

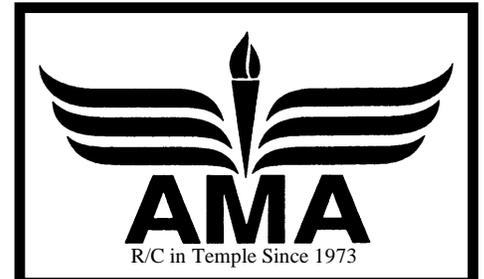
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The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club

June 2020



This month's meeting will be held on Monday, June 29th beginning at 7:30pm at the Club's Flying Field.



*** New event
just added ***

Night Fly:
June 26th

CLUB INFO

Club Meeting:
June 29th
(at the Flying
Field!)

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Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Jun 26	Night Fly	7:00pm
Jun 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
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

The winners of this year's Sanctioned Fun Fly are (L-R): John Cobb (2nd place), Todd Milton (1st) and Paul Milton (3rd). Buster Hinkle (back row) was Contest Director for the event.

Photo by Larry Macie

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President's Report



Monthly Meeting is to Be Held on June 29th at 7:30 P.M. at our Flying Field at McGregor Park on Lake Belton.

Don't you want to wake up tomorrow and realize that the past few months have been a strange dream that could never come true? I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but this is actually real and it is still unfolding each day. Who would have ever dreamed that we would still be dealing with the COVID pandemic? We are flying at the field, but with the provision of Social Distancing as suggested by the powers that be in place.

We have begun our Wednesday evening sessions of Flying 101 and then progressing to Landings 102, previously known as Beginners' Night. I prefer the newer names I use because I'm not a beginner, but I am taking "refresher courses" after having been out of the hobby for about 10 years. The Buddy Box is still my good friend, and I am appreciative of Paul, Frank, and J.R. for being patient with me as I try to get back the flying skills that are hiding in the deep recesses of my old grey matter between my ears. Everyone is invited to fly those nights, not just beginners like me. It is funny though that it seems like every time that I'm having a lesson, the field kind of clears for a little while. I'm not sure if that is because they are showing me some consideration, or if they are just fearful of their plane being in the pattern with my sometimes unpredictable passes over the field!

We have also had a couple of Night Flies that are always well attended. There is one coming up on June 26th if you are able to make it. The flying is fun and entertaining, but the story telling and being around a group of guys that are having a good time could possibly be the best part of the evening. There is usually food and if a campfire is needed, then we'll be sitting around it telling some tall tales. Bring a flashlight and mosquito repellent.

There was also a Fun Fly put on by Buster this month. It was well attended, but the highlight of the day would have to be the creation of the HINKLEBURGER. Buster had his crew create a feast of burgers, homemade German Style potato salad, chips, and homemade cookies. Kenny also brought a pot of his famous beans and they were excellent as always. After a fine meal like that, it was on to still more flying for the rest of the afternoon.

Even though we have not been able to have meetings at our regular location due to its closure during the COVID outbreak, we continue to fly every weekend and go forward with the activity that binds us together: FLYING. That will not stop and we will continue like this bad dream I referenced earlier in the newsletter will not last forever. I promised myself that I was not going to get political in this newsletter, so I will just

end with only a single mention of the other nationwide crisis we have plastered all over the news of today by saying: **WE ARE ALL AMERICANS AND WE DESERVE TO BE SAFE AND SECURE IN AMERICA, AND OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED - NOT DESTROYED OR ERASED.**

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

Meeting Minutes (May 18, 2020 meeting)

The May meeting was not held due to the coronavirus.

Treasurer's Report



Editor's Note: the following report from Buster will be formally accepted at the club's next business meeting.

Beginning Balance: \$4,481.59

Deposits: None

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House (January) ... \$25.00

Paul Milton (Tractor/mower fuel) ... \$65.00

Fun Fly trophies ... \$37.89

HEB (Fun Fly food) ... \$72.74

Total Expenses: \$200.63

Balance June, 2020: \$4,280.96

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle* Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. I know we have not had a few meetings nor newsletter reports. Hope we can get back to a routine again soon.

With that being said, I just would like to remind everyone a little bit about LiPo battery safety; this includes using, charging and storing. To get the most out of your LiPo's, just follow a few simple rules. Never store your battery fully charged for any length of time. If you do not plan on using the charged LiPo battery within a day or two, you should discharge the battery to a safe storage voltage. Storage voltage will be determined on the number of cells. A good rule follow is to store the battery at a 3.7 to 3.8 volts per cell. Example would be; for a 3s LiPo, the storage voltage should be around 11.1

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volts to 11.4 volts. A 3s LiPo fully charged is normally around 12.6 volts. So, use the 3.7 to 3.8 volts per cell rule. Also never discharge a battery below 3 volts per cell. If you do, charge them back up to storage voltage before you put them away.

Stay safe and see you at the flying field!

Submitted by *Larry Macie* Club Safety Officer

Sanctioned Fun Fly Report

We had a great turnout this year! I never know how much food to buy. In 2011 we had two pilots and two spectators and in 2015 the first and only pilot showed up at 12:45pm. I felt bad when I spent \$70 on burgers and all the fixings for this year's event, but I sure was glad I did, because 20 people showed up. Clint Bedsole made two passes in his Cessna 172, one was low. He later stopped by for a burger.

John Cobb, Bobby Zikes, Larry Macie, Frank Sodek, J.R. Hester, Charles Cehand, Paul and Todd Milton signed up to compete. Todd took off for a test/trim flight with his Slow Ride and the horizontal stabilizer came off on climb out and the plane became a yard dart and stuck in the ground with the tail straight up. Todd flew the first event with Paul's plane and his wife brought his E-flite Timber for the second event. John won the timed loops and rolls event by turning about 24 second rounds plus touching in the circle. Todd was second and Bobby was third.

Todd won the spot landing and balloon bust event, hitting the circle every time except twice and got three balloons. Paul was second, hitting the circle six times and also got three balloons. John was third, hitting the circle four times and also three balloons. Larry hit the circle seven out of nine tries but could not pop the balloon. Bobby hit the circle four times and got one balloon. Frank hit the circle the first three tries but missed the rest and no balloon. J.R. hit the circle twice, his plane was fast with a high stall speed. Charles Cehand had radio issues and wasn't able to fly.

The wind was more fickle than I have ever seen it before. It was strong from the North then none at all, then strong from South and then strong from the East.

Todd won the contest, John was second and Paul third. Marsha and Derek (my kids) and their good friend Rustin cooked and prepared the burgers, potato salad, cookies and sides. Kenny Maddux brought a pot of beans and Frank brought drinks and a watermelon.

We had a really good time with the spectators and pilots chiming in with harassment. Fred Huber did a great job running the scoreboard and keeping the pilots abreast of who's up and their progress.

Thank you,
Buster Hinkle



This is NOT a good way to start - Todd's elevator came off his Slow Ride as he was doing a test flight.



Here's the cooking crew – they did an outstanding job! (L-R: Derek, Rustin and Marsha)



The turnout of pilots and spectators was excellent.

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