

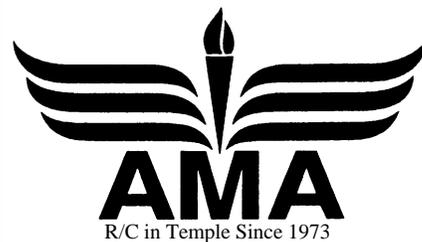
# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

July 2013



This month's meeting will be held Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Combat: July 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Club Meeting:  
July 29<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Combat:  
August 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat:  
August 25<sup>th</sup>*

## 2013 Officers

President: Frank Sodek  
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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

Jul 28	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 11	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 25	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 8	Combat	2:00pm
Sep 29	Fall Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Sep 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 6	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 13	Combat	2:00pm
Oct 20	Poker Fly	1:00pm
Oct 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 30	Last Beginner's Night	5:30pm
Nov 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 1	Don Cullison Toy Fly-In	1:00pm
Dec 9	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

## Instructors

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Mark Cullison 773-9686  
Paul Horan 780-1274  
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Fred Huber 698-4777



## On The Cover

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fly-In Service Awards

From Left to Right:  
Fred Huber, CD

Mark S. Johnston, AMA District VIII VP  
Missy Eickholt, Cook Extraordinaire

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## President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



Greetings, I'm sure everyone really enjoyed the week of cooler and wetter weather we had recently, but of course we all know that August is coming, and what that means: miserably hot (and most probably very dry) weather. Please be careful when standing out in

the full sun while flying. Everyone should be wearing big hats to keep the sun off, and especially make sure that you have enough water to drink.

On Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a really nice party to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club's formation. Mother Nature cooperated very well for us, and the huge surprise of the day was having Mark Johnston, our AMA District VIII Vice-President attend our event. Mark and his wife drove all the way from Albuquerque, NM just for this event! John Greiner, the club's first President gave an interesting and meaningful speech during the pilots' meeting, see his report elsewhere in this newsletter. All who attended were treated to a delicious fajita lunch by Missy and Buster, and the pilots received nice door prizes. Thanks to Fred Huber for directing this event, it was a huge success!

The recent rains combined with mowing and spraying has gotten the field in really fine shape. It's nice to see green grass during the end of July, which is quite a change compared to what we've had the past three years. Ed recently brought his tractor and shredder out to mow under the trees, so mowing is well under control at the moment.

I want to remind everyone that combat and Wednesday evening training sessions are continuing, our other events will kick back in when we get cooler Fall weather.

See you at the flying field,

*Frank Sodek*

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## Temple Aero Modelers 40th Anniversary Celebration

By John H. Greiner, Jr.

I would like to congratulate the club on this milestone. I moved to Temple from Waco in 1965. While in Waco I had helped found the Waco radio control club by reviving what had been a control line club. I had been in R/C for 7 years and had started with single channel rudder-only planes called the Esquire with .15 size engines. When I came to Temple, a great innovation in R/C had taken place with the appearance of the first digital proportional radios. To my mind digital proportional was, and still is, the greatest single step forward that ever happened in R/C. Up until then, we spent half our time at the field trying to get our radio control equipment tuned and the other half looking for our lost or crashed airplanes. Digital proportional not only brought true proportional control, but also brought greatly increased reliability and was cheaper to boot. For example, my first digital proportional system by PCS was \$299 as opposed to the reed system which preceded it and cost \$450. Of course many other innovations have appeared down through the years such as turbines, practical electric power, and sophisticated helicopters. After moving to Temple I soon met Albert Mondrik and several others who were starting in R/C. We first flew off the playground at Thornton Elementary on Thornton lane.

Sometime in 1973 we decided to start a club in Temple and the Temple Aeromodelers club was born with me as the first president. We had 10 or 12 members including, I believe, a couple of ladies. We needed a place to fly and petitioned the City of Temple for use of and old dump ground off Eberhart Road. We had to move huge piles of rock wool waste and managed to have a pea gravel paved runway. We spent many happy years at this location in the 60's and 70's. We had many fun flies of various types and even had combat with our sport planes such as Ugly Stiks. We had a few members come by from Killeen, including a young Dave Brown who later became president of AMA. It was there that I successfully flew my Kavan Jet Ranger collective pitch .60-sized helicopter, which I still have. In 1979 I moved to acreage East of Temple and started building my house and became more or less an inactive member, but did keep up by paying my dues.

It is my understanding that in the 80's the club went through some hard times, but it survived. As long as there are dedicated modeler members willing to pitch in and help with all the difficult tasks such as mowing, weeding, judging contests, attending meetings, preparing food and the many other tasks necessary to maintain and enjoy the excellent

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facility that the club now has, the club will survive and prosper. I would encourage all members to help in any way they can. The club did not appear by magic, it was, and is, built and maintained by the members willing to do the work. It is a great source of pride to me to see what we humbly started back in 1973 is alive and well. My hope for the club is that it will be here 40 years from now and beyond.

John H. Greiner Jr, Founder and 1st president  
 Temple Aeromodelers  
 6/22/2013

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## Meeting Minutes (June 24, 2013 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes from the meeting held in May were accepted as published in the June newsletter. Motion was made by Mark Cullison, seconded by Larry Macie.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Fred Huber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Horan.

