

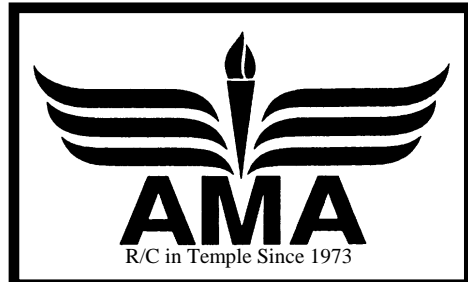
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

January 2012



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



*Club Meeting –
Jan 30th*

CLUB INFO

*Fly-In-The-
Taco-Soup –
Feb 12th*

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On The Cover

Your 2012 Club Officers.
From left to right: Roger Miller – VP; Fred Huber –
Field Marshal; Frank Sodek, Jr. – President, Paul
Horan – Safety Officer; Buster Hinkle – Treasurer.

Photo by Mark Cullison

Temple Event Schedule

Jan 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Feb 12	Fly-in-the-Taco-Soup(tentative)	12noon
Feb 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 4	First Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Apr 29	Spring Picnic/First Combat	1pm
Apr 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 4-6	Central Texas Airshow	
May 20	Combat (tentative)	2pm
May 21	Club Meeting	7:30pm (one week early due to holiday)
Jun 2	Scale Fly-In(tentative)	???
Jun 10	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11am
Jun 24	Combat (tentative)	2pm
Jun 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 8	Combat (tentative)	2pm
Jul 22	Combat (tentative)	2pm
Jul 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 5	Combat (tentative)	2pm
Aug 19	Combat (tentative)	2pm
Aug 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 16	Combat (tentative)	2pm
Sep 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 21	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Oct 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections	6:30pm

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



Greetings and Happy New Year from your newly re-elected club President. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and I also hope Santa delivered that new RC-related gadget that you were wanting!

It's hard to believe that we're starting a new year once again, however this time I'm ready to get last year behind us – it was a really tough year for our club. First we lost Cliff to a tragic accident at the lake in early February, then my father passed away in March, and finally we all had to endure the miserably hot and dry summer. All these really put a damper on my enthusiasm for participating in club activities, and I suspect a lot of you were also affected. This year I'm vowing to make a greater effort to participate in all club activities. Heck, I'm even thinking about getting back into Combat flying this year!

We finished out last year with two fun events – the Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Fly-in and the Christmas Banquet. Thanks to the generosity of club members, Mark was able to deliver a truck full of toys to the Ronald McDonald House. The Christmas Banquet was well attended and had lots of great food and fellowship. Combat League trophies were awarded and Club officer elections were held (see the results elsewhere in this newsletter) and the evening concluded with the hugely popular Chinese gift exchange directed by Buster Hinkle.

Inside the front cover of this newsletter you will find a tentative schedule of events for this year. There's always a bit of fine-tuning performed later, but most of the dates are fairly firm, so put them on your personal calendar and plan now to attend. You'll see that the events are fairly similar to prior years' events, however one rather big change that you'll notice is that we have decided not to hold our annual Mall Show this year. Participation wasn't very high for the past couple of shows, plus I feel that most of the Mall customers (who are mainly young teenagers) aren't that interested in our sport. Another change is the addition of an All-Scale Fly-in on June 2nd. Don't consider the list of events closed; if you have suggestions for a new event (and would like to take the lead in directing it) please bring it up at the next club meeting.

Our first event for this year will be the Taco Soup Fly-in on Sunday, February 12. We cancelled last year's event out of consideration for Cliff being missing. Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate for this event, however I'll guarantee you that we'll have a great-tasting hot bowl of soup available to warm your tummy, even if the flying conditions aren't

favorable, so come out and have some fun with us.

I'd like to thank the outgoing club officers for their great contributions in time and effort to make our club successful. I know that everyone has busy schedules these days, but nothing gets done in the club unless someone steps up and takes responsibility for an event to happen, whether it's a flying-related event or a field maintenance chore. Please do your part and help out as often as possible!

