

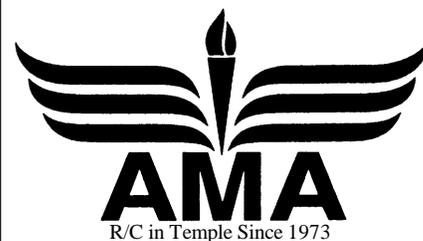
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2019



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 25th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Taco Soup Fly-in:
February 24th*

*Club Meeting:
February 25th*

CLUB INFO

*Night Fly:
March 15th*

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On The Cover

Ashon Cain is shown with his really nice P-51 Mustang when he was out at the flying field in mid-December.

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Temple Aero Modelers 2019 Event Schedule

Feb 24	Taco Soup Fly-in	Noon
Feb 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 15	Night Fly	7:00pm
Mar 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 27	Start of Training Sessions	5:00pm
Apr 12	Night Fly	7:30pm
Apr 28	Spring Picnic	1:00pm
Apr 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 3-5	Central Texas Airshow	All weekend
May 10	Night Fly	7:30pm
May 20	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 9	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 14	Night Fly	7:30pm
Jun 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 12	Night Fly	7:30pm
Jul 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 9	Night Fly	7:30pm
Aug 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 6	Night Fly	7:00pm
Sep 15	Poker Fly	11:00am
Sep 29	Fall Picnic	1:00pm
Sep 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 4	Night Fly	6:30pm
Oct 6	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 23	Final Training Session	5:00pm
Oct 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 8	Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly	1:00pm
Dec 9	Christmas Banquet	: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). New pilot training sessions are every Wednesday evening during Daylight Saving Time.

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President's Report



Hello again to all of you Aeroheads out there!!! February is nearing an end and the weather has not especially been our friend this month, but there have been a couple of Sundays that had decent flying conditions without getting blown away. Let's hope that March will bring some ideal flying conditions. But before March has a chance to greet us, we have a final weekend in

February that will be the date for the club's famous "FLY IN THE TACO SOUP" (trademark pending with National Soup Day calendar of important events that also feature the name of an insect) that is to be held this Sunday, February 24. I expect that we will start serving at around 1:30P.M., or whenever I feel that it has reached its utmost flavor or should I say utmost palatability - whichever comes first. Anyway, come hungry because I will be making enough to feed Ft. Hood, if they should choose to cross the lake for a visit.

We set the upcoming schedule of events for this year at the last club meeting, and there will be many times that we will have something special going on. I think that we should have a few extra events and we encourage your input as to one that you personally would like to see as an event this year. Bring your ideas to the next meeting which will be held on February 25th. Not coming to the meeting because you are not feeling well due to still being intoxicated due to over-indulging in Taco Soup is not a valid excuse to miss the meeting. That's because you can NEVER over-indulge in Taco Soup. Also, there is no such thing as a Taco Soup Hangover. Google it if you don't believe me.

We have had several new aircraft showing up at the field already this year and I'm sure that there are many winter projects that are being completed in anticipation of the warmer weather and longer days that will be coming soon. If you have a project that is nearing completion, feel free to come to the meeting prepared to show us, or at a minimum, tell about what's going on in your hangar. We all enjoy hearing about something new aircraft-wise, new equipment you got for Christmas, or things that you may have heard about general flying knowledge that we may not all have heard about. Remember, it's never bragging. We belong to this club because we all enjoy sharing and being with club members that share our love of this hobby. This is not like fishing where you can't share with other club members because they are your competitors, or they might want to steal your favorite fishing spot, or know if you caught those bass with a pink and purple fuzzy wuzzy in 10-15 feet of water. We like to fly and be around others that like to fly.

Remember, Taco Soup Fly-in this Sunday followed by our monthly club meeting the next evening at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Happy Flying,
Steve Sanders
Club President stsand001@aol.com

Meeting Minutes (January 28, 2019 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Steve Sanders at 7:30pm.

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes from the meeting held in November were accepted as published in the January newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Mark Cullison, seconded by Darrel Tintzman.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer. Motion to accept was made by John Redwine, seconded by Doug Staines.

Safety Officer's Report – Doug discussed the new AMA Safety Handbook and passed out copies. He mentioned that everyone needs to also follow the Club's field safety guidelines and he reminded everyone that they should not fly over the flight stations, the pit area and pavilion (including quadcopters).

Field Marshal's Report – Paul reported that he met representatives from the Corps of Engineers for our annual field inspection. The only writeup was the need to store the propane containers for the grill in the small conex instead of the large one. Frank mentioned that he had the fire extinguishers inspected and updated the AMA documents a few days before the inspection.

Frank reported that the Corps of Engineers provided final approval for construction of the tractor cover. Steve Meyer discussed a quote that he obtained for the materials. Frank moved the tractor inside the large conex and took down the temporary cover.

There was discussion regarding treatment for grassburs and it was decided to target mid-February for application.

Announcements - Brady Sherwood gave an update regarding his recent severe health issues.

Old Business

New officers: Steve Sanders is Club President; Jim Goren is Vice-President and Paul Milton is Field Marshal.

Mark reported on the Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly; he reported a great turnout for the event and a large batch of toys that were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House.

Buster reported on the Christmas party; there was a delicious mix of foods and we had fun exchanging gifts.

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New Business

Frank mentioned that he had received the Club Charter renewal kit from the AMA. He got a check from Buster and will submit the application.

Club members set the dates for this year's events. It was decided to let Larry Macie provide a list of Night Fly dates.

Trip Reports - A few club members attended the Georgetown Swap Meet.

Blunder Awards - Kenny Maddux reported that the receiver in his plane went into failsafe and the plane spiraled softly into a tree without any damage. Kenny won this month's Blunder Award.

