

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2014



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 24th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Club Meeting:
February 24th*

CLUB INFO

*1st Beginners'
Night: March 26th*

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On The Cover

Larry Macie dishes out some of his excellent Taco Soup for Paul Horan to enjoy!

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Event Schedule

Feb 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 26	1 st Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Mar 31	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 13	Combat	2:00pm
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Apr 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 2-4	Airshow	
May 18	Combat	2:00pm
May 19	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 1	Combat	2:00pm
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 22	Combat	2:00pm
Jun 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 13	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 27	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 10	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 24	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 7	Combat	2:00pm
Sep 14	Poker Fly	1:00pm
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Sep 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 11	All Scale Fly-In	TBA
Oct 19	Combat - FINAL	2:00pm
Oct 26	Combat - FINAL rain date	2:00pm
Oct 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 29	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Nov 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 7	Don Cullison Toy Fly	2:00pm
Dec 8	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



Greetings, I hope all of you survived the deep freezes and ice storms we've had lately, without incurring any damages. I'm hoping that we're past the worst of the cold weather, because it sure has warmed up fast.

We had our first club event for this year on Sunday, February 9th: the Taco Soup Fly-in. Mother Nature cooperated extremely well for us this year, giving us a perfect day for flying interspersed right between cold and nasty days, so there was a terrific turnout and lots of flying all throughout the afternoon. Everyone who attended the event was treated to great-tasting bowls of hot spicy taco soup created by Master Chef Larry Macie, and Steve Delgado brought a bunch of tacos for all of us to enjoy. I brought a pot of spiced hot apple cider, but the afternoon turned out to be too warm for anyone to want to drink it (I'm not complaining though!). Thanks a bunch to Larry for hosting the event, and for all the members that attended.

During the last meeting we set the tentative calendar of events for this year. You can find the listing of events on the second page of this newsletter. The next month is event free except for the start of New Pilot Training on Wednesday the 26th, so it gives everyone more time to continue working on all those new projects you have in the workshop. If you're a combat pilot, you should already be working on backup planes #3 and 4, because it's going to be another hot and heavy year of combat competition - you'll see on the events calendar that we have scheduled 12 combat sessions again for this year!

Also during the last meeting there was some discussion regarding mixed flying of close-in 3D aerobatics or helicopters with normal sport flying. We do not have restrictions at our field against 3D

aerobatics or helicopters, but every 3D or heli pilot should remain very aware of any fellow pilots already out flying or coming out to join you in the flying, and tone down the really wild and close-in maneuvers until you have the field to yourself. Of course, even if you're flying alone you must follow all of the club's field safety rules, primary of which is to not fly behind the flight line. Let's keep it safe, we sure don't want anyone hurt!

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,836.72

Deposits:

Dues.....\$820.00

Total Deposits: \$820.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

Larry Macie (pilot stands).....\$36.42

Larry Macie (Poker Fly).....\$32.99

Total Expenses: \$94.41

Balance January, 2014: \$5,562.31

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

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Meeting Minutes (November 25, 2013 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None present

Minutes from the meeting held in October were accepted as published in the November newsletter. Motion was made by Ed Weems, seconded by Pete Cornett.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Cullison, 2nd by Ed.

Safety Officer's Report – Frank reported on changes in the 2014 AMA Safety Code.

Field Marshal's Report – No progress has been made on repairing the entrance gate column. The list of other to-do items (seal coating the runway, rebuilding the starting stands, outhouse repair and replacing missing fence posts) were reviewed. Larry mentioned that there's no need to lock the gate lock back after the gate is opened, which will help out the last person leaving the field if they don't happen to have their gate key with them.

Announcements – Pete mentioned that he will be having surgery on the 6th. Frank gave a brief report on the plans for the TransAmerica Tour, in which the goal is to fly a gas-powered plane from California to South Carolina while piloting the plane from moving vehicles. The group also plans to fly an electric plane from Georgia to Minnesota during the same timeframe. The preliminary path takes it through Hico and close to Waco.

Old Business

Mark gave a quick report on the upcoming Toy Fly to be held on December 1st, and Frank led a discussion on the Christmas Banquet, which will held on December 9th. At this time, the only change

in officers for next year will be for Safety Officer: David Macek volunteered to take the position currently being held by Paul Horan.

New Business – There was no new business discussed.

Trip Reports – There were no trip reports given.

Blunder Awards – Mark Harris forgot his wing tube twice in one day. Mark won the Blunder Award this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*
Club President

Meeting Minutes (January 27, 2014 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None present

Minutes from the meeting held in November were summarized by Frank. Motion to accept was made by Fred Huber, seconded by Ed Weems.

Treasurer's Report - was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ed, 2nd by Mark Cullison.

Safety Officer's Report – the safety officer had nothing to report.

Field Marshal's Report – Fred mentioned that the chrome plating on the gate lock is peeling. Larry offered to grind or sand the loose plating smooth. No progress has been made on repairing the entrance gate column. The list of other to-do items (seal coating the runway, rebuilding the starting stands, outhouse repair and replacing missing fence posts) were reviewed.

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Announcements – Frank reminded everyone that club dues are now due. He also mentioned a couple of stories that were printed in the Temple Daily Telegram about UAV testing at Ft Hood and the need for highly-paid pilots to fly them.

Old Business

Mark gave a quick report on the Toy Fly, and Frank gave a report on the Christmas Banquet. The only change in officers for this year is for Safety Officer: David Macek volunteered to take the position.

New Business – The tentative calendar of events for this year was set.

Frank mentioned that he had received the AMA Club Re-charter package. David will post the new AMA Safety Rules at the field. There was discussion regarding the need for obtaining a sanction for the Airshow.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming Taco Soup Fly-in, to be held on February 9th and led by Larry Macie. Larry will bring a pot of soup and fixings, Frank will bring drinks.

Doug brought up the issue of mixing flying of close-in 3D aerobatics and helicopters with general sport flying. Any 3D or heli pilots should be respectful and aware of any other pilots on the flightline, and must abide by the club's Field Safety Rules, even if they're flying alone. Frank mentioned that he would write about this issue in the next newsletter.

Trip Reports – Doug and Larry reported on the Georgetown Swap Meet.

Blunder Awards – Larry crashed his multi-rotor at the Christmas Banquet, and he won the Blunder Award this month.

Show and Tell – Doug mentioned a couple of tips that he had read about: use an orbital sander

(without sandpaper) to vibrate the airframe before initial test flight to check for soundness of mechanical and electrical connections; use a vacuum cleaner to suck a string through wing ribs so that it can be used to pull servo leads.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*
Club President



Photo by Larry Macie

Bobby Zikes rev'n it up at the
Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup!

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Photo by Larry Macie

Great turn-out for the Fly-In-
The-Taco-Soup!

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