

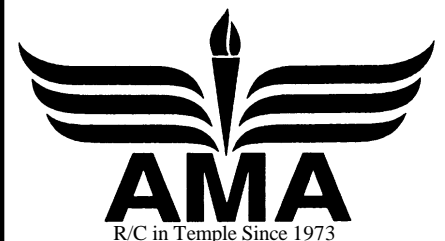
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2015



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 23rd at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Club Meeting:
February 23rd*

CLUB INFO

*Note: The Taco
Soup Fly-in
scheduled for
February 22nd has
been cancelled, due
to other conflicts*

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On The Cover

Larry Macie, our new Club President, is shown with his HobbyKing Flybeam night flyer.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Feb 23	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 25	1st New Pilot Training Evening	5:30pm
Mar 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 4	Combat	1:00pm
Apr 26	Spring Picnic	1:00pm
Apr 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 1-3	Central Texas Airshow	All weekend
May 9	Combat	1:00pm
May 18	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 6	Combat	1:00pm
Jun 14	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 11	Combat	1:00pm
Jul 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 8	Combat	1:00pm
Aug 31	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 12	Combat	1:00pm
Sep 13	Poker Fly	1:00pm
Sep 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 4	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 28	Last New Pilot Training	5:30pm
Nov 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 6	Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly	1:00pm
Dec 7	Christmas Banquet/Officer elections	6:30pm

Club business meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of May (pulled up one week because of Memorial Day) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

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President's Report

by *Larry Macie*

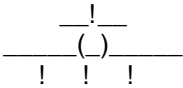


It looks and feels like Spring has sprung, however don't forget this is central Texas. With the weather the way it has been, there has actually been some flying going on at our field. I hope to see more people out flying their new planes. Even if you do not have a new plane, I am sure you have one that you haven't flown in a while. Brush the hanger dust off and come out to the field.

Training night will be starting soon - I challenge you to bring someone new out to the field. We need some new blood!

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Thanks for your support!

See you at the flying field,
Larry Macie
hilaireg@aol.com



Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5366.92

Deposits:
 Dues \$500.00
 Total Deposits: \$500.00

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

Balance January, 2015: \$5841.92

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes (January 26, 2015 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Club President Larry Macie at 7:30pm. All club officers and 13 other members were present.

New Members/Visitors – None present

Minutes from the meeting held in November were accepted as published in the January newsletter. Motion was made by Fred Huber, seconded by Doug Staines.

Treasurer's Report - was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Pete Cornett, 2nd by Fred Huber.

Safety Officer's Report – safety officer, Doug Staines, asked everyone to read the article published in the newsletter.

Field Marshal's Report

Mowing - Brady Sherwood bought new blades for the club mower.

Runway - The club received a quote from A-1 Striping and Sealing to seal the runway for \$3,000. This will be revisited at a later time.

Fence addition – no discussion

Outhouse repair – no discussion

Announcements

Reminder that dues are due – NOW!

Don Modrik gave an update on his son Nick, stating that he planned to go to Grad school.

An announcement and discussion about drones and some idiot pilots giving the hobby a black eye.

There is a new padlock interlocked with ours on our field gate. Assumption is it is the Corps' lock.

Larry Macie's son Dewayne (who is an RC pilot) will be moving back to this area and will be a weatherman on TV channel 25.

New Park Host is ok with night flying at the field.

Old Business - Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly – Doug Staines stated that we may try a different TV station next year.

New Business

Club Charter forms due – Frank Sodek volunteered to help new president Larry Macie.

Flying field lease with Bell County is expiring July 25th and needs to be renewed. Frank Sodek will take on this project.

Taco Soup Fly-in – Larry will bring the soup.

Larry Macie proposed we buy an electric trainer for beginners. (no vote was recorded)

(Minutes are continued on next page)

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Meeting Minutes (continued)

Larry Macie will keep Wednesday’s Beginners’ Nights going this year.

Larry Macie suggested we should advertise in the newspaper once per month to drum up membership and interest.

The event calendar was discussed and event dates were picked.

Larry Macie will run a stand-alone combat event once a month (total of 6) this year. There will be only one picnic this year in the spring, with no combat.

Trip Reports – Brady Sherwood went to the Hico Swap Meet. He reported that it was pretty decent.

Blunder Awards – Frank Sodek killed his new small Perfection. He lost orientation. Frank won.

Meeting adjourned around 8:46 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Mark Cullison*
Club Vice-President/Secretary

Safety Officer’s Report



Last month I talked about the AMA Safety Code and how every member should read the Safety Code and familiarize themselves with the guidelines within the Safety Code and when all fails, use common sense. Not only should every member of our Club read the Safety Code, but they also need to renew their AMA Membership.

