

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

July 2010



This month's meeting will be held Monday, July 26th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



CLUB INFO

*Combat –
July 25th*

*Club Meeting –
July 26th*

*Combat –
August 8th*

*Combat –
August 22nd*

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On The Cover

Fred Huber (our Club Field Marshal) is shown with his electric Park Zone J-3 Cub at the Club's flying field.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Event Schedule

Jul 25 Combat 2pm
Jul 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 8 Combat 2pm
Aug 22 Combat 2pm
Aug 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 12 Combat 2pm
Sep 26 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 3 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 17 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 25 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 3 Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 5 Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 6 Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections 6:30pm

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President's Report



Despite the hot weather, the recent rains have kept the field green. Thanks to those who have been keeping it mowed and in such great shape! Our last meeting set a work day for June 17th but due to some last minute logistical issues, I had to cancel it on short notice. Again, I

apologize to all those who reserved time to attend and thank you for your flexibility.

I regret to announce that our Safety Officer and Combat CD, Larry Macie, recently resigned his positions due to personal time constraints. Larry remains an active member of the club and his participation and donations are noteworthy. His decision was in consideration of the club and I appreciate his candor. As a result, we will need to fill this vacancy as quickly as possible. Anyone interested in the position should attend this month's meeting.

The year is half over and the rest of July and August have several combat events still scheduled. Check the newsletter calendar for exact dates.

Lance Starzyk

Club President

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Meeting Minutes (June, 2010 meeting)

Called to order by President Lance Starzyk at 7:30pm

New Members/Visitors - Randy Mennen rejoined the club.

Minutes from the meeting held in May were read by VP/Secretary Frank Sodek; motion to accept minutes as read was made by John Hagel and 2nd by Fred Huber.

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

Safety Report – Safety Officer was not present.

Field Marshal's Report – Fred reported that the governor linkage on the trail mower was fixed by Paul Milton, but after using it a couple of hours it stopped running. Fred disassembled the engine and found a sheared key and cracked gear, which he replaced. The engine is reassembled but not back on the mower yet.

Fred bought a new push mower that the club authorized at the May meeting. Randy used it to mow along the fence line.

Randy stated that he would ask the Moffat VFD to water the infield/pit area.

Randy stated that he would redo the cables along the trees, but he needed a source for the posts that the Corps uses.

The pilot barriers will be rebuilt on the tree cutting work day.

Announcements - Lance thanked Doug for watering the new trees over the past couple of years. Frank mentioned that Ty Cobb, father of James and John Cobb, recently passed away.

Old Business

Corps of Engineers Lease – Lance submitted the maintenance plan for our lease agreement; we should get the final copy in about a month.

New push mower – Fred bought the new push mower, however the state has changed the sales tax exemption procedure, and he had to pay sales tax, which pushed the total cost over the \$300 limit voted on by the club. John Hagel made the motion to cover the extra amount, John Redwine seconded, the motion passed.

Fun Fly Report – Buster gave a report on the Fun Fly. There were lots of out-of-town participants, and many spectators.

New Business

Tree watering – Lance discussed the need to take over the watering of the newly planted trees for Doug. Fred has a flat trailer that could be used, but he needs a couple of barrels. Buster stated that he could get some barrels. John Redwine will also check into a larger tank.

Trip Reports – John Hagel attended the Fred Cates Memorial Fly-in in Rockdale and events in Houston and Grapevine. He also attended the Joe Nall Fly-in.

Paul Milton attended the USRA Giant Scale Racing event at the Hearne airport.

Blunder Awards

1) Frank was flying his Father's Perfection when the wing came off. The fuselage became a lawn dart and splattered, breaking the muffler off the engine.

2) Larry Macie wrecked his helicopter while trying some new maneuvers.

Frank won this month's Blunder Award.

Show and Tell - Fred lost the prop and outer shell of his large electric motor as he ran it up for takeoff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*
VP/Secretary

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance : \$5,011.36

Deposits:

Dues \$100.00
 Total Deposits: \$100.00

Debits:

Lowe's - Push mower \$312.84
 All Sports - Fun Fly trophies \$35.00
 Ronald McDonald House \$20.00
 Total Debits: \$367.84

Balance May 2010: \$4,743.52

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

Temple Monoplane Historical Marker Rededication Reprinted from the *KWTX.com* website

On Saturday, June 5, the Bell County Historical Commission rededicated a state historical marker commemorating one of Texas' earliest airplane factories. The 1970 marker honoring these early aviation pioneers was moved to make way for construction of IH-35 overpasses and the Bird Creek Shopping Center in 2004. The Texas Department of Transportation has provided space along the highway right-of-way that includes landscaping and wheelchair-accessible sidewalks.

The ceremony was held in the parking lot of IHOP restaurant, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Loop 363 and IH-35. After the dedication, a reception followed at the Bell County Museum, 201 N. Main, Belton.

Featured speaker was Jerry D. Ferrel, who wrote the original documentation for the marker in 1970. Included in the ceremony were representatives of the Bell County Historical Commission, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Historical Commission, county and city dignitaries and descendants of Texas Aero's founders. At the museum, a presentation was shown featuring historic photos of the early planes.

Now that the highway project is completed, TxDOT historians chose a new location for the marker that is more historically accurate, according to event coordinator, Ron

Gates. The new site also includes a rare Early Bird medallion that honors George Williams, who flew solo before 1916.

Temple airplanes were buzzing Bell County skies just a few years after the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. Engineering genius George W. Williams Jr. and his brother Eldon Kent Williams combined forces with Roy Sanderford and George Carroll to create Texas Aero Corp. in 1927. As early as 1910, the Williamses experimented with their monoplane design, which they dubbed "Temple Monoplane." George Williams flew solo on Oct. 9, 1912. Their plane was designed primarily for mail delivery. Eldon Williams, editor of the Temple Daily Telegram, also used planes to deliver newspapers to rural areas.

They also developed lights and other navigation aids for night flights – an innovation at the time. George Williams held several patents on monoplane improvements.

The brothers worked under several business names. By 1927, they founded Texas Aero. That same year, the company produced the two- and three-seat Commercial-Wing aircraft, designed by Williams and George Carroll.

Despite successes, Texas Aero closed after the 1929 Wall Street crash and George Williams' death in 1930 in a student training accident.

The state historical marker, erected in 1970, was formerly located near a service station; then it was moved to a strip shopping center and near the former Texas Aero landing field. The shopping center was demolished during the recent I-35 project. The new marker site is close to the former site of the Texas Aero factory, Gates added.



Jerry D. Ferrel of Temple spent nine years building a replica of the Texas Aero monoplane from scratch, using original sketches from the 1927 company. In 1992 he flew it to the Frontiers of Flight Museum, where he donated it. This is the plane as it is displayed in the museum. Photo courtesy of Frontiers of Flight Museum, Dallas

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District VIII Events

- July 24 Falcons Float Fly – Lake Dallas
- July 24 Warbirds Over Space City - Katy
- July 31 BVRC Big Bird – Bryan
- July 31 Texoma RC Warbird/Big Bird – Sherman
- Aug 7 Thunderbirds Annual Float Fly – Ft. Worth
- Aug 27 ARCA 12th Annual Big Bird - Austin

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