

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

April 2010



This month's meeting will be held Monday, April 26th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Spring Picnic /
First Combat –
April 25th*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –
April 26th
Central Texas
Airshow –
Apr 30th-May 2nd*

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On The Cover

Ed Weems brought his nicely detailed Curtiss P-6 Hawk biplane to this year's Mallshow. Ed won fourth place in the People's Choice voting competition.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Event Schedule

Apr 25 Spring Picnic/First Combat 1pm
Apr 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 30-May 2 Central Texas Airshow
May 16 Combat 2pm
May 24 Club Meeting 7:30pm
(one week early due to holiday)
Jun 6 Combat 2pm
Jun 13 Sanctioned Fun Fly 11am
Jun 27 Combat 2pm
Jun 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 11 Combat 2pm
Jul 25 Combat 2pm
Jul 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 8 Combat 2pm
Aug 22 Combat 2pm
Aug 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 12 Combat 2pm
Sep 26 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 3 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 17 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 25 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 3 Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 5 Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy
Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 6 Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections
6:30pm

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President's Report



It's Air Show season and the Central Texas Air Show in Temple is just a few weeks away. The featured aircraft this year is the F-16, and with the new longer runway you can probably expect it to stay for a visit. As usual, the club will be having its own demonstrations, both static and flying. Second only to the Mall Show, this three day event takes a good deal of effort to coordinate, set up, run and take down. And with the masses that attend, we need as many people to help as possible. If you've already signed up, Thanks! If you missed the last meeting and didn't have the chance, then I encourage you to send the event CD Doug Staines an email letting him know when you can be there. The event runs Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Doug will be issuing free wrist bands for those planning to help out. Of course, accepting it will obligate you to assist, but you'll be getting a twofer: the satisfaction of helping your club and the enjoyment of a great Air Show. You can email Doug at dstaines@vvm.com. Thanks for your participation!

Lance Starzyk
Club President
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Meeting Minutes (March, 2010 meeting)

Called to order by President Lance Starzyk at 7:30pm

New Members/Visitors - None

Minutes from the meeting held in Febuary were read by VP/Secretary Frank Sodek; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Mark Cullison and 2nd by Doug Staines.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Larry Macie and 2nd by Tom Drybola.

Safety Report - None

Field Marshal's Report - Field Marshal was not present; there was discussion regarding use of Spectracide to kill grubs, to help solve the armadillo digging problem. Fred put green slime in the mower tires, and Ed moved the fallen tree.

Announcements - Lance mentioned that McGregor Park is now open, so our gate should be locked when no club members are present, and he also reported that PowerMaster Fuel has gone out of business.

There was mention of the upcoming TMAF Swap Meet on April 17th, and Lance also announced that he would be attending the Bluebonnet Airshow in Burnet on April 10th.

Frank Sodek mentioned that Brittany Cehand, the daughter of former club member Charles Cehand (and his wife Dianne) recently passed away.

Old Business

Gate locks – Lance Starzyk has re-keyed the locks at the field and has distributed the new keys.

Windsocks – Don has replaced both windsocks.

Mower tires – have been filled with green slime.

Airshow - Doug Staines reported that our tent location will be near last year's spot, and he passed around a signup sheet and stated that he'll pass the wristbands out at the picnic. The insurance certificate has been ordered, and Doug is finalizing the flying demonstration.

Pattern Contest – Bobby led a discussion regarding the decision to cancel this year's Pattern Contest.

Gold Club Membership – Larry read the Field Rules and stated that we need to post them at the field.

Mall Show – Frank reported on the results of the Mall Show: ten members brought 31 planes to display; there were 681 People's Choice votes cast, with Fred Huber's Falcon 120 electric jet winning 1st; \$247 of raffle tickets were sold.

New Business

Jason Goodwin's Dues – there was discussion regarding the waiver of dues for Jason Goodwin, since he was leaving for Afghanistan. Frank made the motion to waiver his dues, Don seconded, the motion passed.

Prorated dues – there was discussion regarding the prorating of dues for members returning after an extended absence. No action was taken, any exceptions will be voted on.

CAF Sponsorship – Fred had received an inquiry from the Railroad Museum to see if the club wanted to help sponsor the Memorial Day activities like we did last year. We deferred the decision until next month's meeting.

Spring Picnic/First Combat – will be held on Sunday, April 25th, beginning at 1PM. Pot luck lunch, the club will furnish plates and utensils; Frank will bring drinks. Larry will CD the Combat events, Bobby will supply trophies.

Waco Pylon Race – Doug reported that HOTMACs will hold their first pylon race on Saturday, April 24th from 10-4 and they need workers to help; let Doug know if you can help.

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Trip Reports – Doug reported that he attended the pylon race in Georgetown and placed fifth while flying in very strong winds.

Blunder Awards

- 1) Ron Elza hit a tall tree with his giant scale plane while on approach.
 - 2) Paul Meyer damaged his Monocoupe during a squirrely takeoff.
- Ron Elza won this month's Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek* VP/Secretary

Safety Officer's Report



Here we are again. Another month has gone by and we still have not had much luck with the weather. There have been a few nice days during the week, but most of us like to fly on the weekend.

