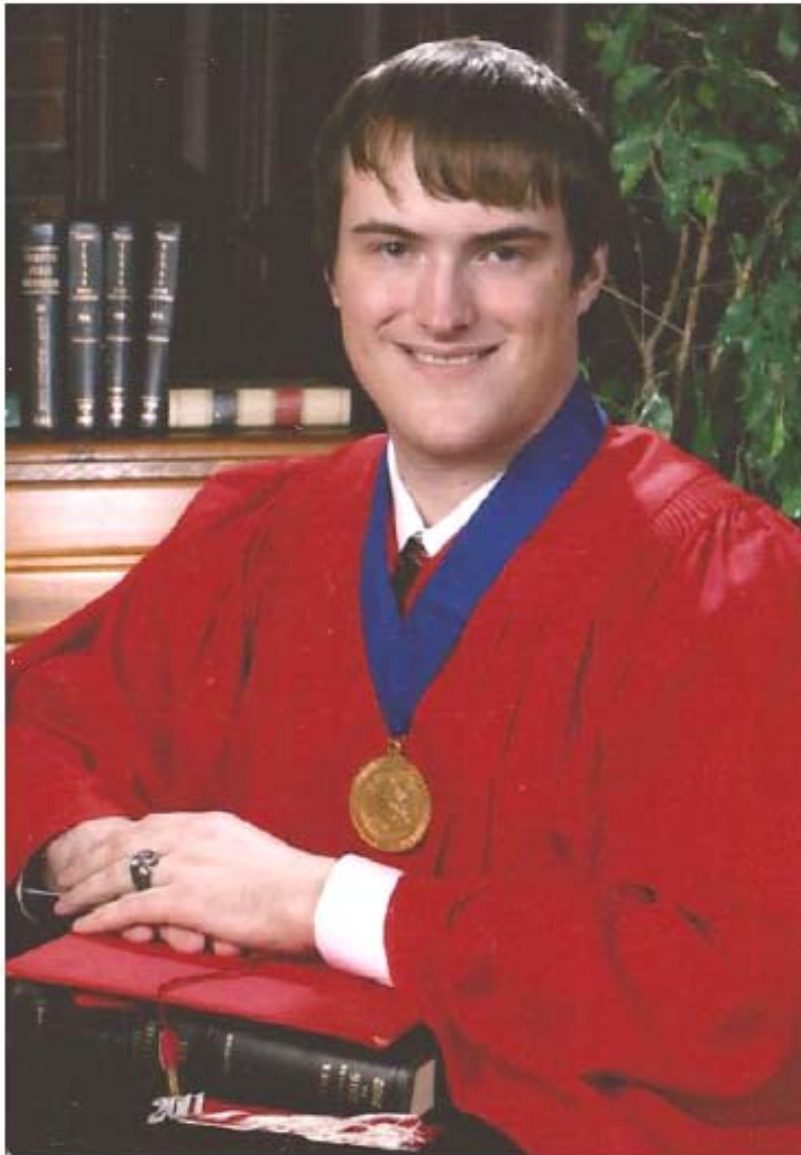


# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

June 2011



**This month's meeting will be held Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple**



# CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –  
June 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat –  
June 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat –  
July 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat –  
July 24<sup>th</sup>*

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Treasurer:	Buster Hinkle 718-0243
Safety Officer:	Lance Starzyk 760-8678
Field Marshal:	Terry Turner 913-0307

## Temple Event Schedule

Jun 26	Combat	2pm
Jun 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 10	Combat	2pm
Jul 24	Combat	2pm
Jul 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 14	Combat	2pm
Aug 28	Combat	2pm
Aug 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 11	Combat	2pm
Sep 25	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Sep 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 2	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 16	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 31	Club Meeting (tentative)	7:30pm
Nov 2	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Nov 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 4	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
Dec 5	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections (tentative)	6:30pm

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Mark Cullison	773-9686
Paul Horan	780-1274
Terry Turner	913-0307
Doug Staines	780-3512
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Fred Huber	698-4777



## On The Cover

Our own Nicholas Mondrik graduated from Belton High School as an accomplished student and athlete. Read more in the President's report.

