

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2009



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



*Club Meeting –
March 30th*

*Field Work Day
– April 11th*

CLUB INFO

*Pattern Contest
– April 18th-19th*

*Spring Picnic /
1st Combat –
April 26th*

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On The Cover

The Club held its annual Mall Show in an empty store in the Temple Mall during the first weekend in March.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Event Schedule

Mar 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 11 Field Work Day 8am
Apr 18-19 Temple Pattern Contest
Apr 26 Spring Picnic/First Combat 1pm
Apr 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
May 1-3 Central Texas Airshow
May 17 Combat 2pm
Jun 1 Club Meeting 7:30pm
(delayed a week due to holiday)
Jun 7 Combat 2pm
Jun 14 Sanctioned Fun Fly 10am
Jun 28 Combat 2pm
Jun 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 12 Combat 2pm
Jul 26 Combat 2pm
Jul 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 9 Combat 2pm
Aug 23 Combat 2pm
Aug 31 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 13 Combat 2pm
Sep 27 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 4 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 18 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 28 Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 6 Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy
Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 7 Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections
6:30pm

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President's Report



Greetings! Well, here we are on the brink of a marathon of events: Pattern Contest, Spring Picnic, Combat, Air Show, more Combat and then the Fun Fly. Whew! Don't forget Beginners' Night mixed in there, as well as workdays and meetings. Yes, it's busy, but with

everyone's help and participation, we should be able to pull it off. Join in and have some fun!

There has already been a great deal of work done at the field the last few weeks. Many thanks to those who willingly sacrifice their time and effort for the betterment of our club's facilities!

Keep 'em flying!

Mark Cullison

Club President

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Meeting Minutes (February meeting)



Called to order by President Mark Cullison at 7:30pm

New Members/Visitors: Patrick McCarty. Patrick is working on a plane already and we hope to see him on the first Beginners' Night.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held in January 2009 were read by Lance Starzyk; a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Andy and 2nd by Cliff.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Treasurer Buster Hinkle; motion to accept the report was made by Fred Huber and 2nd by Larry Macie.

Safety Officer's Report: No Report

Field Marshall Report: John Redwine worked on the mowers, replacing oil filter, air filter and batteries needing charging. John Hagel mentioned that the generator was tested and is working good.

Announcement: In a letter to Mark, Dave Henry thanked the club for the membership.

Old Business: Larry Macie announced the following work days to work on the storage containers: March 14th, March 28th and April 11th. John Hagel volunteered to assist in the removal of the old building and repositioning of the small container. It was decided that existing concrete blocks under the old building

would be used to support the old container. Larry mentioned that the new container must be painted Corps of Engineers brown, but the top will be a white to reflect heat. Larry offered to buy new shelving for the container at club expense; Doug motioned for the approval of the funds for the shelving, Paul 2nd the motion, it was approved by the present members.

The Fly-In-the-Taco Soup went as scheduled. Larry Macie said that six people attended the event and despite the 25 mph gusts, people flew their planes.

The Temple Railroad Museum Family Day in downtown Temple was assisted by Frank and Fred. They had 3 or 4 planes with a micro helicopter. They worked from 10am to 2pm and handed out club sheets, Mark thanked them for their time.

The Mall Show on March 7th and 8th was being organized by Frank. He had the promotional agreement signed with the AMA liability certificate in place. The raffle plane is a P-51 with an Evolution engine and Spektrum DX6 Radio. Cost from Max was \$325.00...thanks Max! Frank mentioned the following other preparations to be handled: the publicity materials; TV/VCR from Andy; Buster and Fred computers for flight simulators; Fred will bring video tapes; People's Choice ballots and cash boxes; raffle tickets; signs for the contest and give away magazines. Frank mentioned set up for the event will start at 8 on Saturday and the show starts at 9, bring your planes.

The Pattern Contest update from Bobby Zikes was given. He mentioned that Dave Henry will be cooking for the event and Larry volunteered to assist. There will be a \$20 entry fee for the event but this does not cover food. Bobby will be purchasing the trophies. Max and Todd will assist in judging the contest.

New Business: Fred still has the club trainer; he is working on servicing the buddy boxes at the field and he built a special flight box for the RR Museum Family Day that assist students in understanding stick movements, very cool, thanks Fred!

