

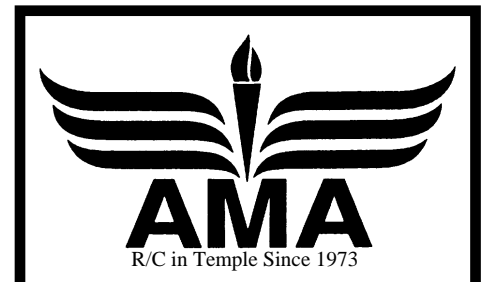
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

June 2012



This month's meeting will be held Monday, June 25th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



CLUB INFO

*Combat –
June 24th*

*Club Meeting –
June 25th*

*Combat –
July 8th*

*Combat –
July 22nd*

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Field Marshal:	Fred Huber 698-4777

Temple Event Schedule

Jun 24	Combat	2pm
Jun 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 8	Combat	2pm
Jul 22	Combat	2pm
Jul 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 5	Combat	2pm
Aug 19	Combat	2pm
Aug 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 16	Combat	2pm
Sep 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 21	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Oct 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections	6:30pm

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On The Cover

Fun Fly Contest Winners:
Left to Right - Michael Conklin placed 2nd,
Rick Stubblefield snagged the top spot,
Buster Hinkle was the CD, and 3rd place was
captured by Fred Huber.

Photo by Larry Macie

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



I want to remind everyone that McGregor Park closes at sunset, so please be courteous to the Park Host and make sure you exit the park before then. We have nice long days now, but we're about to go through the Summer Solstice and then sunsets will be happening earlier. Also, it is important to follow any

directions or requests that the Park Host or any Park Ranger or Corps of Engineers employee makes to you, without question. There was a recent incident that happened at the field in which there was some misunderstanding over a request to vacate the park because of an impending storm. We must do everything possible to keep on the good side of the Corps of Engineers – we are extremely fortunate to have such a fine flying facility out there, let's not do anything to jeopardize this privilege.

It has been a busy month, with two club events happening during the past two weekends. On Saturday, June 2nd, Fred Huber led the club's very first All-Scale Fly-in, and this past weekend Buster led the club's Sanctioned Fun Fly. Both of these guys should have reports on their events elsewhere in this newsletter. I was unable to stay for Fred's Scale Fly-in, however I did make Buster's Fun Fly and helped him score the event. I want to thank both of them for stepping up and making the effort to lead these events. I think we had one of our best meals ever (delicious chicken fajitas) at the Fun Fly, thanks to Buster's friend Missy, who grilled the chicken and prepared the fixings for the fajitas. As I stated before, nothing will happen or get accomplished in the club if no one volunteers to lead or help out at an event.

I want to remind everyone that the next Combat session will be held on June 24th, followed by two more on July 8th (red, white and blue streamers required?) and July 22nd. The participation this year has been terrific, which makes for great spectator viewing, so come on out and watch the fun with us.

See you all at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Paul's Korn'r

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$6,308.83

Deposits:

Dues..... \$225.00

Raffle.....\$657.00

Total Deposits: \$882.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

Larry Macie (Flight box fence).....\$330.28

Total Expenses: \$355.28

Balance May, 2012: \$6,835.55

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes (May 21, 2012 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – Darwin Geiselbrecht joined the club at the meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held in April as published in the May newsletter were accepted (Fred Huber).

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Doug Staines and 2nd by Fred Huber.

Safety Report – Safety Officer was not present.

Field Marshal's Report – Ed and Fred got the motor running on the mower, it had a loose wire. Mark Harris got the generator running. Ed and Frank sprayed the field for grassburs. The trail mower needs new solid tires or else inner tubes. To save cost, it was decided to purchase tubes. Larry reported that he would replace one of the safety barrier poles.

Announcements – The new FAA modernization rules will exempt our models from flying restrictions.

Old Business

Airshow report – Some of the canopies for our booth sustained wind damage Friday night. Fred will attempt to repair one

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using parts from another damaged canopy. The club should purchase new ones before next year's airshow. Flying demonstrations went fine, and ticket sales were fair (\$657 total).

Combat report – Participation was high again (11 pilots). Doug and John Cobb have worked out a new flight matrix that will simplify the flight scheduling. John reminded everyone that the start time is 2PM – whoever is present then will start flying the first heats. John mentioned that he has a Facebook page set up for the Combat League.

New Business

New mower purchase – Frank showed several examples of 26HP/54" mowers in the price range from \$2,000-\$3,000. Fred made the motion to purchase a new riding mower for up to \$3,000; the motion was seconded by Doug, and the motion passed. Frank and Buster will purchase the new motor in the near future, may wait on a sale to happen.

Scale Fly In – Fred has everything under control for the Scale Fly In to be held on Saturday, June 2nd.

Sanctioned Fun Fly – Buster has everything in order for the Fun Fly to be held on Sunday, June 10th. Buster will bring sausage wrap fixings, Frank will bring drinks. Buster asked for help cooking, and Mark Harris volunteered.