Mark Cullison - Editor 773-9686  
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## President's Report

by Frank Sodek



Greetings, I hope all your air conditioners are working OK - it's going to be a long, hot, dry and windy summer this year. We've been running ten degrees above normal and setting record high temperatures in June, so I'm wondering what the heck is August going to be like? I'm not at all looking forward to it.

We were scheduled to hold our annual sanctioned Fun Fly on June 12th, however Buster had to cancel it due to lack of participants. Only three club members showed up for the event, and none of the usual out-of-town participants decided to come this year. We still made the best of the situation by cooking some sausage wraps (thanks, Mark!) and flying throughout the afternoon, as other folks started showing up later. I'm guessing that it was a combination of high temperatures and high gas prices that contributed to the out-of-towners not coming, but I don't know for certain. Reduced participation has been an ongoing problem for the club this year. If anyone has suggestions or recommendations that you think might increase participation in club events, please bring them up at the next club meeting or else let me know directly.

I want to congratulate youth club member Nick Mondrik for graduating 5<sup>th</sup> in his class at Belton High School. Nick is a really smart kid (he takes after his Mother): he was one of two National Merit Scholarship Finalists at BHS, and won the Belton Journal Award for the highest academic athlete again this year! He was also selected to the ELITE Team of the Texas Football Academic All-State Team for seniors. This Fall Nick will be attending Texas A&M in College Station, majoring in Nuclear Engineering. Way to go Nick, good luck to you as you move on to the next level of educational challenges.

Throughout the rest of the summer we have several rounds of Combat competition scheduled, and we also have New Pilot Training ongoing every Wednesday evening. The Combat heats are fun to watch, so you should come on out even if you're not participating.

Stay cool, see you at the field!

Regards,  
Frank Sodek  
[fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

## Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 7:34 pm By Frank Sodek

### Minutes from last meeting:

As written: Move to accept by Fred, second by Ed. No objections

### Treasurer's report:

Move to accept by Doug, second by Fred. No objections

### Safety Officer's report:

No report but continue to be safe with open fires

### Field Report: None:

### Announcements:

Nick Mondrik: graduated fifth in his BHS class! Nick is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, one of two at Belton High School this year. He has been accepted to A&M and has selected Nuclear Engineering as his major. Nick received the Belton Journal Award for the highest academic athlete again this year and was selected to the ELITE Team of the Texas Football Academic All-State Team for seniors

Much thanks to Mark for his outstanding work on the News Letter.

Members should be mindful of items they put in trash cans. Big items take up a lot of room, causing the trash cans to be emptied more often. Please take large trash items home (wrecked planes, fuel cans, etc.) If you see the cans are getting full, volunteer and enlist help to empty them.

### Old Business:

Central Texas Air Show: Lance expressed his thanks to Mark, Ed, Fred and all the others who worked during the show. Motion was made by Mark to purchase a "thank you" gift for Beth from the club Seconded by Fred, the motion passed.

Eric passed out CD's of pictures he had taken at the show. Thanks Eric

Sales were way low for the raffle but good time was had by all.

### New Business:

Sanctioned Fun Fly (June 12) 10:30 start time Buster had everything but needed drinks and food: Mark said he would cook and Roger would bring the drinks.

Combat: Reminder June 26th

Chick-Fil-A manager Tonia requested we have a static display at her store on 31st street on the 18th of June for Father's Day. With the weekend and such short notice I

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(Roger) asked her if we could stay in touch and have at a later date. She more than understood and will call us at a later date.

Doug Staines recommended we remove the posts and cable on the north side of the pavilion to allow more trailer parking. Roger made the motion, Mark seconded. Passed.

