

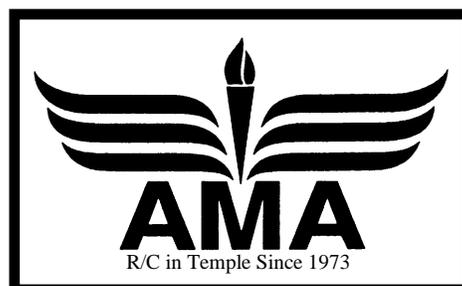
# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

August 2010



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



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

*Combat –  
September 12<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Fall Picnic /  
Final Combat –  
September 26<sup>th</sup>*

## 2010 Officers

President: Lance Starzyk  
760-8678  
Vice Pres/Sec. Frank Sodek  
773-8081  
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
982-4746  
Safety Officer: Randy Mennen  
541-9349  
Field Marshal: Fred Huber  
698-4777

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081  
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Fred Huber 698-4777



## On The Cover

He's back! Randy Mennen (our new Club Safety Officer) is shown with his big ¼ scale Goldberg Yak, powered by a Brillelli 46cc gas engine.

Photo by Mark Cullison

## Temple Event Schedule

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



At the time of this writing, our area has had over 26 consecutive days of 100+ temperatures. Combined with the occasional downpour and resultant humidity, August hasn't had very ideal weather for flying. I suspect activity at the field has been relatively low.

Hopefully, September will see some cooling in time for the Fall picnic and last combat event on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

This month's meeting will be held on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Among other agenda items, we'll be discussing some field maintenance issues. All comments, opinions and suggestions regarding club activities are openly welcome. As a reminder, while I'm always interested in constructive ideas, a viable suggestion that requires some action needs to be brought up at a meeting with some ownership, or basically it remains just an idea.

See you then.

Lance Starzyk  
Club President  
[lstarzyk@vvm.com](mailto:lstarzyk@vvm.com)

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## Meeting Minutes (July 26, 2010 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors - None

Minutes from the meeting held in June were read by VP/Secretary Frank Sodek; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Doug Staines and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Sonnier.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Fred Huber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Weems.

Safety Report – Safety Officer was not present.

Field Marshal's Report – Fred reported that the trail mower is working. He stated that he needs someone to buy gas for the mowers.

Fred and Randy cut the five trees that were marked for removal and hauled them off.

Fred and Randy plan to rent a stump grinder to grind out 6-8 old stumps and the five new ones, for an approximate cost of \$125. Fred made the motion to rent the stump grinder; Frank 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion passed.

Fred stated that we still need a good weedeater for the flying field. Doug made the motion to spend up to \$200 to purchase one, Andy seconded and the motion passed.

## Old Business

Field Maintenance Work Day – A field maintenance work day was originally scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>, however it was cancelled.

Trail mower repair – Fred reported that the repair parts for the trail mower totaled \$45.

Tree watering –Buster has delivered three barrels out to the field. Doug mentioned that he has the club's barrel that can also be used.

## New Business

Safety Officer – Larry Macie has resigned as the club's Safety Officer. Randy Mennen has volunteered to replace him, and he was unanimously elected to the position at the meeting.

Combat Contest Director – Larry also had to give up his duties as the Combat CD. Mark Cullison has volunteered to take over his duties. Mark gave an update on current standings.

Club website – Mark and Andy will work together on updating the club's website.

Newspapers in Education – Buster read a letter from the Temple Daily Telegram asking for the club's participation in the Newspapers in Education program, which sponsors the use of newspapers in classrooms. The cost is \$117 per year. Fred made the motion to participate, Andy seconded, and the motion passed.

Trip Reports – None

## Blunder Awards

1) Fred was flying his Banshee reproduction when it decided to park itself in a tree. He reworked the nose to add a lot of down thrust. At full throttle he performed a loop and snapped the wing in half.

2) Fred programmed his Inspire 60 into his Polk's radio and let Randy fly it. Randy took off, and the plane went in at full throttle.

3) Cliff Manuel took his mini-Stick off (which doesn't taxi) and it cartwheeled, breaking off the vertical and horizontal stabilizers. He had plugged the ailerons in incorrectly.