Trip Reports – none

Blunder Awards – There were no blunders nominated this month

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes recorded by *Larry Macie*

VP/Secretary

Proposed work day schedule:

(subject to cancellation due to lack of rain)

Jul 7, Jul 21, Aug 4, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 23, Nov 17

Recurrent tasks in order of priority:

- 1) Purchase gasoline (appx 10 to 12 gallons to mow entire site)
- 2) Weed-eating (appx 1 to 2 hr) weed eater
- 3) Trim mowing (appx 1 hr) Self-propelled walk-behind mower
2 passes between fence and shelter. (appx 5 min) Rider set at "3"
- 4) Mow runway perimeter and "pits" (appx 2 hr) Rider set at "3" with trail mower (do not adjust trail mower height)
- 5) Mow extended over-runs and widened area opposite runway

(appx 2 hr) Rider set at "3" with trail mower (do not adjust trail mower height)

6) Mow ditches along drive to parking areas (appx 30 min) Rider set at max height. DO NOT USE TRAIL MOWER.

7) Mow N and S main clear areas (appx 6 hr) Rider set at "3" with trail mower (do not adjust trail mower height)

8) Mow visitor parking lot (appx 2 hr) Rider set at "3" with trail mower (do not adjust trail mower height)

9) Mow under trees (appx 2 hr) Rider set at max height. DO NOT USE TRAIL MOWER.

10) Blow grass off runway and from concrete (generally ignored... bring your own blower... appx 20 min)

Occasional tasks:

- 1) Repair pilot stations and signs (as needed)
- 2) trim low branches and brush under trees (at least once a year)
- 3) Clean solar panels (at least 2 times a year)

Note that the majority requires the riding mower with trail mower or just the rider. Thus it is difficult to effectively use more than one person for the majority of mowing until we acquire the second mower. When we have acquired the new mower, the mowing assignments will be annotated to designate areas that are most likely to have the mower hit rocks or stumps to the old mower with the new one doing the majority of towing the trail mower.

Scale Fly-In Results

Field gate was open at 8:30 AM.

With a scheduled start time of 10:00 AM the first participant showed up at 12:00.

We had a total of 5 people sign up, one who didn't bring an airplane and another that didn't fly anything he brought. Three airplanes flew a total of 6 flights.

Fred Huber
Event CD



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Sanctioned Fun Fly Report

Sunday June 10th was a very windy day with strong gusts. The masking tape that I put on the runway to mark the box was blowing loose from the asphalt. Fred got some paint to mark the lines. Seven pilots competed in the contest.

We drew numbers for the flying order. Larry was supposed to be in the pilots meeting but he was on the runway discussing something when we drew and it just so happened he got #1 and he protested so much he requested a redraw for the 2nd event and he drew #1 so we didn't change the flight order. (Couldn't have happened to a nicer guy).

Rick Stubblefield and Michael Conklin came from the Houston area. Rick won timed loops and rolls with 4,490 points, his fastest time was 54 seconds. He got 55 seconds and the bonus in the second round. Fred got 2nd in this event with 4,340 points. His best time was 50 seconds and got the bonus which was the fastest time of the event. Fred got 66 seconds with the bonus in the 2nd round and he was too hot on landing and tried to turn before he ran off the runway to avoid the deduction. Ended up cart wheeling his perfection and broke the firewall. He did stay on the runway. Michael won 3rd with just 20 points less than Fred. His best time was 53 seconds with the bonus. The fickle winds gave him trouble in the second round. He missed the touch and go twice and landed off the runway. He got 84 seconds and a deduction. David Macek got 4th with 4,025 points. His best time was 61 seconds with the bonus. He got 65 seconds and 84 seconds the other two rounds. Larry got 5th with 70 seconds, 63 seconds, and 57 seconds. He got better each round but the winds was giving him fits. He missed the runway the 1st round and ran off the runway the 3rd round. Mark Harris got 6th. He also got better each round. The last round he got 70 seconds with the bonus. Brad Hillman lost his elevator control in the 2nd round and ended up in a tree. He could not get the plane to fly right after that.

Rick won the Spot Landing and Balloon Bust with 3,600 points. He got the circle and the balloon just one time out of nine tries. He fell short of the circle and got the balloon once. He hit the circle 5 times. Mark won 2nd with 2,600 points. He got the circle and balloon two times, hit the circle once, scored a zero twice and hit the box on all the other tries. Michael scored 2,200 points. He didn't get a balloon, hit the circle four times, the box three times and scored a zero on two tries. Fred and David tied for 4th with 2,000 points. Fred hit the box and got the balloon once, hit the circle two times, the box two times, out of the box three times and scored a zero once. David was doing great, he got the box and the balloon two times, the circle two times, out of the box two times and he touched too hard with three more tries to go. He chipped the prop and

cracked the fiberglass gear. He sure wanted to keep going because if he got as good or better than the first six tries it would move him to second place or maybe first. He listened to advice and decided it was too risky. Larry scored 1,200 points, he was still bent outta shape over having to be first in both drawings (not really). He got the circle once and landed out of the box and got the balloon once. The strong fickle winds were giving the pilots a lot of trouble. All of them did a great job dealing with it. No crashes.

Rick won the contest with 8,090 points, Michael 2nd with 6,520. Fred was 3rd with 6,340. Mark got 4th with 6,115. David was 5th with 6,025. Larry was 6th with 5,040. Frank ran the scoreboard and Missy grilled chicken fajitas, bell peppers onions, tortillas and all the fixings. Fred brought the drinks and sausage left over from his event. We had a lot of spectators and everyone had a great time.

Buster Hinkle
Event CD



The food was great. Thanks Missy!

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