

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

June 2014



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



# CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting:  
June 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat: July 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat: July 27<sup>th</sup>*

## 2014 Officers

President: Frank Sodek  
773-8081  
Vice Pres/Sec. Larry Macie  
291-4590  
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
718-0243  
Safety Officer: David Macek  
721-4092  
Field Marshal: Ed Weems  
982-4902

## Temple Event Schedule

Jun 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 13	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 27	Combat	2:00pm
Jul 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 10	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 24	Combat	2:00pm
Aug 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 7	Combat	2:00pm
Sep 14	Poker Fly	1:00pm
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Sep 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 11	All Scale Fly-In	TBA
Oct 19	Combat – FINAL	2:00pm
Oct 26	Combat – FINAL rain date	2:00pm
Oct 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 29	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Nov 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 7	Don Cullison Toy Fly	2:00pm
Dec 8	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081  
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Paul Horan 780-1274  
Doug Staines 541-2915  
Fred Huber 368-2389



## On The Cover

Fun Fly winners! From left to right: John Cobb (1<sup>st</sup>), Buster Hinkle (CD), Bobby Zikes (2<sup>nd</sup>), Paul Milton (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Photo by Frank Sodek



Photo by Frank Sodek

Buster getting set up for another Fun Fly round.

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## President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



Greetings, I hope everyone has been enjoying the relatively milder and wetter weather that we've been having lately – it sure has been a nice change from what we had the prior three years. Having so much green around here at the end of

June is a very welcome sight.

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> we held our Sanctioned Fun Fly, led by Buster Hinkle. Once we got past a rain delay at the start of the event, we had decent flying conditions for the event this year. Everyone who entered the event had a fun time. We were very well fed by Head Club Chef Missy, who cooked us some delicious chicken fajitas with all the fixings. Buster should have a report on the Fun Fly elsewhere in this newsletter.

It has been right at one year since our entrance gate got creamed by a drunk driver, and thanks to John Redwine it has finally been repaired. John had a mason contact who was able to do the job for us. He set all the rock back and John filled the cavity with concrete. Thanks again to John for taking the lead in getting the gate repair completed!

On a sad note, there was an obituary posted in the Temple Daily Telegram for John Rovetto. John hadn't been involved lately in club activities due to his health issues, but he was our Field Marshall for several years. Please keep his family in your prayers during their time of loss.

The next couple of months have numerous combat events scheduled, and Wednesday evening training sessions are ongoing, so I hope you can find the time to come out and enjoy the flying activities and camaraderie.

See you at the flying field,

*Frank Sodek*

[fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,703.69

Deposits:

Dues.....\$105.00

Raffle.....\$456.00

Total Deposits: \$561.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

Ed Weems (fuel & oil) .....\$44.56

Frank Sodek (raffle plane).....\$213.65

Total Expenses: \$283.21

Balance May, 2014: \$5,981.48

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes (May 19, 2014 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Club President Frank Sodek at 7:30pm. All five club officers and seven other members were present. The meeting was held one week earlier than normal because of the Memorial Day holiday on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes from the meeting held in April were accepted as printed in the May newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes was made by John Redwine, seconded by Tim Symonds.

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 Larry Macie.



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**Safety Officer's Report** – Nothing to report.

**Field Marshal's Report** – Larry mentioned that the combat pilots would like to remove a portion of the cable and posts to the south of the pavilion, and add an extension to the chain link fence.

**Announcements** – There were no announcements.

**Old Business** – Fred gave a report on the Central Texas Airshow. Participation and weather conditions were favorable except for strong winds on Sunday, which prevented the demonstration flights. Buster reported that ticket sales were down this year: the total sales were \$456, which is ~\$280 down from prior years' average. Mr. Bud Owens from Hamilton was the winner of the P-51, and Paul Sullivan from Belton won the quadcopter.

Larry gave a report on the recent combat event. He managed to cut three streamers at once!

Buster will direct the Sanctioned Fun Fly to be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11am. Buster has the trophies and food arranged. Electrics will be allowed this year if the battery pack has at least 3S 4,000mAh capacity.

