

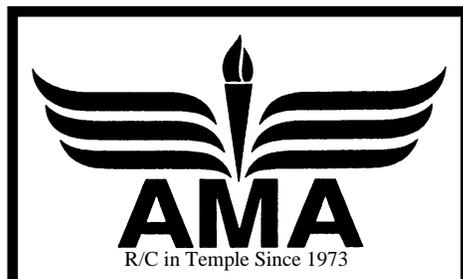
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2010



This month's meeting will be held Monday, March 29th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Mall Show –
March 27th - 28th*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –
March 29th*

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On The Cover

Larry likes Deltas! Larry Macie is showing off his recently acquired small electric twin ducted fan delta wing foamy, along with his giant BTE delta wing.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Event Schedule

Mar 27-28 Mall Show
Mar 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
~~Apr 17-18 Pattern Contest (Cancelled)~~
Apr 25 Spring Picnic/First Combat 1pm
Apr 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 30-May 2 Central Texas Airshow
May 16 Combat 2pm
May 24 Club Meeting 7:30pm
(one week early due to holiday)
Jun 6 Combat 2pm
Jun 13 Sanctioned Fun Fly 11am
Jun 27 Combat 2pm
Jun 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 11 Combat 2pm
Jul 25 Combat 2pm
Jul 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 8 Combat 2pm
Aug 22 Combat 2pm
Aug 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 12 Combat 2pm
Sep 26 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 3 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 17 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 25 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 3 Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 5 Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy
Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 6 Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections
6:30pm

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President's Report



Spring has sprung, but it seems like the weather can only be predicted a few days out anymore. The field is looking good and the park gates are now open. Wednesday Beginners' Nights began March 17 and it was a perfect evening. It was good to see so many members out, and Frank even flew some folks on the buddy box.

A last minute reminder that the Mall Show is this weekend, March 27th and 28th, so come out and support your club and enlighten the public on your hobby.

Although the newsletter is the primary source of club information for most members, attending a monthly meeting can be more informative than minutes if one can attend. As I receive new events from other clubs I forward them to members' emails as a courtesy. If you want to be notified, be sure to update your email address as it changes.

Finally, I submitted our current member roster to the AMA earlier this month and noticed several members had only renewed with the club. As a reminder, the club also requires AMA membership to fly at the field and only AMA cards are allowed on the pin board so be sure to check your status with the AMA if you intend to fly. See you at the field!

Lance Starzyk
Club President
lstarzyk@vvm.com

Meeting Minutes (February, 2010 meeting)

Called to order by President Lance Starzyk at 7:32pm

New Members/Visitors - None

Minutes from the meeting held in January were read by VP/Secretary Frank Sodek; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Ed Weems and 2nd by Clifford Manuel.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by John Redwine and 2nd by Mark Cullison.

Safety Report - Safety Officer was not present, however Don Mondrik mentioned the need to watch your LiPo batteries under charge, or else make sure they're in a safe spot - Don had a battery pack swell up and vent, luckily no fire resulted.

Field Marshal's Report - Field Marshal was not present,

however there was mention of damage to the field being caused by armadillos digging holes.

Announcements - Frank Sodek mentioned that he had received a wedding announcement from former youth club member Alex Devine.

Old Business

Replace Windssocks - Don Mondrik has installed one new windssock; one more is needed on the other side.

Mower Tires - Lance reported that solid tires for the trailing mower were as cheap as new soft tires (at Grainger's in Round Rock). An issue regarding lack of shock absorption with the hard tires was raised, so we may just put more green goop in the existing tires.

Flying field road sign - Lance brought the new sign for the road leading to our flying field.

Airshow - Doug Staines had nothing new to report; Doug verified with Andy that we could use his canopy.

Re-key locks - Lance Starzyk has re-keyed two of the locks at the field and has the new keys. The other locks will be re-keyed on March 1st. New keys will be handed out at the field the following weekend, and he'll mail the remainder to current members.

Mall Show - Frank reported that he had contacted Max Blose at the Waco Hobby Stop to order the Hangar 9 P-51 Mustang PTS for the raffle plane. Frank and Mark will be responsible for the raffle tickets. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.

New Business

TMAF Swap Meet - The Texas Model Aeronautics Foundation will be holding their swap meet and raffle on April 17, which conflicts with our Pattern Contest date.

AMA Club Renewal - Lance sent in the club's renewal form, and corrected the list of club members that the AMA maintains.

Website renewal - Mark reported that our website hosting needed renewing. Motion to renew for five years at a cost of \$239 was made by Andy Sonnier, and seconded by Mark Cullison; the motion passed.