This month I would like everyone to look over the AMA rules, Club rules and Combat rules for safety. Not much has changed except a few things with electric and the flying of helicopters. I hope to attach these to this month's news letter.

Thanks, and Fly Safely!

Larry Macie
Club Safety Officer

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Spring Picnic / First Combat

The Club's annual Spring Picnic will be held this Sunday, April 25th, beginning at 1PM. We'll start with a pot-luck lunch for all attendees (don't forget to invite your family and friends), with the club providing drinks, plates and utensils.

The picnic also marks the start of Combat season, so plan on watching some exciting flying during the afternoon as the wild and crazy combat pilots chase each other through the sky.

There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to fly between combat heats, so don't forget to bring your aircraft in addition to that delicious dish of goodies. The weather forecast is looking very favorable for the picnic this year, so come out and enjoy the fun with us!

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance : \$4,282.82

Deposits:

Dues \$430.00
Total Deposits: \$430.00

Debits:

AMA Fun Fly sanction \$20.00
Web site renewal (Mark) \$191.52
New locks/keys (Lance) \$121.40
AMA Club Charter \$100.00
Airshow supplies (Doug) \$53.90
Ronald McDonald House \$20.00
Total Debits: \$506.82

Balance March 2010: \$4206.00

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

2010 Mall Show

By Frank Sodek

The club held its annual Mall Show on March 27th and 28th at the Temple Mall. We were a bit challenged with the new location this year (the Mall Conference Center) because the room was a bit narrow, however after the typical bit of juggling of the tables and planes, we settled into a really nice display. I think we did benefit from the location, since it was directly across from the Cinema box office, giving us high traffic.

Ten members brought 31 models to display. There were 681 total votes cast for the People's Choice competition this year, and Fred Huber's really nice Falcon 120 electric ducted fan jet won first place, with 25% of the votes. Tom Drybola won 2nd place with his beautiful B-25 bomber (just 25 votes less than Fred), and Mark Cullison's perennial Super Stearman came in third.

We sold \$247 in raffle tickets this year (thanks to Max Blöse at the Waco Hobby Stop for selling the Hangar 9 P-51 RTF trainer to us at his cost). Two flight simulators were kept busy, and there was quite a bit of e-flying going on in the main hallway.

Thanks to everyone that participated and helped with the event!

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Central Texas Air Show

By Doug Staines

The Air Show is only days away now: Friday April 30, Saturday May 1st and Sunday May 2nd. The Club will be hosting an information tent and static display on the grounds of the Air Show at the Temple Airport. We will also be presenting a radio controlled flying demonstration on Friday evening and opening the show on Saturday and Sunday with two other demonstrations.

Our participation requires the help of our members to volunteer to staff the Club's information tent, to sell raffle tickets, hand out Club information and watch over our static display as well as helping out on the flightline during our RC flying demonstration.

The benefit in volunteering and giving up some of your time on one of the 3 days or all three, is the opportunity to watch the Air Show for free and from a great location.

Several members have already signed up for time slots and for that, you have my appreciation; however, several of the time slots are in need of volunteers. If you plan on helping out this year, please contact me as soon as you can, to sign up for some of the vacancies and in order for me to give you your admission wrist band, which will be good for all 3 days of the Air Show, but you have to work a time slot or two.

Don't forget to bring your aircraft for the static display, a chair to sit on and if you have old RC magazines bring them out as well, they are always popular to hand out.

Contact me: Doug Staines 254 780-3512(H); 254 541-2915(C) or dstaines@vwm.com

Thank you, and hope to see you at the Air Show.

Respectfully,
Doug Staines

Brazos Valley RC Club 3D Fly In

By Ben Beyer

Hi everyone, I'm writing you today to let you know about the Brazos Valley RC Club's (www.flybvrc.com) upcoming 3D Fly In, to be held on Saturday, May 22nd. The Flying Giants thread can be found here:

<http://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=50530>

Any 3D-capable plane from foamies to 50% and helicopters are allowed. Lunch will be provided at noon, and prizes will be raffled off all day. Entry fee is \$20.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at ben_beyer@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
Ben Beyer

Ernie Cates, Sr. Memorial Big Bird Fun Fly

by Fred Cates

We will be having a Big Bird Fun Fly in honor of my father on Saturday, May 8th at the Rockdale Fair Grounds. We will be flying on the infield of a one mile oval horse track on grass, and it is real smooth and clean. I would like to have a pilots meeting around 9:00am. There will be a \$20.00 landing fee, which will include a BBQ meal and a ticket to go in a drawing for some nice prizes. Most all of the drawing prizes have been donated by family and friends.

All proceeds above what it takes to put the fly- in on will go to the MD Anderson Cancer Research Hospital, in a memorial fund set up in my Dad's name (Ernie Cates, Sr.). I hope to see the guys from the Temple Aero Modelers there, because it's sure to be a fun day. Looks like we will have guys from Austin and the Tyler TUFF club present.

