

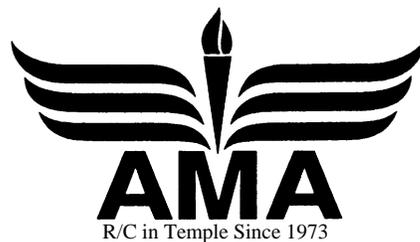
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

April 2013



This month's meeting will be held Monday, April 29th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Spring Picnic/
Combat: April 28th*

*Club Meeting:
April 29th*

CLUB INFO

*Central Texas
Airshow:
May 3rd - 5th*

Combat: May 19th

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Temple Event Schedule

Apr 28	Spring Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Apr 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 3-5	Central Texas Airshow	
May 19	Combat	2:00pm
May 20	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 2	Combat	2:00pm
Jun 9	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 22	40 th Anniv Celebration/Fly-In	11:00am
Jun 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 30	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 14	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 28	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 11	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 25	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 8	Combat	2:00pm
Sep 29	Fall Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Sep 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 6	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 13	Combat	2:00pm
Oct 20	Poker Fly	1:00pm
Oct 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 30	Last Beginner's Night	5:30pm
Nov 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 1	Don Cullison Toy Fly-In	1:00pm
Dec 9	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

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On The Cover

Paul Horan with his Commander EP40
(see a review of this airplane on page 4)

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President's Report

by Frank Sodek



Greetings, I hope everyone has been enjoying the really nice spring weather. For some reason, every Wednesday since the start of Beginners' Night on April 3rd haven't been conducive to flying - it's either been raining or too windy. Hopefully that will change soon, and we'll get back to flying on Wednesday evenings.

Our combat pilots couldn't wait until the Spring Picnic to start chasing each other and tearing up their planes, so the initial round of combat flying started on Sunday, April 14th. There was a very good turnout for the first event - combat is now our most popular and successful club event - and everyone had a great time even though several mid-air did unfortunately happen. A rescue crew also helped retrieve Mark's plane from the top of a tall tree after he went deadstick and couldn't make it back to the field.

On Saturday, March 20th we had our first Field Work Day to get the field ready for the Spring Picnic. I want to thank Larry Macie, Steve Gregory, Mark Cullison and Bobby Zikes for helping out that morning, the field is really looking nice now. 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.

I want to remind everyone that our Spring Picnic and the next round of Combat flying are to be held on Sunday, April 28th. 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 3rd-5th) brings about the annual Central Texas Airshow at the Temple airport. 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 electric foamie to raise funds for the club. Fred Huber 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 Fred for this event. If you're unable to attend

the next meeting, please call Fred at (254)289-6580 or email him at fhhuber@earthlink.net to offer your assistance.

See you all at the Spring Picnic,

Frank Sodek

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Meeting Minutes (March 25, 2013 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Club President Frank Sodek at 7:30pm. Four of the five club officers and six other members were present.

New Members/Visitors - Pete Cornett has moved back to the area and is rejoining the club. Pete was Club President in 1990 and 1991.

Minutes from the meeting held in February were accepted as published in the March newsletter with one correction: Fred bought his electric Me-262 from Nitro Planes (it's made by Dynam). Motion was made by Fred Huber, seconded by Dean Paulsen.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tom Drybola, 2nd by Fred.

Safety Report - Paul mentioned that even though electricians are quiet and thought of by some modelers as toys, they're still capable of hurting you, so please be careful.

Field Marshal's Report - It was mentioned that we should have a work day before the Spring Picnic; it was scheduled for Saturday, April 20th.

Announcements - Frank mentioned that the Collings Foundation will be bringing some historic planes to the Temple airport: a B-17, B-24, P-51 ME-262 and a Huey helicopter will be at the airport from Wednesday through Friday.

It was also mentioned that B.W. Ponder was in Scott and White because of pneumonia and fluid in the lung plus a collapsed lung, and that he was undergoing surgery.