Door Prize - Kenny won the doorprize that was donated by Paul Milton.

Show and Tell - Paul brought his new Tower Hobbies Slow Ride for members to check out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Frank Sodek*
Club Secretary fsodek@aol.com

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3,341.39

Deposits:
Dues ... \$410.00
Asphalt sealer refund ... \$399.15
Total Deposits: \$809.15

Expenses:
Ronald McDonald House ... \$25.00
Tractor gas (Paul M) ... \$15.00
Christmas party room rental (Bobby Z)... \$100.00
Total Expenses: \$140.00

Balance January, 2019: \$4,010.54

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

The greater thing is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

Progress has little to do with speed and a lot to do with direction.

Safety Officer's Report



During the past couple of years, we have seen the operation of FPV Aircraft or unmanned aircraft utilizing 'First Person View' at our field. Pretty cool stuff, especially when the video screen is set up for you to watch, giving you a bird's eye view of the aircraft flying.

Contained in AMA Document #550 'FPV Operational Guidelines' is Item 2(d) which states '*All FPV flights require an AMA FPV pilot to have an AMA FPV spotter next to him or her maintaining VLOS (visual line of sight) with the FPV sUAS throughout its flight*'. In short, when you fly your FPV aircraft you must have a spotter at your side and the aircraft must be seen at all times by the spotter.
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files?file=documents/550.pdf>

I have observed while in attendance at our field, that when FPV operated aircraft are flying, that both aspects of Article 2 (d), use of a spotter and flying the aircraft within VLOS, are not always practiced. This is concerning because we are not following AMA FPV operation guidelines and the proximity of our field to a full-scale airport. It's not uncommon for small full-scale aircraft to venture into our airspace. This makes it imperative that we utilize a spotter when flying FPV aircraft and keep the model aircraft within VLOS to warn the FPV pilot of an approaching full-scale aircraft.

I will depart from following the guidelines when small FPV operated aircraft such as small quadcopters fly at or below the tree line and within the immediate area of our runway. Using a spotter and observing VLOS is a little bit of overkill, unless other aircraft are flying at the same time - just use common sense.

Not to beat the point to death, but the AMA has also issued their statement or guidelines titled 'See & Avoid' <https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/540-D.pdf>. The merit of this document is to avoid collisions between all aircraft flying within the National Airspace System (NAS) and to preserve our privilege to fly model aircraft in the NAS which includes our flying area.

When we comply or adhere to AMA Guidelines when flying our model aircraft, it ensures that we are observing 'See & Avoid' principles, thus doing our part to protect the sport of Model Aeronautics and preserving our privilege to fly in the NAS.

In closing and as always, be safe, use common sense and above all, enjoy our sport. See you at the field!

Respectfully submitted by *Doug Staines*
Club Safety Officer dasintex@hotmail.com

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Editor’s Note: Most of you should have already received notice from the AMA by email regarding the requirement to mark all your models with an FAA-issued registration number, however I have included it here for those who haven’t seen it yet. You can find a Q&A section that I didn’t have space to run in this newsletter which has a lot more specific details regarding this requirement at this link: <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2019/02/13/faa-issues-interim-final-rule-for-external-marking-requirement/>

FAA Issues Interim Final Rule for External Marking Requirement

The FAA issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) today that will require drone pilots and model aircraft pilots to display their FAA-issued registration number on the outside surface of their aircraft. The rule will take effect on Monday, February 25, which means the markings must be in place for any outdoor flight beginning on that date.

Although most AMA members already have their FAA registration number posted on the outside of their aircraft, AMA will be submitting comments to the FAA requesting a waiver process for those who might be burdened by external markings, such as members who fly scale replica model aircraft. Most importantly, this rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is simply that the registration number must be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft’s exterior. As you know, the registration requirement is not new. Congress reinstated this requirement in December 2017 with the [passage](#) of the National Defense Authorization Act. Although this rule was flexible and allowed the registration marking to be placed in an enclosed compartment, law enforcement officials and FAA partners have expressed concerns about the safety risks a concealed explosive device could pose to first responders when opening a compartment to find a registration number.

If you would like to submit your own comment on the Interim Final Rule, simply visit www.regulations.gov and search for “RIN 2120-AL32.” You can also visit www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=93045 to learn more. The deadline for public comment ends on March 15, 2019.

If you are uncertain if you have a valid FAA registration, you can access your FAA account at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#>. This site will allow you to view your personal FAA registration number and expiration date. We strongly advise you to avoid registering your model aircraft anywhere other than the official FAA website. If you register under Section 336, there is a \$5 fee for a three-year registration, and hobbyists receive one

identification number for all of their aircraft. Please be aware of unofficial registration websites that charge exorbitant fees or require separate registration fees for each recreational aircraft. We continue to work closely with the FAA to determine the best path forward regarding recreational UAS operating requirements. We have already received numerous questions from our members and have posted the most frequently asked questions and answers below. As always, thank you for your continued support, and please reach out with any further questions or concerns at amagov@modelaircraft.org.

Night Fly Events

By Frank Sodek

During our last club meeting in which we were setting dates for this year’s club events, the members that were present decided to let Larry Macie set the tentative dates for the Night Fly events. Larry sent me eight Night Fly dates which have been added to the Calendar (see page 2 of this newsletter). Basically there’s one every month starting in March and going through October. I’ve listed the starting time for each at around 30-45 minutes before sunset, however most guys come out earlier and fly their “daytime” planes before sunset. So come on out even if you don’t have a night flyer, they’re fun to watch!



We are judged by how we finish, not how we start.

Frank Sodek - Editor
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