Here are the directions on how to get to the Fair Grounds in Rockdale: go south out of Temple on SH36, stay on SH36 through Buckholts. About 3 miles south of Buckholts, turn right on FM486. Stay on FM486 for about 10 miles until you come to a 4 way intersection, then turn left on FM487 and that will take you to Rockdale. Stay on this same road until you come to SH79 (Cameron Ave), then turn right onto 79 and go 3 blocks and turn left on Wilcox street, then turn right on the 3rd street you come to and that will lead you to the south gate of the Fair Grounds.

I hope to see y'all there. Oh yeah, even though this event is called a Big Bird, it is open to all sizes of gas, glow and electric aircraft. For additional information, please call me at (512)446-1193 or email me at facates@hotmail.com.

Thanks, *Fred Cates*



A few spectators checking out our Mall Show display.

Temple Aero Modelers 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 " - #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 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
 - a. Helicopters will abide by all fixed wing rules.
 - b. If a helicopter is flying by itself and another plane is ready to take off or land, the helicopter must accommodate the other plane (move out of the way).
 - c. No extended hovering directly in front of you over the runway if any other plane is flying.
 - d. Hovering may be done, while others are flying, at the South end of the field out of the traffic pattern and out of the way of other aircraft.
 - e. If hovering at the South end of the field transition to forward flight is only allowed if the southern most pilot box is empty and the runway is clear. If not, stop the rotor and move to a vacant pilot box and takeoff from the runway.
 - f. Starting and adjustments are to be made on the helicopter table which is located beyond the red AMA line and away from other the pit area of other fliers.
 - g. Prior to starting: the pilot must insure the idle up switches are off and one hand must be on the blades while starting.
- 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.

Temple Aero Modelers 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.

Temple Aero Modelers Combat League Rules

- 1) All contestants must be Temple Aero Modeler Club members and present a valid AMA card for each round.
- 2) Each streamer cut is one point awarded to the cutting pilot. Each pilot receives one point for participating that day.
- 3) In the event of a mid-air, the airplanes involved are required to land (if they didn't crash) and both pilots will receive an additional point.
- 4) Landing before the end of the round for no apparent reason will cause the forfeiture of points for that round. Radio/engine trouble, out of gas, midair collisions, etc. are valid reasons and will not cause forfeiture of points.
- 5) Each round shall consist of 6 minutes beginning when all pilots are ready.
- 6) If a streamer is lost due to being improperly secured, the aircraft must land.
- 7) A maximum of six aircraft will be allowed for each round.
- 8) On any given day, every pilot will have equal number of opportunities to fly if possible.
- 9) Each pilot will enlist a helper/spotter to assist in launching and/or scoring, and for safety.
- 10) The CD(s) will have final say on points awarded for the round.
- 11) Certificates or Trophies will be awarded to the top three aces at the end of the season.
- 12) Streamers will be 40' (or half of a new roll) long and tied to the aircraft with 15' – 20' of string.
- 13) Combat Flight Line has been established as the tree/brush line... all combat will take place East of the Combat Flight Line.
- 14) Engine(s) will be limited to .50ci total or less for each plane. All airplanes must comply with AMA safety rules.
- 15) All official combat league rounds will take place at the Temple Aero Modelers club airfield located in McGregor Park.
- 16) No running of airplane engines in pit area during a combat heat, except for those starting combat planes to fly in the current heat.

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District VIII Events

- Apr 23-25 ARCA Any Size Warbird – Austin
- Apr 24-25 Barnstormers 26th Annual Big Bird – New Waverly
- Apr 24-25 Texarkana RC Big Bird – Texarkana
- May 1-3 Space City Pattern Contest – Katy
 - May 1 Bomber Field WW1 Dawn patrol - Monaville
 - May 1 Texoma RC Electric Extravaganza – Sherman
 - May 8 Ernie Cates Memorial Big Bird Fun Fly - Rockdale
 - May 8 Brazos Valley RC Club Fly-in - Bryan
 - May 8 Dallas RC Club Big Bird - Seagoville
- May 14-16 ARCA Jet Rally - Austin
- May 14-16 HOTMACs Scale Fly-in – Waco
 - May 15 Thunderbirds Memorial Fly-in - Benbrook
 - May 15 HSF Junkyard Wars - Houston
 - May 15 ARF RC Spring Fun Fly – Livingston
 - May 15 Richardson RC Spring Combat – Lucas
 - May 16 WAMS Spring Float Fly – Weatherford
 - May 22 BVRC 3D Fly-in - Bryan
- May 22-23 Hawk Field Flyers Al Scale Fly-in – Mansfield
- May 22-23 NE Texas RC Big Bird – Mt. Pleasant
 - May 22 Orange County RC Open Fun Fly – Orange
- May 28-29 Space City RC Helicopter Fun Fly - Katy

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