This is not optional and no one is exempt. To fly at our Field, which is an AMA Sanctioned Field, everyone needs to have current and valid AMA Membership, which is also stated in the Club Bylaws. AMA Membership provides the required liability insurance you need to fly your aircraft at our Field.

Further, our rules state that you must display your valid AMA Membership Card for the current year on the Frequency Control Board. This is our only means in determining which pilots flying have appropriate liability insurance. If you do not have your AMA Membership Card displayed, you cannot fly: “NO CARD – NO FLYING!”

If you have a hard time remembering to bring your AMA card with you when you want to fly, put your card in your radio transmitter box, flight box or wallet - you had to drive to the field didn’t you? Isn’t your driver’s license in your wallet?

At the time of writing, an AMA report indicated that several

Club members have not renewed their AMA Memberships. Prior to my next Safety Report, I will get an updated report and publish the names of those members that have not renewed their AMA Memberships. I don’t mean to be harsh, but if I have to pay and renew my AMA Membership, then everyone else needs to.

In closing, the same rules apply to your Club Membership: in order to fly you must be a current and active Club Member. The Club needs your membership dues to help pay for maintenance of our field, AMA insurance, purchases, etc. Like your AMA Membership, Club dues are not optional and no one is exempt.

So if you have renewed your AMA and Club Memberships, I thank you, and if you have not, please do so as soon as possible. The AMA conveniently mails out a renewal card each year; find yours or go to the AMA website to renew your Membership. For your Club Dues, get with Buster to pay them or mail them to him.

Submitted by *Doug Staines*
Club Safety Officer
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Brady Sherwood recently replaced the old tattered sign that is located at the “tee” intersection of Moffat and Water Supply Roads and points to our field. Thanks, Brady!!!

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Central Texas Air Show

By Doug Staines

The 2015 Central Texas Airshow is just around the corner: May 1, 2 & 3. Our Club will again be taking an active part in the Airshow much like we have each year.

In the past, the Club's participation at the Airshow was coordinated and organized by a single Club member, which I had done for several years, as did Frank Sodek and Fred Huber. I can tell you, it's a lot of work! This year we will be running things a little different; Larry Macie, Mark Cullison and I will divide the workload or areas of responsibility equally between us.

Larry will serve as our 'Air Boss', coordinating and organizing the RC Flight Demonstrations, which we will hold Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Representing our Club, Larry will also be our designated Member to attend the Airshow pilot meetings prior to each show and serve as the Liaison with the Airshow Air Boss during each flight demonstration. If you want to volunteer to participate in the demonstrations please contact Larry at hilaireG@aol.com or call him at (254)291-4590. Larry will also be contacting pilots to recruit their participation in the demonstrations.

Mark will serve as our 'Ground Boss', coordinating and organizing the Club's Static Display, Information Tent and Airplane Raffle. Mark will be organizing and securing the help of our Club members to help staff the Club Information Tent/Static Display on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We need a great volunteer effort from the members to put in a shift or two, so please contact Mark at mcullison1@aol.com or call him at home (254)773-9686 or mobile (254)493-7468. Mark will be conducting some recruiting efforts to staff our booth area, so when asked don't hesitate to help - we need as much help as we can get and if you can help, you will get free admission to the Airshow for the entire weekend.

I will be serving as the 'Logistics Boss' and 'Airshow Coordinator'. I will be responsible for obtaining and transporting all the necessary equipment and material needed for our Information Area/Static Display. I will coordinate the constructing and dismantling of these areas. I will also serve as the Event CD of our Club's Participation at the Airshow as required by the AMA and serve as the Club's Contact Person for the Central Texas Airshow organizers, attending any meetings, etc. I will also secure the necessary admission arm bands for our members who volunteer to help in either the Flight Demonstrations or staffing our tents.

A successful Airshow can only happen with the help of our

Members, so if you can volunteer and help please do so and contact the appropriate Boss.

Doug Staines
Airshow Coordinator

Editor's note: On Sunday, February 15th the FAA finally released their long-awaited rules for "drones". The following article was posted on the Huffington Post's website, and is being reprinted for the benefit of club members.

Proposed Drone Regulations Complicate Amazon Delivery Plans



The FAA on Sunday released proposed regulations on drones. | Eddie Gerald via Getty Images

By Alwyn Scott

NEW YORK, Feb 15 (Reuters) - The U.S. aviation regulator proposed rules on Sunday for flying drones for commercial purposes that would lift some restrictions but would still bar activities such as the delivery of packages and inspection of pipelines that have been eyed by companies as a potentially breakthrough use of the technology.

