

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

January 2013



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



# CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –  
January 28<sup>th</sup>*

*TBA*

## 2012 Officers

President:	Frank Sodek 773-8081
Vice Pres/Sec.	Larry Macie 291-4590
Treasurer:	Buster Hinkle 718-0243
Safety Officer:	Paul Horan 780-1274
Field Marshal:	Ed Weems 982-4902

## Temple Event Schedule

Jan 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Feb 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 20	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm

Additional events TBA

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr.	773-8081
Mark Cullison	773-9686
Paul Horan	780-1274
Doug Staines	541-2915
Fred Huber	698-4777



## On The Cover

Buster Hinkle stands by ready to officiate the Chinese Gift Exchange at our recent Christmas Banquet.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Mark Cullison - Editor 773-9686  
Frank Sodek - Editor's Assistant 773-8081

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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!

We finished out last year with three fun events: the Poker Fly, the Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Fly-in and the Christmas Banquet. The weather-delayed Poker Fly and the Toy Fly were held together on the same afternoon, and this time Mother Nature cooperated very nicely for us. We all had a fun afternoon of flying and enjoyed some hot spiced cider that Patty and Mark made. Thanks to the generosity of club members, Mark was able to deliver a nice load of toys to the Ronald McDonald House. The Poker Fly event was won by Paul Horan.

We had a very nice selection of delicious goodies at the Christmas Banquet, so everyone was well fed and we all enjoyed the fellowship. Fred put on a nice indoor flying show before the event, including making a few baskets with his airplanes in the basketball nets. We did not have to hold Club officer elections since we only had one volunteer per office. The only change in officers that occurred is for Field Marshal: Ed Weems agreed to be the Field Marshal this year. I want to thank Fred Huber for all the effort he put forth as last year's Field Marshal, and I also want to thank all the other returning officers for stepping up and helping the club out. The evening concluded with the hugely popular Chinese gift exchange directed by Buster Hinkle.

We typically would have a meeting of new officers and event directors prior to the first club meeting of the new year, in which we'd set a preliminary calendar of events for the entire year. This year I decided instead to set the calendar of events during our first club meeting in January. This freed up an evening for all the club officers and event directors, and more importantly it will allow all club members to participate. So please try very hard to attend this next upcoming meeting, because I want to hear all your inputs on which events our club should be holding this year.

Once again I'd like to thank all the club officers, event directors and our newsletter editor 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 - 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*

[fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3,956.77

Total Deposits: \$0.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00  
Western Hills Church.....\$100.00

Total Expenses: \$125.00

Balance November, 2012: \$3,831.77

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes (November 26, 2012 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Club President Frank Sodek at 7:30pm. Four of the five club officers and four other members were present.

**New Members/Visitors** – There were no visitors present.

**Minutes** from the meeting held in October were accepted as published in the November newsletter by motion from Mark Cullison, seconded by Fred Huber.

**Treasurer's Report** was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Fred, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark.

**Safety Report** – Safety Officer wasn't present..

**Field Marshal's Report** – Fred mentioned that he was the only member that showed up for the field work day on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Fred repaired the windsock and cleaned the

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solar panels.

**Announcements** – Frank mentioned that Ron Norman’s wife had passed away. Buster mentioned that Paul Milton was having some complications from recent surgery. It was mentioned that Doug Staines had received the AMA Superior Service Award, as the notice was published in the club newsletter.

**Old Business** – Officer nominations for 2013 were still being solicited, but only Frank, Larry, Buster and Paul (all current officers) had volunteered to be nominated (to their current positions). The slot for Field Marshal was still open. Since the Poker Fly was cancelled due to high winds, it will be held concurrently with the Toy Fly on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Christmas banquet will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Western Hills Church of Christ. Frank will bring drinks, cups, plates and utensils.

**New Business** – No new business was discussed.

**Trip Reports** – A couple of members had visited the new RC car track and hobby shop in Nolanville.

**Blunder Awards** – Larry dead-sticked his electric jet into a tree, due to a bad solder joint at the motor..

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Minutes recorded by *LarryMacie*  
Club Vice-President / Secretary

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## **Why Did I get Into This Hobby?**

Jim Wallen, Club Corner author, sjwallen@tde.com

**Think about** all the reasons today’s modelers got into this hobby in the first place. The answers are numerous, varied, and wide ranging.

Perhaps decades ago you were at your father’s or grandfather’s workbench watching the magic taking place before your very eyes. Perhaps you were just driving by a flying site and stopped in to see what that buzzing up in the air was all about. Maybe you saw an advertisement for some AMA club meeting and decided to stop by and check it out.

You could have been fascinated with the remote control aspect and the feeling it gives you in dominating a small machine up in the sky. You might have been bored with your other recreational activities and just wanted to “change things up” a little bit. Many of us got our “juices jangling” when we stopped in to our local hobby shop and looked at some fascinating toys that were not really toys. The list of reasons is really endless.

What do all of these varied ways of getting introduced to our hobby have in common? They all center on having genuine *fun*. In one way or another satisfaction and fun is the hub of it all. Sometimes we tend to forget about the fact that we are all kids at heart and receive a great deal of satisfaction creating and flying our little toy planes.

Let’s all try to remember this on those days we take ourselves a little too seriously. →

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## **Health Update**

Paul Milton was able to attend the Christmas Banquet, and is slowly recovering from recent surgery. Mark Cullison is recovering nicely from his open-heart surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm.

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