

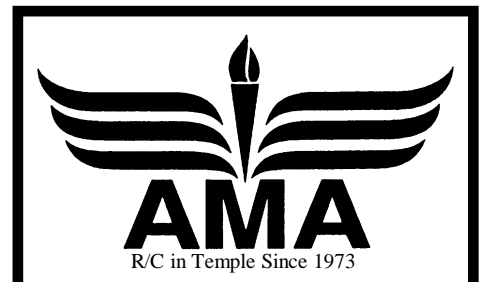
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2010



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 22nd at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Club Meeting –
Feb 22nd*

*First Beginners’
Night –
Mar 17th*

CLUB INFO

*Mall Show –
Mar 27th - 28th*

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On The Cover

Here's what McGregor Park looks like after the recent rains - only the upper half of the restroom is out of the water. The lake is now about 10' above its normal level, and has to rise another 12' before we're unable to access our field.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Event Schedule

Feb 22 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 17 First Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Mar 27-28 Mall Show
Mar 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 17-18 Temple Pattern Contest
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



to drizzle.

Due to the wet winter so far and at the time of this writing, the Belton Lake level is high and McGregor Park remains closed to the public. Although one should never speak ill of the rain in Texas, hopefully it will slow before the lake reaches the field. The ground is saturated and even our sandy soil has standing water in places. For now, members can still access the field via the far left main gate.

Speaking of access, as you will read in this month's newsletter, the club has voted to change the locks effective March 1st. From time to time the club does this for two reasons: to refresh security through key control and to encourage non-paying past members to renew. For those who have already paid their dues, new keys will be available at the next meeting (February 22) or mailed out to those who can't attend.

Finally, March is almost here and with it starts Beginners' Night on March 17. Also, the Mall Show will be held on March 27th and 28th. Everyone is welcome to attend and show off their favorite models to the public. As a reminder, no event just happens. Help is always needed and greatly appreciated even if it's for just a day or part of a day. Thanks in advance to all who plan on participating.

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



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

New Members/Visitors Mike Massie, new member.

Minutes from the meeting held in November were read by acting Secretary

Mark Cullison; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Doug Staines and 2nd by John Redwine.

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

Safety Report Our new Safety Officer, Larry Macie, tasked everyone to stay safe this year.

Field Marshal's Report The Trail Mower has been repaired. New tires are needed. Lance will check on the prices of solid tires. Lance also mentioned the need to cut up and haul off a downed tree, no volunteers.

Announcement Lance Starzyk reminded everyone the purposes of the Frequency board is to 1) Allow others to know what frequency is currently being used and 2) Proof of AMA membership and insurance coverage. Remember, only current and valid AMA cards are to be used on the frequency board. Business cards, driver's license, etc. are not to be used for this purpose.

Old Business

Solar Panel for 40' container - Item tabled at this time.

Rerouting/reattaching 12V wires – Some discussion to run conduit for the wires. Was decided to reroute and reattach the wires in a more aesthetic manner. John Hagel volunteered to take on this project.

Replace Windsocks – No progress has been made. Don Mondrik will continue work on this project.

New Business

Re-key locks – Lance Starzyk proposed to re-key the locks at the field and have new keys made to help increase security. There are too many keys floating around out there from past members. He estimated the cost to be around \$60. The motion passed with an effective date of March 1st for the transition. New keys will be handed out or mailed to current members. John Hagel requested a current roster be posted at the field so club membership could be verified. Mark Cullison will provide the roster. This brought up a discussion of the possible need/use of club membership cards. No action was taken on the proposal.

Mall Show Date Change - The Mall Show was originally schedule in early February. Due to business travel by the event CD, Frank Sodek Jr., a date change was requested and approved. The new dates are March 27th and 28th. The purchase of a raffle plane was approved. The desire is to purchase either the F-22 or Mustang. These two are the best raffle ticket selling models. Frank will need to contact Max Blose at the Waco Hobby Stop for purchase. Lance also read the action item list

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Frank provided, and mentioned that volunteers would be needed for the event. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

Airshow - Doug Staines will be heading up this event again this year. There will be a Friday night show, however we have not been asked to participate. Doug will try to secure a better location for our display tent. More info will be forthcoming.

Flying field road signs – Lance announced he is remaking the signs along the road leading to our flying field at no cost to the club.

Blunder Awards

- 1) Larry Macie: Flying a Perfection bought from the Georgetown Swap Meet. Upon landing, rudder fell off. FAA investigation revealed the hinge pins were insufficiently secured and fell out in flight. No damage.
- 2) Charles Harris: Flying 3D with his Slick 540 50cc airplane. In a low hover. Engine died. He managed to get it level before pan caking it on the turf. Probable cause: insufficient mount for throttle servo. Damage was a broken bulkhead.
- 3) Cliff Manuel: Flying his V-Lox. Radio took a “hit”. Airplane went to full throttle and drilled into the ground. Suspect a vibrating loose muffler created RF noise that caused the radio interference. Major damage resulted.
- 4) Lance Starzyk: Flying his World Models Mark II in high wind and rain. Practicing slow flight, approaching runway, the airplane stalled with only a few feet of altitude. Bounced off the left wing tip, rolled and bounced off the right wing tip, then nosed over on landing. Damage was only a crushed wing tip.