The long-awaited draft rules from the Federal Aviation Administration governing use of unmanned aircraft require pilots to obtain special pilot certificates, stay away from bystanders and fly only during the day. They limit flying speed to 100 miles per hour (160 kph) and the altitude to 500 feet (152 meters) above ground level.

The rules also say aircraft must remain in the line of sight of its radio-control pilot, which could limit inspection of pipelines, crops, and electrical towers that are one of the major uses envisioned by companies.

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The FAA acknowledged the limitation but said those flights could be made possible with a secondary spotter working with the pilot of the drone.

"This rule does not deal with beyond line of sight, but does allow for the use of a visual observer to augment line of sight by the operator of the unmanned aircraft," FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said in a conference call with reporters on Sunday.

The draft rules, nearly 10 years in the making, still must undergo public comment and revision before becoming final, a process expected to take at least a year.

If they survive in their current form, they would be unlikely to help Amazon.com in its quest to eventually deliver packages with unmanned drones, since they require an FAA-certified small drone pilot to fly the aircraft and keep it line of sight at all times - factors not envisioned in the online retailer's plan.

Huerta also said, "We don't consider or contemplate in this rule carrying packages outside of the aircraft itself."

Amazon vice president of global public policy Paul Misener said that the proposal would bar the company's delivery drones in the United States. Misener also urged the FAA to address the needs of Amazon and its customers as it carried out its formal rulemaking process.

"We are committed to realizing our vision ... and are prepared to deploy where we have the regulatory support we need," Misener said in an emailed statement.

RULES EXPECTED TO EVOLVE

Huerta said the rules set a framework for regulating drone flights and would evolve based on ongoing discussions with industry and technology developments.

The rules continue current restrictions against filming of crowds by news organizations, but Huerta said he expected those procedures to be developed as part of discussions with news groups.

Industry experts said the rules did not contain onerous pilot standards that could have severely restricted commercial flying.

They would not require drone pilots to undergo the medical tests or flight hours required of manned aircraft pilots. Commercial drone operators would need to be at least 17 years old, pass an aeronautical knowledge test and be vetted by the Transportation Security Administration.

"We have tried to be flexible in writing these rules," said Huerta. Separately, President Barack Obama issued a memo outlining

principles for government use of drones, covering such issues as privacy protections and oversight of federal drone use.

The draft rules, while still restrictive, appeared less onerous than the industry had been worried about. There had been concern, for example, that the FAA would require drone operators to attend a flight-training school and obtain a certification similar to that of a manned aircraft pilot.

"I am very pleased to see a much more reasonable approach to future regulation than many feared," said Brendan Schulman, a lawyer who works on drone issues at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel in New York.

The proposal would benefit U.S. farmers and ranchers as it would enable them to scout fields more efficiently, said RJ Karney, director of Congressional relations at the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), also praised the draft. "This is a good first step in an evolutionary process that brings us closer to realizing the many societal and economic benefits of UAS technology," AUVSI President Brian Wynne said in a statement.

The model aircraft community was more cautious.

As hobbyists had worried, the rule does not address a large category of people who have purchased drones but don't know about the safety codes of hobby groups, and may inadvertently fly them into dangerous situations.

The FAA has tried to address that group by publishing fliers and websites that point out the safety risks. Huerta said the agency would also take action against those operating drones carelessly or recklessly.

"While we have not yet fully reviewed the proposed rule, we can say that regulations relating to the commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) should not apply to the longstanding, educational hobby of flying model aircraft," the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), the world's largest hobby group, with 170,000 members, said in a statement.

Privacy advocates were also concerned that the FAA's draft rules did not place enough limits on when law enforcement agencies would be permitted to use drones for surveillance.

Sunday's proposal "allows the use of data gathered by domestic drones for any 'authorized purpose', which is not defined, leaving the door open to inappropriate drone use by federal agencies," said Neema Singh Guliani, legislative counsel at the Washington legislative office of the American Civil Liberties Union, in an emailed statement.

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**Here are some upcoming
nearby AMA District VIII Events**

February 20-21: "Freeze Fly at Apache Pass" – Rockdale, TX
Fly Apache Pass RC Website: www.flyapachepass.com

March 28: Georgetown Club 40 Racing – Georgetown, TX
Georgetown Aero Modelers Association Website: www.gamarc.org

March 28: "Cubs and Cousins" – Austin, TX
Austin RC Association Website: www.austinrc.org

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