

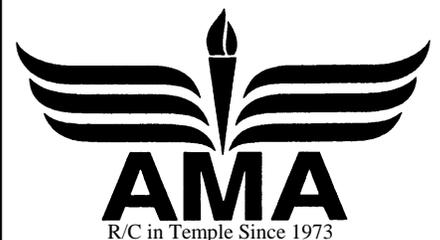
# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

April 2012



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



*Central Texas  
Airshow –  
May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat –  
May 20<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Spring Picnic/  
First Combat –  
Apr 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Club Meeting –  
Apr 30<sup>th</sup>*

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## On The Cover

Mark Harris and his new Predator are ready  
for combat!

Photo by Don Mondrik

## Temple Event Schedule

Apr 29	Spring Picnic/First Combat	1pm
Apr 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 4-6	Central Texas Airshow	
May 20	Combat	2pm
May 21	Club Meeting (one week early due to holiday)	7:30pm
Jun 2	Scale Fly-In	10am
Jun 10	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11am
Jun 24	Combat	2pm
Jun 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 8	Combat	2pm
Jul 22	Combat	2pm
Jul 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 5	Combat	2pm
Aug 19	Combat	2pm
Aug 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 16	Combat	2pm
Sep 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 21	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Oct 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections	6:30pm

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## President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



Greetings, I hope everyone has been enjoying the really nice spring weather – it's such a huge contrast from what we had last year! The extra rainfall we've received this year has really perked up the flying field. On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> we had a good turnout of club members for a Field Work Day. Crews were busy all morning mowing, weed eating, pruning the new trees and removing the protection fences, cleaning and repairing the bathroom and filling holes and washed-out areas around the runway. A few days later Larry Macie and John Hagel replaced all the safety barriers around the pilot flight stations. If you haven't yet come out to fly this spring, you're really missing a great opportunity to enjoy the field at its finest. Remember, August is coming - it will be miserably hot again - so come take advantage of this nice weather while you can.

The entrance gate to McGregor Park was closed for a few days due to the lake flooding the park, but it is now open again. (ed. note: the road is still pretty rough at the corner) Isn't it amazing how quickly nature can turn around! I'd like to remind all club members that we can still enter the park through the left-most entrance gate even when the entrance is closed. Also, we have a new Park Host camping at the entrance gate. His name is Ron Neely, and he flies RC! Most of you should remember Mr. Neely, he has been the park host at McGregor Park before, and was a club member then.

This is the final reminder that our Spring Picnic and first round of Combat flying is to be held on Sunday, April 29th. The picnic consists of a pot luck lunch beginning at 1PM. Everyone should bring a dish of goodies; the club will provide drinks/plates/utensils. After pigging out we'll start the combat fun, and between combat heats there will be plenty of time allocated for flying, so bring your planes even if you're not participating in Combat. And don't forget to bring your family and friends – the more folks that come to the party, the merrier it will be!

The following weekend (May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) brings about the annual Central Texas Airshow at the Temple airport (KTPL). Our club will have a big presence there again this year. We open the airshow each day with an RC flying demo, and we man a booth during the show to show off our planes with a static display, give out information about our club and our wonderful hobby, and sell raffle tickets for an RTF trainer to raise funds for the club. Lance Starzyk is leading the Airshow event for the Club this year. We'll be finalizing the plans during the upcoming club meeting, so please attend and offer

your support to Lance for this event. If you're unable to attend the next meeting, please call Lance at (254)760-8678 or email him at [starzyk@eccwireless.net](mailto:starzyk@eccwireless.net) to offer your assistance.

See you all at the Spring Picnic,

*Frank Sodek*

[fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$6,516.90

Deposits:  
Dues..... \$60.00

Total Deposits: \$60.00

Expenses:  
Ronald McDonald House..... \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$25.00

Balance March, 2012: \$6,551.90

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

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## Safety Officer's Report

By *Paul Horan*



Well, the winter that never was has passed and it's flying time again. Time to remember sun screen, bug repellent, hats and sunglasses. Particularly the sun screen, skin cancer is no joke.

Ever notice that some flyers almost never seen to have a problem with their equipment or plane and almost always have a great time? Attention to detail is a key element to having a great day flying or a bumper and possibly getting injured or injuring someone else. By "Attention to detail" I mean being prepared. Sounds trivial, but... have you ever forgotten your transmitter, wing tube, fuel, etc? For you electric guys: batteries or charger? I bet you have, I know I have. I also bet that it *at least* put a damper on your flying enjoyment. Your enjoyment is important. However, the hidden issue here is *safety*. Not being prepared creates an atmosphere of chaos for you, and possibly others around you. You tend to get rushed and distracted. This is the *Perfect* situation for an accident. What do I mean by *accident*? Oh,

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little things like sticking your hand in the prop, cutting yourself with a knife, or crashing your plane (hopefully not into one of your buddies). Seems like an extreme statement? Just think of the times one of those, or other accidents, happened to you or someone else. Frequently it was a self-inflicted crisis by not being prepared. If you are already "buzzed" by one of these "crisis" then it is harder to adapt to an unexpected problem and you have an "accident". (John Hagel and Roger Miller, call Buster Hinkle at 718-0243)

So make a special effort to attend to those details needed to be prepared to have a safe and enjoyable time flying.

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## Paul's Korn'r

In a democracy, it is your vote that counts. In feudalism, it is your Count that votes.

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, March 26, 2012**

Call to order by Frank at 7:30

Minutes from last meeting:

Mark made motion to accept minutes as printed, second by Roger, no opposed.

Treasurer's report: Move to accept by Roger, second by Fred, no opposed

Safety Officer report:

No report but mentioned AMA legislation would have no effect

Field Marshal's report:

- a) Fence: fence finished John suggested work day To be 31<sup>st</sup> of March
- b) Spraying: Ed and Frank will get together on day and time

Announcements: None

Old Business: none

New Business:

- a) New pilot training- begins April fourth
- b) Spring Picnic- April 29<sup>th</sup> one PM. This the first round of combat.

- c) Air Show: May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> need list of people who will be available to volunteer to help set up and man the booth. Lance will be at next meeting to hand out arm bands to people available to help. Lance needs a good head count for the air show if you are available call Lance at 254-760-8678 if need be call me (Frank) at 254-295-6204 and I will relay the message

Trip reports: none

Blunder awards:

- a) Fred and Larry in the launch of F-16, Larry forgot which way was up.
- b) Mark Harris landed plane with a stripped clevis

Needless to say, Larry and Fred won, with Larry getting strict instruction to find out which way is "up" before hand-launching.

Adjourn: Moved by Roger, Seconded by Paul. No opposed.

Minutes recorded by *Roger Miller*, Secretary

Submitted by *Roger Miller*, Secretary

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New pilot station safety fences. Thanks to Larry Macie and John Hagel.

Photo by Larry Macie

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