

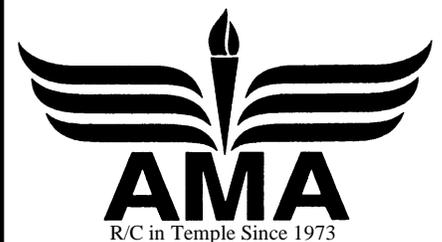
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

July 2020



**This month's business meeting
that was to be held on July 27th
is cancelled due to COVID-19.**



*** New event
just added ***

Night Fly:
July 24th

CLUB INFO

Club Meeting:
July 27th
meeting is
cancelled

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Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Jul 24	Night Fly	7:00pm
Jul 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 31	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 13	Poker Fun Fly	11:00am
Sep 27	Fall Picnic	1:00pm
Sep 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 4	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 21	End new pilot training sessions	5:00pm
Oct 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 13	Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly	1:00pm
Dec 14	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

Club business meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of May (pulled up one week because of Memorial Day) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

Note: Additional Night Fly events will be scheduled throughout the year.

On The Cover

This trio of pilots were out at the field recently with their really sharp-looking planes: (L-R) Tom Lake, Joe Svacina and Paul Milton.

Photo by Steve Sanders

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President's Report



NO MEETING THIS MONTH

We still are unable to have our meetings at the Ronald McDonald House because of the COVID-19 restrictions in place everywhere. If there comes a time that there is mandatory club business or action that we need to take, we will call a meeting and announce the location.

IT'S HOT OUTSIDE!!! I just thought that I should go ahead and give that weather report exactly like the TV has been reporting for a while. In spite of the heat, social distancing, and wearing a mask when you are out in public, we have been able to have a somewhat busy month of flying out at the field. There are some really hardcore pilots that are going to take advantage of any kind of weather. We have several of those. Heat, snow, sleet, rain, wind - it doesn't matter because they will be out at the field with enough charged batteries to light up a small city, and they are not leaving until every battery is drained. It's good to have passion for your hobby. We have a diverse membership. Some are contest quality pilots. Some can fly anything with wings. Some can explain everything about flying and name every type of aircraft ever manufactured. Some are master builders that can take a few sheets of balsa, some CA glue and monokote and create an airplane that we all can drool over. And, some of us are good spectators. I fall into the last group.

This month would have been a good month to name a winner of the monthly "Blunder Award". We had a Sunday afternoon recently where there was some real carnage. I put my Hobbico Hobbistar into a tree at the north end of the field on a final approach training flight. This was my first time to stamp the expiration date on an airplane. We knocked the pieces down from the tree and had retrieved all the radio equipment and engine. I hadn't even gotten all of my airplane pieces into my truck when JR experienced complete loss of radio signal in his airplane and had a spectacular lawn dart crash. An autopsy was performed on the pieces and it was discovered that his brand new on/off switch for the airplane had a factory defective wire causing complete loss of receiver signal. After all of this, Larry Macie puts his large-scale gasser together in an effort to end our day on a better note. You know how this will end, don't you? Anyway, he was completing the flight and coming in for a landing when he has an engine failure right at the worst possible moment. Expert recovery, but still ended up with a cracked landing gear.

I mention all of this because when you have this hobby, you are bound to have a day when things end on an unfavorable event. But we gather up the pieces, rebuild and do it all again. WHY??? Because we have the passion for our

hobby that I previously mentioned. I'm having fun, and I hope that you are too.

See you at the Flying Field,
Steve Sanders Club President stsand001@aol.com

Meeting Minutes (June 29, 2020 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at the Club's flying field by Steve Sanders at 7:31pm.

New Members/Visitors – Charles Bruton recently moved to the area and joined the club during the meeting.

Minutes - There were no minutes to approve since meetings were not held in March, April and May.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer. Motion to accept the report was made by Fred Huber, seconded by Darrell Tintzman.

Safety Officer's Report – Larry referred to his article in the Club newsletter regarding the proper techniques for charging your LiPo batteries for storage.

Field Marshal's Report – Paul acknowledged the help he received mowing the field from JR Hester and Bobby Zikes.

Frank Sodek commented that the last spraying of the field for grassburrs was very effective.

Bobby commented that he bought a can of pesticide spray to combat the scorpions and spiders that are in the storage sheds.

There was discussion regarding remaking of the tree dedication plates in the parking areas, which most have become unreadable. Darrell made the motion, Fred seconded and the motion passed.

Fred is making a new windsock for the field.

Announcements – None

Old Business – Larry reported on the previous Night Fly events held in March, May and June.

Buster reported on the Sanctioned Fun Fly event held on June 14th.

New Business – The next Night Fly will be held on Friday, July 24th.

There was additional discussion regarding resealing the runway or possibly using petromat to resurface it; the quote received from a commercial business to fill cracks and seal was \$8K-\$10K. Action deferred until later in the year.

Paul made a motion to purchase replacement flags for the flagpole; JR seconded, the motion passed.

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Larry mentioned that he was working on another competition for the Fall Picnic, which tentatively involves releasing a glider and aiming for a target landing spot on the runway.

Bobby Zikes mentioned that his church would be charging \$200 for the gym rental for our Christmas Party, but there is also a chance the Virus may cause their services to move into the gym, making it unavailable for rental.

Charles asked if it was possible to have a monthly information seminar/program at our club meetings, to help members come up to speed on various topics.

Trip Reports – Tom Lake attended the Warbirds Fly-in held at Bomber Field.

Blunder Awards – Doug lost the battery in his Night Flyer during flight; Frank had a hard landing that damaged the gear on his TwinStar; Larry burned up a motor. Doug won the blunder award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Frank Sodek*
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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,280.96

Deposits:

Dues ... \$210.00

Total Deposits: \$210.00

Expenses: None

Balance June, 2020: \$4,490.96

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle* Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Hello everyone, here we are, another summer month has gone by. Our weather has been relatively mild compared to the 90 days in a row over 100 degrees in 2011. Still, it's important to stay hydrated when you're at the field. So, make sure you drink plenty of fluids and stay in the shade. Sunblock and large rim hats are a good thing

also!

Any who, let's talk model aircraft safety. This link for the AMA Safety Handbook may have been published before in the

newsletter, however it is always a good reference for any questions you may have:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf>

Just a reminder also, any new aircraft brought to the field for a maiden flight should be checked by another member in the club, just to verify the preflight check has been done properly (Just a second pair of eyes). I also recommend maiden flights be done with only the pilot and an observer on the flightline. This is not a requirement but a recommendation. You never know what may happen. If you feel comfortable with going forward with the flight, by all means "Let's see it FLY!".

Stay safe and see you at the flying field!

Submitted by *Larry Macie* Club Safety Officer



Charles Bruton (L), our newest member, is shown helping Bobby Zikes get his plane ready for flight at the field recently. Welcome to the Club, Charles!

"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat all day drinking beer."

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No Club Meeting this month

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