Larry Macie was declared this month’s winner of the Blunder Award.

Trip Reports – Several members attended the Georgetown Swap meet. It was reported to be a “buyer’s market” this year, many airplanes for sale. Lots of 72 MHz stuff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Minutes recorded by *Mark Cullison/Acting Secretary*
Submitted by *Mark Cullison/Acting Secretary*

Treasurer’s Report



Beginning Balance : \$3,365.65

Deposits:
Dues \$1,030.00
Total Deposits: \$1,030.00

Debits:
Two Oak trees \$106.75
Christmas Banquet room rent \$100.00
Trailing mower parts (Larry) \$149.33
Club lock (John) \$36.95
Mower deck belt (John) \$49.80
Ronald McDonald House \$20.00
Total Debits: \$462.83

Balance January 2010: \$3,932.82

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer’s Report



Hello everyone,

Welcome to a new flying year. The weather has not cooperated with us this last month, but it should be changing soon and (we hope) for the better. The days are starting to get longer and more people will start to show up for flying later in the day.

Most people do fly on the weekend and look out for each other when it comes to safety, but there are some people that fly during the week with friends and some fly alone. Even though not required, you should try and have a buddy with you when you fly. You never know what may happen and you may require assistance. Let’s all have fun this year, and I hope to see some new planes out at the field.

Larry Macie
Club Safety Officer
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Let’s all get some planes ready for the Mall Show!!!

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Taco Soup Fly-in

Mother Nature didn't cooperate very well for the club's Taco Soup Fly-in held on February 7th, but everyone that came to the event sure had a terrific stomach-warming bowl of Larry Macie's delicious taco soup. There were a few flights flown by brave pilots until the drizzle started. Here are a couple of photos from the event.



(L-R) John Hagel, Mark Cullison and Doug Staines are chowing down at the recent Taco Soup Fly-in.



(L-R) Head Chef Larry Macie and Bobby Zikes are attempting to keep warm at the Taco Soup Fly-in.

Club Field Access

This is just a reminder that McGregor Park is closed due to high water. Club members can still access our flying field by entering through the locked left gate at the park entrance, which has a club lock on it.

As mentioned in the President's column and the meeting minutes from the last club meeting, the club's gate and storage building locks will be re-keyed by March 1st. Every current club member will receive a new key at the February meeting or by mail if you can't make this month's meeting.

If you haven't renewed your club membership for this year, please use the form on the next page so that you can continue to have access to the flying field.

Club Member News

Frank Sodek, Sr. is now finally at home after spending almost 11 weeks in the hospital and extended care facilities after his knee joint replacement surgery. He hasn't been released to drive himself around yet, but he's rapidly gaining back his strength and walking ability.

Former Club Member News

Former youth club member Lt. Alex Divine (grandson of former member James McKee) is shown with his lovely new wife Barbara. Alex is flying F-16s for the United States Air Force.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Temple Aero Modelers

To join the Temple Aero Modelers or renew your dues, please fill out this form, enclose a check, and mail to:

Temple Aero Modelers
c/o Buster Hinkle
11591 Pritchard Rd.
Temple, TX 76501

Make check payable to:
Temple Aero Modelers

(check or cash can also be brought to the next club meeting)

Name: _____ AMA#: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Radio Channels that you fly: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ (Home)
(____) _____ - _____ (Work)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*
Adult member dues (18 and over)	\$60.00 _____
Additional family member	\$30.00 _____
Senior member dues (over 65)	\$30.00 _____
Junior member dues (under 18)	\$10.00 _____
Associate member	\$30.00 _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

*For new members only – if joining in the first quarter (Jan-Mar): 100% of full year dues; second quarter (Apr-Jun): 75% of full year dues; third quarter (Jul-Sep): 50% of full year dues; fourth quarter (Oct-Dec): 25% of full year dues.

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District VIII Events

Feb 19-20 Tri City Flyers Swap Meet – San Antonio

Feb 20-21 DMAA Not President's Day Contest – Dallas

Feb 20-21 Alamo RC Super Fun Fly – San Antonio

Mar 12-14 Southlake RC 1st Annual Heli Fun Fly – San Antonio

Mar 19-20 WAMS Annual Swap Meet & Auction - Weatherford

Mar 20 HSF 6th Annual Founder's Day Fly-in - Houston

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