Frank mentioned to the club about the Commemorative Air Force fly over Temple on May 25th to celebrate Memorial Day. The event is sponsored by the Railroad and Heritage Museum, and they were looking for donations for the event. Andy motioned to give \$100.00 Fred 2nd the motion and the present membership approved.

Doug commented on the upcoming Temple Air Show May 1st through the 3rd. He mentioned the schedule would include a large scale aerobatics by Charles, a helicopter demo, combat and hopefully Sean from Austin Club will be there with his jet.

It was announced that the AMA is having a membership drive; there will be cash and prizes for best club. Mark mentioned that there was still one more tree to replant. Doug mentioned that he would take care of it. Mark asked if we needed to spray the field. Lance mentioned that a pre-emergent should have already been applied but if we use MSMA we may

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want to wait a few weeks until the weeds are present. Buster mentioned that the club purchased a 2.5 gal last year but it was determined that it was used. Buster would obtain another can. Mark concluded new business with the announcement of Beginners' Night starting Wednesday, March 11th.

Trip Reports: None

Blunder Award: Cliff had a hard landing that tore the landing gear off; the plane ran over the gear and was ripped up. Larry Macie had reversed ailerons on his combat plane. Cliff received 2 votes - Larry received 14 votes. The award went to Larry.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Minutes recorded by VP/Sec *Lance Starzyk*

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance : \$4,413.09

Deposits:

Dues \$300.00
Total Deposits: \$300.00

Debits:

Ronald McDonald House \$20.00
Gate keys (Frank) \$38.96
3 months newsletter postage (Frank)... \$25.20
Total Deposits: \$84.16

Balance February 2009: \$4,628.93

Submitted by Club Treasurer *Buster Hinkle*

Club Member News

by *Frank Sodek*

Club President Mark Cullison recently had some cataracts successfully removed from his eyes. I saw him flying last week, so he must be doing fine!

New club member **Beau Thomas** stopped by the Mall Show and gave us a report on his newborn twin girls. They are now four months old and doing fine, after a very rough start (premature births, only 3lbs each, and one required micro-surgery on her colon shortly after birth).

Youth club member **Nick Mondrik** has been excelling academically at Belton High School (in spite of the fact that he's the son of our Club Safety Officer **Don Mondrik!**). Nick

recently placed in the top 10% of German students throughout the U.S. taking a placement exam, and he recently went up to Dallas to be interviewed for a summer program in Germany. Nick finished a close second, just barely missing the opportunity to spend this upcoming summer in Germany, and he's well primed to take the prize next summer.

2009 Central Texas Air Show

by *Doug Staines*

Mark your calendars for May 1-3, for the Annual Central Texas Air Show which will be taking place at the Temple Airport. The Club will have the honor of opening the shows with our Radio Control Flying Demonstration on Saturday and Sunday.

This year we will be featuring as our first act, a formation of two or three large scale aerobatic airplanes flying at the same time performing aerobatics and 3D maneuvers; featuring the piloting skills of Charles Harris, John Hagel and Jason Goodwin.

Our 2nd act will be a radio controlled jet turbine flight demo by Sean Reitmyer from Cedar Park, which will be followed by our final act: a four plane combat demo with Don Mondrik, Jason Goodwin, Larry Macie and Mark Cullison as our pilots.

Our Club will be hosting and staffing a Temple Aero Modelers Information Tent and Static Display on the Air Show grounds. Our tent and display will be open during Friday evening's show, from about 4pm till the conclusion of the Night Show, and all day Saturday and Sunday, until the conclusion of the shows.

We will be handing out Club information sheets, talking with our visitors about our Sport and Club and selling raffle tickets to this year's Raffle Plane. The winner will be receiving an all inclusive radio control airplane package featuring the Hanger 9 P-51 PTS, which will be drawn at the conclusion of Sunday's Air Show. Tickets will be on sale for \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5.

We Need Your Help with our participation at this year's Central Texas Air Show. It's an excellent opportunity to see the show free, but you need to help!

Volunteers are needed to staff our tent Friday from about 4pm to about 9/10pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9/10am to about 5/6pm. We will also need some help on the Flight Line with our RC Flying Demonstration, the exact times to be determined.

