

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

January 2008



This month's meeting will be held Monday, January 28th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup –
Feb 3rd*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –
Jan 28th*

2008 Officers

President:	Mark Cullison 773-9686
Vice Pres/Sec.	Lance Starzyk 760-8678
Treasurer:	Buster Hinkle 982-4746
Safety Officer:	Don Mondrik 9391242
Field Marshal:	Randy Mennen 899-1097

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Frank Sodek, Jr.	773-8081
Mark Cullison	773-9686
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B.W. Ponder	778-6182
Doug Staines	780-3512
Lance Starzyk	760-8678
Steve Meyer	939-6394
Fred Huber	368-6122



On The Cover

Mark Cullison (our new President for 2008) brings his father's beautiful Sig Four-Star 60 back from a successful flight during the Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive Fly-In. As can be seen from Mark's short sleeves, the weather was perfect for the Toy Drive and Poker Fly this year!

Photo by Lance Starzyk

Temple Event Schedule

Jan 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Feb 3	Fly-in-the-Taco-Soup 12 noon
Feb 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 12	First Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Mar 29-30	Mall Show
Mar 31	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 19-20	Temple Pattern Contest
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/First Combat 1pm
Apr 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
May 2-4	Central Texas Airshow
May 18	Combat 2pm (with Bryan club)
Jun 1	Combat 2pm
Jun 2	Club Meeting 7:30pm (delayed a week due to holiday)
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly 10am
Jun 22	Combat 2pm
Jun 30	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 13	Combat 2pm
Jul 27	Combat 2pm
Jul 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 10	Combat 2pm
Aug 24	Combat 2pm
Aug 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 7	Combat 2pm
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 29	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 19	Poker Fly 10am
Oct 27	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 29	Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 7	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 9	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections 6:30pm

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President's Report



Greetings from your new President!

First, a bit of history... I rejoined the Temple Aero Modelers in 1993 (I was a member in the mid-70's for a year or two!). After just a few months, I took on the role of Newsletter Co-Editor with a good friend of mine, Keith Zellmer. When Keith and his family moved to Ft. Worth I became the Newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed the editor position over the last 14 years. It really keeps you in the middle of the club action! I will be relinquishing the position to a long-time member who I am confident will continue to keep us well informed of club happenings, Frank Sodek, Jr.

Frank has agreed to take on the role of Newsletter Editor so I may focus on being your President (truthfully, I was getting a bit burned out!) Frank has been helping me each month by proof reading and making suggestions. He has also stepped in a couple times to produce the newsletter when I was on vacation. Thanks Frank!

Other officers for 2008 are: Lance Starzyk - Vice-president, Buster Hinkle - Treasurer, Don Mondrik - Safety Officer, and Randy Mennen - Field Marshal.

I want to send a big "thank you" out to Bobby Zikes for donating the 2007 club Combat League trophies. Speaking of combat, Larry Macie has agreed to take on the CD job for the 2008 Club Combat League.

I look forward to serving in this new capacity. With your help and support, I am confident that we are heading into another great year of flying (if the lake will stay away from our field!)

Mark Cullison
Club President
mcullison1@aol.com

Meeting Minutes (November meeting)

Called to order by President Doug Staines at 7:30pm

New Members/Visitors None

Minutes from the meeting held in October were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Don

Mondrik and 2nd by Nick Mondrik.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Fred Huber and 2nd by Ed Weems.

Safety Officer's Report was made by Paul Horan, our Club Safety Officer. Paul stated that when test flying a new airplane on its first flight, keep it out (away from spectators) and preferably make the first flight when no one else is flying.

Club Member Recognition President Doug Staines recognized Randy Mennen for his numerous contributions to the club during 2007, which included numerous hours of mowing, cooking at club events, leading the starting table building crew and construction of the new helicopter starting table, welding new plane restraints and obtaining new signs. Because of Randy's long hours and devotion to the club, Doug stated that Randy's club dues would be waived for 2008.

Old Business

Field Maintenance Randy Mennen stated that the new helicopter starting tables were completed. This will make mowing around them easier.