Fred won this month's Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*  
VP/Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance : \$4,743.52

Deposits:

Fun Fly Entry Fees ..... \$110.00  
 Dues ..... \$30.00  
 Total Deposits: \$140.00

Debits:

Trail mower blades (Fred H. ) ..... \$48.70  
 Fun Fly food (Mark C.) ..... \$52.05  
 Newsletter postage, Jan-Jun (Frank) ... \$31.68  
 Ronald McDonald House ..... \$20.00  
 Total Debits: \$152.43

Balance July 2010: \$4,731.09

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
 Club Treasurer

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## <<< For Sale >>>

Tom Reed has the following items for sale. Contact him by phone: (254)774-7466 or by email: [pcav8r@att.net](mailto:pcav8r@att.net) if you're interested in any of these items.

- 1) Complete Futaba 4EXA computer radio NEW in the box. It stores 4 models in memory and has many electronic features to make it very easy for the beginner or sport pilot. I am selling it for \$149.00 complete!
- 2) Sport scale amphibian model called the "Coot" that will fly on the runway with wheels (supplied) or on the lake or grass or snow (ha ha). "Ready to Fly" with 2.4 GHz radio installed, model, and electric power with 4 New Li-Po batteries. Requires about one hour assembly to be ready to fly! I am selling it for \$199.00 complete!

## Dead-stick landings

By *Gary Thompson*

**Superior Pilot:** *Def.* A pilot who uses superior judgment to keep himself out of situations that might cause him to have to use his superior flying skills.

Knowing how to make a dead-stick landing can help make you a superior pilot. Some of us think that if you prepare well enough, a dead-stick landing will never happen. But even the best preparation in the world can still allow for this event to happen. All it takes is for your engine to stop just once during flight. To make the best of this sudden event, you should be well-prepared.

**1. Practice for a sudden loss of power.** When looking for something to do during your next flight, why not try a few dead-stick landings. Just cut the power back to idle and try to make the runway. Even better, have a helper call dead-stick and then cut to idle. This will introduce a sense of urgency to the drill. Your helper may even get some kicks out of trying to see if he can force you not to make the runway without adding power.

**2. At the first sign of a loss of power, head toward yourself.** This gives you the maximum amount of altitude and the minimum distance to make the runway or landing area.

**3. Keep your altitude when your airplane is distant.** Don't fly low and far away. If you are distant, you will need altitude to trade for speed in order to make the runway.

**4. Use a timer.** If you prudently set a timer to time out when you have used no more than 75% of your tank, you will be able to more easily determine when your gas supply will run out. Electric fliers have a leg up here because they automatically receive a warning when the batteries begin to lose power.

**5. Watch your speed and altitude.** Without power (dead-stick), the only way to gain flying speed is to dive. If the airplane stalls, it may lose all of its altitude at once.

**6. Pay attention to ground speed.** You can cover more ground going downwind than up. When dead-stick and turning into the wind, you will lose a lot of ground speed, so make your final turn short, or if you can't make the turn, land downwind.

**7. Set up your tank clunk.** Make sure the fuel pickup clunk is not touching the back of your fuel tank. Set it up so that the fuel pickup is free to move from the bottom to the top. Now go fly right and practice a few dead-stick landings.

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## District VIII Events

- Aug 27 ARCA 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bird – Austin
- Sep 4 Texas Best E-Jets and Rally – Mansfield
- Sep 5 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Texoma IMAC Challenge – Southmayd
- Sep 9-11 HOTMACs Southwest Jet Rally - Waco
- Sep 11 Southern Electric Jet Festival – Hockley
- Sep 11 BVRC Just Plane Fun Fly In – Bryan
- Sep 11 Shupe Memorial Cub Fly – Kingsbury
- Sep 11 Thunderbirds 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Biplane Fun Fly – Ft. Worth
- Sep 11 Cedar Creek Big Bird / Swap Meet – Malakoff
- Sep 11 N. Dallas RC Float Fly – The Colony
- Sep 17-19 Hill Country Electric Fun Fly - Austin
- Sep 17-19 Bomber Field B17 / Big Bird – Monaville
- Sep 17-19 Southern Rotary Classic – Pittsburg
- Sep 18-19 NDRCC 27<sup>th</sup> Pattern Classic – Aubrey
- Sep 18 Thunderbirds Senior Pattern Contest – Ft. Worth
- Sep 18-19 Highland Lakes Float Fly – Llano
- Sep 25-26 DEAF 24 – Seagoville
- Sep 25-26 JETERO IMAC Texas Shootout – Huffman
- Sep 26 Thunderbirds Open House Airshow – Ft. Worth
- Sep 26 WAMS Fall Float Fly - Weatherford

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