Please Contact me as soon as possible if you can spare a few hours or the entire day on any or all 3 days, and in order for me to get you an Air Show admission/entrance wristband.

Regards,
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2009 Mall Show

by *Frank Sodek*

Our club held its annual Mall Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 7th & 8th in the Temple Mall. Ten members plus one non-member brought a total of 24 entries for the show. We had a nice variety of planes for the spectators to view, including Bobby Zikes' RC parachute. Club members answered questions about the planes being shown and also answered questions about our club and our hobby, plus handed out free modeling magazines and club information sheets.

We had both of the club's RealFlight RC flight simulators running for those spectators wanting to get a feel for flying RC models, plus RC-related videos running all day. Fred Huber put on a good show out in the Mall, attracting a lot of attention by flying his E-flite Blade micro-heli and his ParkZone Vapor ultralight for the enjoyment of mall patrons.

We sold a very respectable \$280 in raffle tickets during the show. On behalf of the club I want to give a big "Thank You" to Max Blose and the Waco Hobby Stop for selling us the Hangar 9 RTF P-51 at his cost for the raffle. We also made several good contacts with folks that seemed to be genuinely interested in joining in on the fun with us.

Each year we hold a "People's Choice" contest in which we get Mall patrons to vote for their favorite airplane. There were a total of 625 votes cast for this year's contest. First place winner this year with 85 votes (26% of the vote) was Doug Staines' beautiful P-47 Thunderbolt. In a close second with 77 votes was Mark Cullison's big Stearman biplane. Third place (with 53 votes) was won by Fred Huber's giant scale Yak. Larry Macie's new OV-1 Mohawk twin ARF took fourth place, and his 3D Quest Army pattern plane took fifth. Here's the rest of the top ten finishers: tied for 6th: Mark Cullison – Fun One and Clifford Manuel - YF-22 Raptor; 7th: Larry Macie – Tamecat Trainer; 8th: Mark Cullison – RV4; 9th: Frank Sodek, Sr - Rookie; 10th: Larry Macie – Ultimate 40 Biplane. The club member with the most planes entered was Larry Macie, with 5 entries.

Finally I want to thank all of the members who brought their planes to the show, and especially to those members who gave up a big part of a nice spring weekend to help out with showing off our club and our planes to the community. There were a lot of you who put in many hours at the show, and it's because of all your hard work that this year's show was such a big success. Now that we're finished showing them off, let's go fly 'em!

Regards,
Frank



Mark Cullison is hard at work selling raffle tickets at the Mall Show. Photos on this page by Frank Sodek



Here is Doug Staines' winning entry in the People's Choice Competition, with his very nice P-47 display.



These interested youth were busy with the flight simulators.

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Fred Huber entertained the passersby with his Blade micro-heli and his ParkZone Vapor. Photo by Mark Cullison



Larry Macie brought this really nice OV-1 Mohawk electric twin ARF to the show. Photo by Mark Cullison



Here's the 2nd place People's Choice winner – Mark's Stearman Biplane. Photo by Frank Sodek

Tips & Tricks Wires

Get a hold of a junk VCR and take it apart. Quite often there are a lot of wire harnesses in it. The wire is normally other colors, as well as black and red, and is high quality and works very well for RC hookups.

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District VIII Events

- Mar 27-29 Lone Star RC Combat Nationals – Ft. Worth
- Mar 28 Jetero RC 13th Annual Anniversary Celebration - Huffman
- Apr 11 Alvin RC Big Bird and Swap Meet - Alvin
- Apr 11 Malakoff Fun Fly – Malakoff
- Apr 17-19 Giant Scale and 3D Jamboree – Grand Prairie
- Apr 17-19 River City Spring Float Fly – San Antonio
- Apr 18-19 Prop Nuts Annual Flea Market and Fly-in – Crosby
- Apr 18-19 Tri-City barnstormers' 25th Annual Big Bird – New Waverly
- Apr 24-26 ARCA 11th Annual Warbird – Austin
- Apr 25-26 19th Annual Big Bird – Texarkana
- Apr 25-26 Old Kingsbury IMAC Roundup - Kingsbury

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