Old Business

Gate keys: Frank mentioned that he had gotten some more gate keys made.

Airshow: Fred reported that he was still looking for demonstration pilots. He had his ducted fan jet ready to fly, and he and Ron will be flying their foamie deltas with lights Friday night. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Fred to spend up to \$500 for four pop-up canopies for the airshow, the motion passed. Buster will purchase them. There was discussion on getting a generator for Friday night, Paul Horan will talk to Paul Milton about it. A motion was made to spend up to \$160 to purchase the Dynam electric RTF P-51 as

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the raffle plane by John Cobb, second by Fred – the motion passed. Fred will buy the raffle plane. Mark will print the club information sheets and raffle tickets. Every volunteer for the airshow should bring magazines to hand out, plus airplanes to show at the static display.

40th Anniversary Celebration: will be held on June 22nd, Fred has submitted the sanction request and notice to the AMA. We will have sausage wraps for the pilots and door prizes (B.W. has donated an oil change).

New Business

Frank mentioned that new pilot training begins April 3rd.

Combat; the first combat session for this season will occur on April 14th.

Frank mentioned that the Spring Picnic will be held on Sunday, April 28th beginning at 1PM.

Tractor/shredder: there was discussion regarding a 9N Ford tractor and shredder that Don Mondrik had found. A motion to spend \$1,200 was made by Paul Horan, seconded by Fred if it checks out OK (Buster to check it out and report back), the motion passed.

Trip Reports – No trip reports were given.

Blunder Awards – there were no blunders admitted this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*

Club President

Treasurer’s Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,841.22

Dues.....\$150.00

Total Deposits: \$150.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

AMA Fun Fly Sanction.....\$20.00

Total Expenses: \$45.00

Balance March, 2013: \$4,946.22

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

Review of the Commander EP40

Mixed results with the Near RTF combo package. Good EPO foam model with carbon wing tube and carbon main gear struts. Lite ply crutch stiffener and motor mount pre-installed in the fuselage. Hinging is foam (typical of this type) with pre-installed pinned plastic hinges as back-up. (not typical, good upgrade, standard for both versions) Servos that came with the plane are serviceable and have had no issues so far. The included motors have had 2 fail out of the 3 models purchased (Paul, Randy Mennen and myself... mine still works) Motor failures were the magnets coming unglued, indicating use of the wrong type glue. Randy's motor failed using the recommended battery and the prop included in the package, doing relatively mild flying. Paul's failed at first power up. Power of the included motor is very good with unlimited vertical at less then 70% throttle. Accelerating vertical while rolling is possible at full power.

The model flies extremely well. Knife edge holds altitude at 60% power and 50% rudder with almost no roll or pitch coupling. Even I can do knife edge with this model due to the small the corrections to maintain a straight line. I suspect it can knife-edge loop, with stock setup.... not tried yet. We airbrushed these models instead of using the very complex sticker sets that came with the aircraft.

We located good, inexpensive replacement motors. The motor diameter is limited to under 40 mm to fit in the model and the ones we found to fit are rated as replacement for .25 glow... with 550 watts rated power. Original motor is rated 450 watts.

Paul and I can recommend the aircraft in the ARF package (no servos or motor). Because of our results with the included motor we do not recommend the "pre-assembled" package. We suspect that use of better glue on the lite ply crutch will aid in fuselage strength. This is a change only possible with the kit version. Also we think the lite ply firewall needs hardening with CA or replacement with aircraft grade ply. Replacement of the firewall in the assembled version requires cutting up the nose of the airplane. This can be done with little cosmetic damage but it's not easy.

Fred Huber

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40th Anniversary Celebration

Fly-in

22 June 2013

Gates open 8:00 am

Pilots' Meeting 11:00 am

Open flying of all aircraft types

300 X 50 ft paved runway

No Fee Fly Free!

Pilots please RSVP for BBQ @ 1:00 pm

free for registered pilots

Door Prizes for registered pilots

Spectators welcome

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