

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2022



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 28th beginning at 7:00pm in the Temple Schlotzsky's Meeting Room.



*Club Meeting:
February 28th*

*Night Fly:
March 4th*

CLUB INFO

*Taco SoupFly-in:
March 13th*

*Start of New Pilot
Training Sessions
March 16th*

Please play your membership dues!!!

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Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Event Schedule

Feb 28	Club Meeting	7:00pm
Mar 4	Night Fly	6:00pm
Mar 13	Taco Soup Fly-in	Noon
Mar 16	Start New Pilot Training	5:00pm
Mar 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 1	Night Fly	6:00pm
Apr 24	Spring Picnic	1:00pm
Apr 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 6	Night Fly	6:00pm
May 23	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 3	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jun 12	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 1	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jul 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm

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On The Cover

Larry Macie is preparing his new delta wing plane (recently obtained at the Tri-City Flyers Swap Meet) for flight.

Photo by JR Hester

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), October (pulled up one week because of Halloween) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

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President's Report



It's hard to believe we're already heading into March, but here we are. Along with warmer weather, March usually brings winds! I know some of you guys are like me - if I can stand up without leaning too much or falling over, it's not too windy to fly. ;-) But I know there's also those of you who miss out on some otherwise good flying days because the wind intimidates you. And that's OK! Everyone needs to have their personal limits.

I'd like to challenge you guys to try and stretch those limits this year. Flying in the wind can present some intimidation factor for sure, but it's also very rewarding when you nail a landing on a breezy day. Having the right plane to fly in the wind helps, of course. Low wing loading and high drag is not a good combination for flying in the wind. Streamlined models that are on the faster and heavier side are your best choice for a windy day. Of course helicopters are great in the wind, but we won't go there. I'm probably one of the only club members crazy enough to fly those things!

So you've decided to fly on a windy day. What now? Well the first thing to do is mentally prepare yourself for the difference in visual speed (ground speed) between going upwind and downwind! You must resist the temptation to try and fly at the same visual speed in both directions, because that means on the downwind pass your actual airspeed will be much lower and you risk a stall. You've heard of the legendary "downwind turn" stall and crash, right? That can only happen if you try and fly your approach at the same visual speed that you would on a calm day. Believe me, that downwind leg is going to look like you're screaming fast, but if you use the same throttle settings as you would on a calm day you'll be fine. Remember, the airplane really doesn't know the wind is blowing! It flies at the airspeed it wants to fly, regardless of how fast (or slow) it looks like it's going from your stationary perspective.

So you've made your downwind leg, base leg, and turned to final. Here's where you may need to modify your usual throttle settings compared to a final approach on a calm day. You may need to carry extra power, at least until you get within 5 or 6 ft of the ground. When you get down to head high or below, you start to enter the boundary layer near the ground, and the wind speed drops off compared to higher altitude. Be ready to chop power, and concentrate on your flare.

That's it! Flying in the wind can actually be fun, and you'll certainly increase your skills. Try it!

Chris Boultinghouse
Club President cboultinghouse@yahoo.com

Meeting Minutes (January 31, 2022 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by our Club President Chris Boultinghouse.

New Members/Visitors –None

Minutes – Minutes from the November and December meetings were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Steve Sanders and seconded by Larry Macie.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept the report was made by Paul Milton, seconded by Anthony Smith.

Safety Officer's Report –Larry Macie did not have any safety issues to report. Deer season is now over, but care should still be taken when retrieving a downed plane across the fence.

Field Marshal's Report – Larry reported that someone mowed the driveway. He is also working on the mower bearings.

Frank Sodek reported that the Corps of Engineers inspection report has not yet been received. Frank and Larry will spray pre-emergent for grassburrs.

Announcements – Chris reminded everyone to pay their dues. Frank mentioned that the Tri-City Swap Meet (San Antonio) will be held on February 11th and 12th.

Old Business – The Night Fly held on December 3rd had a few pilots. Hot dogs were cooked and the firepit was used.

The Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly was held on December 12th and was a huge success, with a great turnout and a total of 44 toys were collected. Steve delivered the toys to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Christmas Banquet was held on December 13th with a good turnout and delicious food selection. Buster led the gift exchange and the evening ended with a surprise visit from Elvis!

Larry acknowledged that he is OK with being both the Club Safety Officer and Field Marshal again this year. Frank will make up an email list of local members for Larry to use because there is a 20-person limit on the text messaging group that Larry set up.

New Business – Larry made a motion for the club to make a \$100 donation to the Northside Church of Christ for allowing us to use their really nice fellowship hall for our Christmas Banquet. Kenny Maddux seconded, the motion passed.

Frank mentioned that he had received the Club Charter packet from the AMA. He will complete the forms and mail them with a check back to the AMA.

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The Taco Soup Fly-in will be held on Sunday February 6th beginning at 4pm, and will be followed by a Night Fly beginning at 6pm.

A tentative Calendar of Events for the year was created.

Chris mentioned that he'd like to have some "Build Nights" in his garage/shop to allow club members to use his new laser cutter and foam cutter to build foamboard models.

Trip Reports – Several club members attended the Georgetown Swap Meet.

Frank James visited the PIMA Air Museum in Tucson, AZ.

Blunder Awards – None!

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by *Frank Sodek*
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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3,342.21

Deposits: Dues: \$1,060.00
Total deposits: \$1,060.00

Expenses: None

Balance January 2022: \$4,402.21

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

February Meeting – Time and Location Change!

The next club meeting (which is to be held on Monday, February 28th) will be held in the meeting room of the Temple Schlotzsky's Restaurant. The Temple Schlotzsky's is located just off South 31st street near Loop 363 (behind CVS Pharmacy).

Note that the meeting will start at 7pm because Schlotzsky's closes at 8pm now. The room is reserved for us beginning at 6:30pm, so you can come early and buy a sandwich if you'd like (not provided by the Club, sorry).

Fly-in-the-Taco Soup Fly-in (Rescheduled)

The Fly-in-the-Taco Soup Fly-in that was originally scheduled for February 6th will now be held on March 13th. Hope for good weather and bring some planes and a big appetite!



Larry Macie and Steve Sanders recently installed the new charging shelves. *Photo by Joe Svacina*



Chris Boultinghouse launching his scratch-built EDF A-7 Corsair II. *Photo by Joe Svacina*



Here is another nice shot of Joe Svacina's A-1 Skyraider. *Photo by Joe Svacina*

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