Trip Report: None  
Blunder award: None

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Roger, second by Buster. Ed Weems, please call Buster at 718-0243

Recorded and Submitted by *Roger Miller*  
Vice-President/Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,764.29  
Deposits:  
Dues.....\$30.00  
Raffle.....433.00

Total Deposits: \$463.00

### Debits:

Ronald McDonald House .....\$20.00  
Roger Miller – Picnic Drinks.....\$34.31  
Roger Miller – Cliff Monument.....\$125.00  
Roger Miller – Frank Sr. Donation.....\$100.00  
Ed Weems – Mower fuel.....\$74.32  
Lance Starzyk – Airshow Ins.....\$20.00

Total Debits: \$373.63

Balance May, 2011: \$5,853.66

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
Club Treasurer

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## Paul's Korn'r

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

## Safety Officer's Report

By *Lance Starzyk*



Don't forget to preflight.

As the flying season goes into the summer and we fly more often, preflight inspections tend to fall off. We get more comfortable flying and think we have a good handle on the aircraft. However, over time we all know vibration, hard landings and stressed flying develop loose parts and hidden cracks. The fact that the last flight was problem free doesn't mean the next one will be. Each time we fly and even in between flights we should give our aircraft a visual once over and a few easy tugs on parts here and there. Maybe we'll find something that will prevent us from getting the blunder award?!

*Lance*

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## Trick to using Robart pin hinges

I was installing Robart pin hinges on my T-34 Mentor. I can never get both sides perfect ... no matter how carefully I measure, so I came up with a neat trick to make them perfect.

On the stabilizer (in this case three hinges on each side) I mark out where I want the holes, then I clipped off 1/4 inch of T-Pin tip and, using pliers, push the short pin into the stabilizer where I marked. I left about 1/8 inch or less sticking out (either end works, but I pushed the pointed end into the stabilizer).

Next I made sure the elevator was perfectly aligned with the stabilizer then pressed the two together. The pins left a mark on the elevator (or rudder) where to drill the holes. I guess you could use the same method with CA hinges.

—*Dave Raczka,*  
*Brauer's Aviators,*  
*Pendelton, New York*

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## THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting is called to order,  
and you look around the room.

You are to see some faces,  
that out of the shadows loom.  
They are always at the meeting,  
and stay until it's through.  
The ones that I would mention,  
are the always faithful few.

They fill the vacant offices,  
as they are always on the spot.  
No matter what's the weather,  
though it may be awful hot.  
It may be damp and rainy,  
but they are tried and true.  
The ones that you rely upon,  
are the always faithful few.

There's lots of worthy members,  
who will come when in the mood.  
When everything's convenient,  
they can do little good.  
They are a factor in the order,  
and are necessary, too.  
But the ones who will never fail us,  
are the always faithful few.

If it were not for these faithful ones,  
whose shoulder at the wheel.  
Keep order moving onward,  
without a halt or reel.  
What would be the fate of others,  
who claim too much to do?  
They surely would go under,  
but for the faithful few.

*Author unknown*

## Large Model Aircraft (more than 55 pounds) AMA Safety & Member Benefits Department

On January 25, 2011, AMA's Executive Council (EC) approved an update to the Large Model Aircraft Program. This program includes some significant changes. To review the document, go to [www.modelaircraft.org/files/520-a.pdf](http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/520-a.pdf).

One of the most prominent changes is the weight increase to 125 pounds for propeller-driven models (LMA) and 100 pounds for turbine-powered models (LTMA). There are four classifications referenced within the program: LMA-1, LMA-2, LTMA-1, and LTMA-2.

Classifications LMA-1 and LTMA-1 (55 pounds to 77.2 pounds) will allow for a self-inspection by the owner of the LMA or a Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI). It will require two demonstration flights in front of two observers. The owner can serve as one of the observers, as long as he/she is not the pilot of the model. The other observer has to be an AMA Contest Director (CD), Leader Member (LM), or Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI).

Classifications LMA-2 and LTMA-2 will require inspection by an LMAI followed by demonstration flights observed by the inspector.

Please note that all required documentation (as outlined in the program) has to be received by AMA Headquarters no later than 30 days after being issued for the permit to be valid! AMA Headquarters will send a receipt notification to the owner listed on the Permit to Fly and update the Web site listing. This document can be found in the "Members Only" section. →

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