**New Business** – No new business was discussed.

**Trip Reports** – Tim reported that he attended a Warbirds Fly-in that was held by the Ft. Worth Thunderbirds.

**Blunder Awards** – There were no blunders reported for this month!

**Show and Tell** – Tim showed the fuselage for the XF-12 that he's currently building. It was strip-planked and will be fiberglassed. Paul Milton showed off his collection of Disney planes (19 in all).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by *Larry Macie*  
Club Vice-President/Secretary

## **Sanctioned Fun Fly**

The contest was set to start at 11am. There was no rain in the forecast. John Cobb arrived about 10:45am and brought the heavy rain with him. Bobby Zikes arrived shortly thereafter and it was raining so hard we couldn't hear each other talk. Larry Macie showed up while we tried to stay dry. The rain slowed down around 12:30pm and Frank showed up with drinks so we decided to start cooking fajitas under the shelter with all the fixings, potato salad and dessert. Can't fly might as well eat. The rain finally stopped and Frank squeegeed the runway. Paul Milton and Shon Cain showed up.

John flew 31 sec. and got the bonus circle all three rounds. He won the first event. Paul was second, his best time was 39 sec with the bonus. Bobby was third with just 5 points less than Paul, his best time was 36 sec with the bonus. Frank's best time was 53 sec. Shon got 59 sec the first round with his electric. During the following round something went wrong with his plane and crashed.

Bobby won the second event, his best round was 1,600 points and he got two balloons. John was second with 1,200 points all three rounds. He scored the same score in each round in both events, first and last time that will happen. John did not get a balloon in the nine attempts. Paul was third. His best round was 1,500 points. Paul also got two balloons. Larry got one balloon and Frank hit the circle two times but never got a balloon.

The perfect score for an attempt was 700 points, touch wheels in circle and bust the balloon. Paul did it two times. Larry and Bobby did it once. John usually gets a lot of these but it was not his day.

John won the contest with 9,045 points, Bobby 8,725, Paul 8,430, Larry 6,530 and Frank 6,335.

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Pete Cornett ran the scoreboard and Missy did an excellent job grilling and prepping all the fixings.

We all had a good time flying and eating.

Buster Hinkle, CD

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## **Ret. CW4 John Larry Rovetto, age 79, died Monday, June 16th**

**Posted: Sunday, June 22, 2014 4:30 am**



### **John Larry Rovetto**

Ret. CW4 John Larry Rovetto took his final flight from this world to the next on June 16th.

John's takeoff was overseen by Jo, his beautiful bride of 55 years, his family and friends.

John Larry was born in Clayton, Idaho to John and Hannah Hill Rovetto, November 15th, 1934.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Roland Rovetto of Clayton, Idaho.

John enlisted in the United States Army in 1953, attended Warrant Officer Candidate School, and rose to the rank of CW4 in the United States Army. While on active duty he served in Korea, attended

two tours of duty in Vietnam, and posted to numerous positions throughout Europe, Africa and Saudi Arabia. He has been awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; The National Defense Medal; The Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Fourteen Air Medals; The Army Commendation Medal; The Meritorious Service Medal; The Vietnam Service Medal with Three Bronze Stars and Two Purple Hearts. John retired from the U.S. Army in 1975 after 22 years of service. He then began a second career as a private pilot for Odell Geer Construction Company for whom he worked until his retirement in 2000.

All of his friends and family considered him the "Go To Guy" for any situation.

He was a proud member of the DAV, VFW, American Legion, AOPA, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, The Army Aviation Association and the Temple Aero Modelers Club.

John Larry is survived by his loving wife Jo, Sons: Mike and his wife Jay, Marty, Jeff and his wife Tina, daughter Angela and her husband Rob Colvard; Brothers: Michael and Gary; Nephews: Dennis and his wife Denise; Bud; Grandchildren: Keriden, David, Sara, Tony, Millie, Jeff Jr., Joshua, Jacob, Jessica, Jolie, Chris; many great grandchildren and many friends whom he considered family.

A Celebration of his life will be held at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at a date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Scott & White Hospice Program, 5701 Airport Road, Temple, TX 76504.

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