project Completion**

Start time is 8:00am

We will continue to need maximum participation to get the project finished. Remember, to bring your chain saws, pruners, loppers and any other tree trimming tools. Also needed are flat bed trailers to haul off the limbs and brush, more trailers the better.

Anyone with powered Brush Hogs would be helpful. Weedeaters equipped 3 bladed brush cutting blades and heavy tined garden rakes.

Your Help is Appreciated

For Sale

Carl Goldberg J3 Cub - 76.5" wing span length-48" - Coverite covering in Cub Yellow - New ASP engine - 6 channel Futaba (no servos) radio with case - Price:\$165.00 w/o radio \$130.00

Sky Raider .40 trainer - 65.5" wing span length 53" - Flight Box with small tools, flash lite, small parts, 4 channel Futaba radio with 4 servos with case - 3 glow plugs - Price: \$150.00 w/o radio \$120.00

Dave Brown can W/six shooter hand pump - Price: \$8.00

T F magnetic prop bal. new Price:\$10.00

Hobbico volt meter Price:\$3.00

Great Planes engine mount hole loc.Price:\$4.00

Torque Master 90 12 volt starter with battery and charger Price: \$25.00

Dubro Kwik start glow starter with charger Price: \$5.00

.61 K&B glow engine w/muffler Price \$40.00

Misc. box of building supplies includes sealing iron, micro hand saw, bolts, asst. motor mounts, landing gear Price: \$15.00

Contact James McKee at 254-899-1558 or 254-541-7337 or E-mail JAmckee987@aol.com

Giant Scale 3D Aerobatic Demonstration

**Will be held on Saturday September 30
Starting at 12 Noon**

(Following the Tree Trimming/Cutting Project work)

**Charles Bradley and several other Pilots with Large Scale
Models will be on hand in an informal Fly-In and demonstrate
some excellent examples of Aerial Aerobatics and 3D
maneuvers**

All are welcome to attend and enjoy the demonstration



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**Don't forget to bring
your donation items to
the meeting for the
Ronald McDonald
House!!!**

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