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Meeting Minutes (December 5, 2011 meeting)

A short business meeting was held during the Club's annual Christmas Banquet on December 5, 2011. Club President Frank Sodek presided over the meeting. Minutes from the November meeting were not read, and no Treasurer's report was given.

Mark Cullison gave a report on the Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly, and also announced the final results for the Club's Combat competition as follows: 1st place: John Cobb; 2nd place: Doug Staines; 3rd place: David Macek.

Frank thanked the event directors and outgoing officers for their contributions to club activities throughout the year.

Officer elections for 2012 were held, with the following results: President: Frank Sodek; Vice-President/Secretary: Roger Miller; Treasurer: Buster Hinkle; Safety Officer: Paul Horan; Field Marshal: Fred Hubert. Mark Cullison has graciously offered to be Newsletter Editor again for 2012.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*
Club President

Need a Bench?

Need an extra workbench, yet don't have the space for a permanent one? How about an ironing board? If has a padded top (if you choose), is adjustable for height, and you can even sit down while covering or doing close-up work. (James Cobb call Buster Hinkle at 718-0243) Best of all, you can fold it up and put it away.

—*From The Tail Spinner*

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,538.56

Deposits:

Dues..... \$210.00

Cans..... \$23.34

Total Deposits: \$233.34

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House \$20.00

Total Expenses: \$20.00

Balance November, 2012: \$5,751.90

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report

By *Paul Horan*



For the new flying season it is time to dust off your batteries; if they are old either use a battery cyler to check them for at least 75% of the rated capacity or replace them. Before your first flight of the season it is a good idea to do a range check; the

few minutes spent is a lot better than replacing a plane. Also if your radio has fail-safe capability, make sure it is set.

The FAA is in the process of deciding how to regulate us; hopefully they and the AMA will come up with something that is not too restrictive. The latest estimate is that the regulations will be in place mid 2013. One thing you can be sure of is that all of us will be expected to follow the new rules all the time. In preparation for the FAA/AMA rules please fly in accordance with the AMA safety rules and the club's rules. If we have some club rules that are not needed let's get rid of them. If there are some of our rules that we are not following then we will review them and either change them or delete them. I expect that once the FAA rules go into effect next year they will require that we follow the rules we have; so let's get ahead of things!

Fly Safe and have fun.

Paul's Korn'r

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Hinge Installation is Critical

If you are working with an almost-ready-to-fly (ARF) aircraft or are building from a kit or scratch, you will be installing hinges. This is a critical step in model construction. If the control surface binds or has too much of a gap, your baby is going to be a dog and you will have definite control problems.

There are two basic types of hinges: the "living" hinge that is installed using CA glue and the "pinned" hinge that is put in with epoxy. There are advantages and disadvantages to using either type. I have used the living hinge for several years and like the fact that it only takes a few drops of CA to set the hinges in the control surface; however, I have had these hinges break and always seem to get the CA all over the covering, no matter how careful I am. I also have glued the control surface to the wing and tail.

Recently, I went back to pinned hinges. These hinges move with much less resistance and are more durable. (Don Mondrik call Buster Hinkle at 718-0243) I cover the hinge with lip balm before installing it with 5-minute epoxy. When the epoxy dries, the excess can easily be removed from around the hinge.

The Great Planes Slot Machine is a good investment, and it makes hinge installation much easier. Just hang on tight when you start it or you'll have a hinge slot where you probably don't want it.

Finally, after you have a control surface that moves easily and permits adequate throw, don't forget to seal the gap. It is amazing how much difference this will make in the performance of your aircraft. A roll of clear MonoKote will seal the control surfaces of all the aircraft you have. It also keeps the hinges secure and helps prevent control surface flutter.

—*Jim Bronowsky, Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association, Columbia MI*

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Club Dues!**

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