

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

April 2011



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



*Club Meeting –
Apr 25th
Club Meeting –
May 23rd
(one week early)*

CLUB INFO

*Central Texas
Airshow –
May 6th thru 8th
Combat –
May 22nd*

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On The Cover

Frank Sodek, Sr.

November 6th, 1934
March 26th, 2011

Temple Event Schedule

Apr 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 6-8	Central Texas Airshow	
May 22	Combat	2pm
May 23	Club Meeting	7:30pm
	<i>(one week early due to holiday)</i>	
Jun 12	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11am
Jun 26	Combat	2pm
Jun 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 10	Combat	2pm
Jul 24	Combat	2pm
Jul 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 14	Combat	2pm
Aug 28	Combat	2pm
Aug 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 11	Combat	2pm
Sep 25	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Sep 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 2	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 16	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 31	Club Meeting (tentative)	7:30pm
Nov 2	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Nov 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 4	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
Dec 5	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections (tentative)	6:30pm

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President's Report

by Frank Sodek



Well this is another tough report for me to write: my father passed away on March 26th from congestive heart failure. He was my best flying buddy and also my primary builder (and re-builder). Even though Dad hadn't been very active in flying activities over the past couple of years due to his health problems, he always really enjoyed being with club members because of the great camaraderie and fellowship that you guys provided to him. I want to thank all the club members (and spouses) that expressed their condolences and expressions of support to the Sodek family members. I'd also like to thank the club for making the \$100 donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Dad's honor. My youngest sister has a son (Dad's grandson, my nephew) who was born with the disease. There's no cure at the moment, but lots of research is ongoing regarding drug and gene therapy treatments, and this donation will be put to good use by their researchers.

This past Sunday (April 17th) we held our Spring picnic and first round of Combat flying. Mother Nature was not at all cooperative – at 2PM peak gusts were 35MPH and sustained winds were in the 20-25 range. The wind conditions definitely hurt attendance, however those that braved the winds were treated to a pot luck lunch followed by some entertaining combat heats.

Our next club event is a big one: we'll have a booth and flying demonstrations at the Central Texas Airshow (May 6-8). Lance is directing the event for the club this year (thanks Lance!), giving Doug a well-deserved break. We'll need folks to man the booth during the event (plus help for setup and tear down). We'll be selling raffle tickets and handing out info about our club to the spectators, and we also get to kick off the show again with an RC flying demonstration. We'll have a large area available for static display of our planes, so every member needs to polish up their planes and bring them to the show. This event gives our club some great publicity and is also our best fundraiser, so please sign up at the next meeting to do your part at this event, it will be appreciated.

Regards,
Frank Sodek
fsodek@aol.com

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Vice President Roger Miller. The President was absent due to the passing of his father and long time member Frank Sodek, Sr. No visitors were present.

Minutes from the last March meeting were read by the VP and a motion to accept was made by Ed and second by Buster. Treasurer Buster Hinkle read the Treasurer's report and a motion to accept was made by Mark and second by Lance. Safety Officer Lance Starzyk was present but no report was given.

Field Marshall Terry Turner was absent and there was no field report.

Announcements:

Mark noted a correction in the last newsletter regarding the February dates in the minutes.

Frank Sodek, Sr., father of the TAM club president Frank Sodek, Jr. passed away. Mark made a motion to donate \$100 to the family's charity for Cystic Fibrosis, Paul Horan second the motion.

It was mentioned that members please not fly on Beginners' Night while a student is flying.

Old Business:

Roger Miller asked the members present how we should memorialize Cliff. He suggested a small marble disc with Cliff's name and dates on it to be placed over the ashes site at the field. Roger's wife works for a funeral home and would be able to do this at a discounted price for the club. A motion to accept was made and it was passed.

New Business:

The spring picnic and first combat are Sunday April 17th at 1pm. Mark Cullison mentioned he would be supplying the drinks and it would be pot luck.

The Temple Air Show is coming up on May 6th, 7th & 8th. CD Lance Starzyk mentioned that he would be contacting Air Boss Beth Jenkins and attending the meetings in April for the club. He mentioned that we would need a volunteer signup sheet to determine who would be working the event. He would be collecting the items needed for the event and requesting the Insurance Certificate from the AMA. Mark mentioned he would be helping with set up on that Friday morning. Lance noted that the club did not have any volunteers to fly at the show and made a call to Charles during the meeting who announced that he and John Hagel would be heading to Joe Nall in GA during that time. Lance stated he would contact John Hagel, Fred Cates and some others to fly at

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the event. He said he'd write something for the newsletter regarding the show.

Trip Report: No new trips were discussed.

Blunder Award:

Mark Cullison mentioned that when he plugged in his Electric Yak Bipe at the field it was already on and it took off and hit the fence and broke off the motor. A little superglue later it was flying just fine.

Mark Cullison nominated Eric Runfeldt for handing him the transmitter to fly his electric glider and told him to "Do a full throttle loop". Which Mark promptly did, at which time one wing removed itself from the airframe. Major damage resulted, but Eric said he'd have it repaired in no time.

Mark won the Blunder award.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07

Recorded and Submitted by *Lance Starzyk*
Acting Secretary

Paul's Korn'r

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger...

Then it hit me.

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,967.28

Deposits:

Total Deposits: \$0.00

Debits:

- Frank Sodek, Jr. (raffle plane).....\$312.99
- Ronald McDonald House\$20.00
- David Macek, please call Buster Hinkle at....718-0243

Total Debits: \$332.99

Balance March, 2011: \$5,634.29

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report

By *Lance Starzyk*



I'm sure everyone has noticed the obnoxious wind and drought-like conditions we're having this spring. As a result the fire level is extremely high and most counties in Texas, if not all, have implemented a burn ban. Despite being near the lake, the club has no water capabilities to put out a fire should one start and it's obvious that a small one could easily turn into a big one in a hurry. Therefore we all need to be extra sensitive to anything that may start a fire at the field (and at home). Please take the necessary precautions to prevent a fire while flying. If you smoke be certain to put it out and use the safety pots.

Thanks!

Air Show Update/Request for Volunteers:

The Annual Temple Air Show is just around the corner on May 6th, 7th & 8th. Flying for us in this year's show will be John Hagel and Fred Cates. Please thank them for volunteering when you see them. Thanks to Doug for supplying me with the list of required items for setting up the show. I will be collecting them and assisting with setup on that Friday morning along with Mark and John Hagel. We'll be in our usual spot by the taxiway this year.

I attended the last Air Show Meeting on April 17th and picked up some posters and updates on the show. According to Beth, sponsorship was down this year but they were still able to come up with a pretty good show given good weather.

At the next meeting there will be a signup sheet for those who wish to volunteer to work the club's tent. In order to receive a wrist band for free entry to the event, you will need to sign up for a time slot to work. You may do this by either attending the next meeting or calling me and letting me know. You can reach me at 254-760-8678.

Thanks!

Lance Starzyk
Airshow CD

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In Loving Memory



Frank Sodek Sr.

November 6, 1934 – March 26, 2011



This marker was dedicated and placed during the Spring Picnic this past weekend.

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