Toy Drive/Poker Fly Final preparations were made for the Christmas Toy Drive/Poker Fly to be held on December 2nd. Larry Macie will take care of food, Frank Sodek will bring drinks. Don Mondrik stated that he had received some nice raffle prizes for the event, thanks to Peacock Hobbies.

Christmas Banquet Final preparations were made for the upcoming Christmas Banquet. It will be held at the Western Hills Church of Christ. Doug Staines will bring plates and utensil, Frank Sodek will bring beverages.

New Business

Club Dues Doug Staines reminded everyone that club dues for 2008 are now due, and that dues must be paid before a member can participate in officer elections.

Officer Nominations Doug Staines indicated that all officer positions were filled with single names (volunteers) except for the Safety Officer's position. Officer slots for 2008 that have been filled are as follows: President – Mark Cullison; VP/Secretary – Lance Starzyk; Treasurer – Buster Hinkle; Field Marshal – Randy Mennen. Nominations for Club Safety Officer

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were received for Paul Horan, Don Mondrik and Larry Macie.

Blunder Awards The following Blunder awards were presented for voting :

- 1) Don Mondrik made a lot of pieces while flying his electric Brio.
- 2) Randy Mennen was flying his big Yak when one wing came loose and rotated. The plane spun down and pancaked into the ground.
- 3) Lance Starzyk was flying his Ultra Stick late in the evening when he lost his muffler and the engine quit. During the resulting deadstick landing, the wing broke off.
- 4) Paul Horan made a bad landing during a strong crosswind. He attempted to go around, but the plane did a cartwheel, creating much damage.

Don Mondrik won this month's Blunder Award.

Trip reports Mark and Doug attended the "Just Plane Fun" fly-in in Bryan and gave a report.

Show and Tell Larry Macie showed off his nice jacket that he had embroidered with the club's logo at All Sports Trophy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek, Jr.*

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,054.93

Credits:

Roger Miller (tree donation)	\$100.00
Dues	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Deposits:	\$250.00

Debits:

Randy Mennen (mower fuel)	\$51.70
Randy Mennen (sausage)	\$47.90
Ronald McDonald House	\$20.00
Temple Telegram (Partners In Education)	<u>\$117.00</u>
Total Debits:	(\$236.60)

Balance November 2007: \$5,068.33

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Welcome to the year 2008, may it be the beginning of another great year of enjoying model airplanes. Thanks for the vote (or should I say the appointment) to be the Safety Officer for the Temple Aero Modelers. I have served as an officer in several different capacities over the years and I hope this will be just as enjoyable and rewarding.

The Temple Aero Modelers did not always have a Safety Officer; it was mandated by the AMA a few years ago. Like most members I do not remember exactly what happened but I think it had to do with insurance. The insurance companies have a lot of influence on those wishing to purchase insurance, it's their game and you have to play by their rules. So the rules filter down to the local club level and we complied. We have a list of rules. Where did the rules come from? I do know the answer to that one, several club members formed a committee and we came up with stuff that was eventually voted on by the majority and became RULE.

Our rules were created to cover most of the things we felt our club would experience. Some rules are well known and some are not, our hobby has moved forward since our rules were created. The addition of electric power comes to mind as an example. So this year I propose that our rules be updated, revised and rewritten to address current trends and maybe delete or rescind aspects that may no longer apply. I will speak with the new President, Mr. Mark "Newsletter Guy" Cullison, to share some ideas and we'll see where that leads.

With regard to safety, one thing I have learned over the years is that society responds to accidents with a knee-jerk type of reaction. Safety rules or laws are created as a result of an injury or death. And, in trying to encompass all aspects of a topic, the rules or laws try to blanket everything to make it safe. Sometimes the application of rules/laws in such a fashion works and sometimes we end up with what appears silly and self-evident. But the rules or laws were created with the very best of intentions, to keep someone else from suffering a similar fate.

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One of my favorite sayings, "Good Intentions, Paved the Road to Hell..." The fact of the matter is: you can't protect people from themselves. If someone is determined to do something, say something obviously really stupid, there is little you can do to prevent them from finding a way to carry the act out.