Safety Report – Paul mentioned that we were getting a bit lax allowing 3D flying while other pilots are flying. Please be considerate of others when performing 3D maneuvers, you must keep your plane further out if other pilots are flying. Also, Paul reminded everyone to stay clear of the runway if someone announces they are on the runway, and to use the taxiway instead of taxiing behind or between the flight stations.

Field Marshal’s Report – Buster will check on the 9N Ford tractor and shredder that the club voted to purchase.

A field work day was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>; Ed, Frank and David Macek mowed the entire field (Larry had mowed the infield on the prior Wednesday). Frank and Ed also sprayed the field for grassburs on June 15th. Ed will shred the area under the trees using his tractor and shredder.

Frank reported on the damaged rock entrance gate column, he will get estimates for repair.

Announcements – Frank mentioned that Kathy Ponder had passed away. Kathy and B.W. had previously been very active in the club, especially in relation to the club’s annual pattern contest.

## Old Business

Buster reported on the Sanctioned Fun Fly that was held on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, and there was discussion about allowing electrics in the future.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Fred reported that 22 pilots plus 12 spectators attended the event, including Mark Johnston, our AMA District 8 VP. Mark and his wife drove all the way from Albuquerque, NM just for our event! The weather was fine and all attendees were treated to a delicious meal by Buster and Missy.

Mark gave a report on the recent Combat flying. A new guy from Iola came up to join the fun and got 13 cuts for the day.

New Business - No new business was discussed.

Trip Reports – No trip reports were given.

Blunder Awards – John Greiner was flying his Taurus (that he built in 1976) at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration when the engine died during takeoff and it dove into the ground, damaging the firewall. John also landed his other plane in a tree during the same event. John won the Blunder Award for this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*  
 Club President

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## Treasurer’s Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,643.70

Deposits:

Total Deposits: \$0.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00  
 Martinez Spraying (MSMA).....\$75.00  
 All Sports (Fun Fly trophies).....\$35.00  
 HEB (fun Fly food).....\$77.76  
 Buster Hinkle (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv food).....\$50.00  
 Buster Hinkle (propane refill).....\$20.00

Total Expenses: \$282.76

Balance June, 2013: \$5,360.94

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
 Club Treasurer

# 40th Anniversary Fly-In



Photo by Frank Sodek

Max Blose and the Waco Hobby Stop (top) donated the Grand Door Prize, a Beechcraft Staggerwing foamie, for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv Fly-In. Steve Meyer (bottom) was the happy winner of this great prize!



Photo by Frank Sodek

Mark S. Johnston, AMA District VIII VP (top) flying his airplane during the event. Ron Norman (bottom) prepares his Yak for a flight.



Photo by Mark Cullison



Photo by Frank Sodek

# After 40 years of flying, club is still aiming high

BY LARRY CAUSEY  
TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

**LAKE BELTON** — Remote-controlled airplanes swooped, rolled and hung in the 15-mph wind Saturday for the 40th anniversary fly-in of Temple Aero Modelers Inc. at McGregor Park.

"This is a fun fly," said Larry Macie, club vice president. "We invited whoever wanted to come show off their airplanes."

Four pilots at a time stood in stations beside the 300-foot paved runway and maneuvered their planes over the 10-acre flying field, leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Depending on their style and size, the planes flew as high as their pilots could maintain visual control, at speeds from 35 mph to 90 mph, Macie said.

"It's a little windy today, about 5 miles per hour more than we like it," he said.

A delta wing, one of two planes he brought, will do about 65 mph. It uses glow fuel, which goes well with the two-stroke engines a lot of pilots use, he said. He built the flying wing from a kit in about 60 hours.

Frank Sodek, club president, said the 40-member club uses the flying field a lot. "It's a great site," he said. "The only problem



John Greiner, left, and Frank Sodek walk away from the runway Saturday afternoon at the Temple Aero Modelers Inc.'s flying field in McGregor Park at Lake Belton during the club's 40th anniversary fly-in.

Josh Bachman  
Telegram

is the trees tend to jump out and grab the airplanes. We don't have any nearby neighbors, so there are no problems with the noise.

"We all have a love of aviation," he said. "This is one way to satisfy that desire."

The hobby is cheaper than flying a real airplane, he said, but enthusiasts can spend as much as they want. He said there are guys with turbine jet engines that cost \$3,000. Also, improvements in

consumer electronics have carried over into remote-controlled airplanes, he said. The radio transmitter can be programmed to mix control functions.

"Another thing about models is we can overpower them," he said. "We can put a bigger engine on it and put it through maneuvers that a full-scale plane couldn't tolerate."

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## Airplanes

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Fred Huber, organizer of the fly-in, said he started in free-flight rubber band-powered planes when he was 6. He progressed through control line and into radio-controlled airplanes in 1975.

"Until recently, radio-controlled was extremely expensive," he said. "In the 1970s the cost of a radio control system was about the cost of a good used car. Now a complete ready-to-fly aircraft package is less than one day's wages."

Radio-controlled airplanes can

be bought cheaply over the Internet, he said. However, people who try it without help from experienced modelers can get into trouble, he said.

John Greiner, the club's founding president, made some historical comments. He said the club started with about 12 members. Every weekend for 21 years he was teaching someone in flying.

"In the early 1960s, digital proportional radio changed everything," he said. "Until that happened, we'd spend half a day piddling with our radio and the other half looking for our airplane."

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Head Chefs Missy  
Eickholt and Buster  
Hinkle prepared a  
wonderful fajita  
feast with all the  
fixin's for the 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Fly-In!



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