The Temple Aero Modelers flying field is often a busy place, and we have always done a good job of reminding people if something looks hazardous or if they are about to do something hazardous. An example would be climbing a tree to retrieve a model. Should anyone climb a tree to retrieve a model? If you can't reach it with the poles and the ladder we have, climbing the tree probably won't help. Our membership generally knows their own limitations, be it flying, tree climbing or physical labor. Help is always available! I can't think of a single incident where members have not gone out to help retrieve/search for a downed plane. Help with in our club is always available.

Remember, you can't protect people from themselves. And my favorite, don't get hurt having fun!

Don Mondrik
The New Safety Guy

P. S. Never ever, under any circumstances try to catch a running Dremel tool - it ain't worth it!

Christmas Banquet Report

By Frank Sodek

Our club closed off the year with a terrific Christmas party which was held at Western Hills Church of Christ (thanks to Bobby Zikes), and was well attended by club members, their families and guests. We had a great selection of food that was brought for the pot-luck dinner – no one left hungry!

After totally stuffing ourselves, Doug Staines, our outgoing President, led a brief business meeting in which he thanked club members for all their support during the year - especially to everyone that helped maintain the field and get it back into shape after the Big Flood. Doug presented the new set of club officers for 2008 and also gave out the final combat standings for the year, with the top three pilots getting trophies (thanks to Bobby Zikes).

We ended the evening with the always-popular Chinese Gift Exchange, which was very entertaining. The highlight of this year's gift exchange was watching Randy Mennen get his gifts stolen repeatedly – I think he set a new record!

>>> For Sale <<<

Steve Sanders has the following items for sale. Email him at Stsand001@aol.com or call 939-7707 or 760-5194 (cell phone) after work or on weekends if you are interested in any of these items.

1. Thunder Tiger Decathlon ARF with OS.46SF and Futaba-compatible servos. \$125.00
2. V-Mar Ramrod ARF with .46 Thunder Tiger Pro (new/unstarted) and Futaba servos. \$125.00
3. Sig Astro Hog (from kit) with .61 Magnum ball bearing engine and Tower Hobbies servos. \$150.00
4. Perfection (from kit) with .61 Magnum ball bearing engine and Tower Hobbies servos. \$150.00
5. Pica Rapiere (from kit - no motor) .61 size with Futaba servos. \$65.00
6. Rookie (from Kit) .40 OS FP engine and Futaba-compatible servos. \$75.00
7. Sig Something Extra (from kit) no engine, Futaba-compatible servos. \$75.00
8. Thunder Tiger Decathlon (ARF) new in box. \$125.00
9. World Models Super Sports 40 (ARF) new in box. \$75.00
10. EZ - Sportsman GAIA .25 size ARF new in box. \$100.00
11. World Models Super Stunts ARF with .46 Thunder Tiger Pro engine and Futaba servos. \$125.00
12. SPAD- QHOR with OS .40 FP and Futaba servos. \$50.00
13. Unknown (from kit) like a Perfection with OS .91 4-stroke engine, no servos. \$150.00

Steve also has several extra engines, radios, Monokote, props, batteries and other miscellaneous items that he needs to clean out of his game room. Give him a call!

>>> Notice <<<

James McCormick, Jr. sent a notice that on Saturday, December 8th, he purchased some airplanes and equipment from Dr. Hodges at his yard sale. He was unable to get all of the items in his car, so he went home and got his truck. When he returned, a hinge slotting machine and a few other items were missing. James would appreciate the items being returned back to him. Please contact James at 718-8850 if you have any information regarding these missing items.

Photos from the Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive and Poker Fly



The great weather brought out lots of folks



The flight boxes were busy all afternoon



Everyone was well fed by Head Chef Larry Macie



Pilots drew for door prizes at the end of the Poker Fly

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District VIII Events

- Feb 23-24 Not Presidents' Day CL Stunt Contest -
Dallas Hobby Park, Dallas, TX
- Feb 28 IMAA Rally of Giants 2008 - Weslaco
Airport, Weslaco, TX

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