Blunder Awards - None

Trip Reports - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek* VP/Secretary

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance : \$3,932.82

Deposits:

Dues \$390.00
 Total Deposits: \$390.00

Debits:

AMA Airshow Insurance \$20.00
 Ronald McDonald House \$20.00
 Total Debits: \$40.00

Balance February 2010: \$4,282.82

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Hello everyone,
 Another flying season is on its way. In the short few years that I have been involved with flying RC aircraft, technology has really changed a lot. From LiPo batteries costing a few hundred dollars for some, to others that just cost maybe one fourth that amount. Also, good radios are getting less expensive, and now we have the new 2.4GHz radios. All this new technology is growing quickly. So I am asking everyone to understand how this new technology is making things safer for all of us RC pilots. I am sure that 2.4GHz radios will be the norm soon. I have heard from other members that some places are only allowing 2.4GHz radios. So just a few tidbits: always use the frequency board whether you are using 72MHz or 2.4GHz, because you are still required to have your AMA card posted. If we have visitors, please ask that they post their AMA card, or else they may not fly at our field.

Thanks, and Fly safely!

Larry Macie
 Club Safety Officer
hilaireg@aol.com

2010 Mall Show

By Frank Sodek

The club will be holding its annual Mall Show this weekend (March 27th - 28th) at the Temple Mall. We will be in a new location this year: the Mall Conference Center, which is directly across from the Premier Cinema 16 ticket booth (bring your planes through the entrance near Fuddrucker's at the SW side of the Mall).

We'll start setting up at 8am Saturday morning. During the show, we'll be showing off our planes and giving out info about our great club, plus we'll be running a couple of flight simulators and selling raffle tickets.

Here's a reminder to those members that signed up at the last meeting for a time slot:

Saturday

9am-noon: Bobby Zikes, Lance Starzyk
 noon-3pm: Cliff Manuel, Mike Massie
 3-6pm: Tom Drybola, John Redwine
 6-9pm: (open)

Saturday

Noon-3pm: Ed Weems, Lance, Andy Sonnier, Doug Staines
 3-6pm: Andy Sonnier, Doug Staines, John Redwine

Anyone else that happens to have some free time to help out during the show is welcome to come join us. We'll start shutting down around 6PM on Sunday, so please come back for your planes around that time. Polish up those show planes, I'll see you there!

Regards,
 Frank

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Central Texas Air Show

By Doug Staines

It's that time of year again: the 'Central Texas Air Show' will soon be here. This year the show runs three days starting on Friday, April 30 and finishing on Sunday, May 2.

The Temple Aero Modelers will again be participating at the Air Show. The Club will be hosting an Information Tent/Static Display on the Air Show grounds. Our objective will be to provide information about our Club and the sport of radio controlled aeromodeling, as well as displaying some of our great airplane models.

We will be selling tickets to our annual airplane raffle, which will be a complete 'Hanger 9 P-51 Trainer Package', with the winner being drawn at the conclusion of the Show on Sunday. The raffle is the Club's biggest money maker.

The Club will be opening the Air Show on Saturday and Sunday with a 15 to 20 minute radio controlled flying demonstration.

We will need as many members as possible to help with our participation at the Air Show on all 3 days. Members are needed to staff the 'Club Tent/Static Display Area' Friday afternoon from about 4pm till close (usually about 9pm) and Saturday and Sunday from about 9-10am to conclusion (usually about 4-5pm). We are asking members wishing to help, to volunteer to staff the tent in 2 hour increments, with 3 to 4 members on duty at any given time. Extra help will be needed during our Flying Demonstrations, with some members being needed to help on the flight line as well.

If you can spare some time on Friday, Saturday or Sunday (or all 3 days) and would like to help out and volunteer, please contact me, Doug Staines, at 254-780-3512 or dstaines@vvm.com to sign up for some of the time slots.

Additionally, bring your planes out to show off in our Static Display, and bring your old RC Magazines which are always great to hand out, and a chair to sit on to watch the show, these are not provided.

Again, if you can spare a few hours or several, please contact me to sign up for some of the time slots.

Respectfully,
Doug Staines

Club Field Access

McGregor Park has now been re-opened, after being closed due to the high lake level.

The club's gate and storage building locks were re-keyed on March 1st. All current club members should have received their new key already - please contact Lance Starzyk if you haven't.

TMAF Swap Meet

The Texas Model Aeronautics Foundation 2nd Annual Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, April 17th, from 8am until 1pm. It will be held at Midway Middle School, which is located at 800 Hewitt Drive in Waco. Coming from Temple on IH35, take exit 328 (Hewitt/Moody) and turn left, crossing over the interstate and continue along Sun Valley Blvd. approximately two miles to Hewitt Drive. Turn right onto Hewitt Drive and follow the signs to the school.

General admission is \$5 per person if you're purchasing, \$10 per table if you're selling (tables can be reserved in advance). Refreshments and food will be available, and TMAF will also be raffling off a Spektrum 7 channel radio.

For further information contact Max Blose at the Waco Hobby Stop (254)722-6881 or by email: bpamax@aol.com, or visit their website: www.TMAF.Homestead.com.



Fred Huber had some fun with his electric ParkZone J-3 Cub during a recent perfect flying day at the club field.

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Wings of Freedom Tour

Get those cameras ready! On March 29th thru March 31st, the Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom Tour" will be present at Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional Airport. Aircraft that will be on show and available for tours will be a B-17, B-24, P-51 and UH-1 "Huey" helicopter.

Walk through tours of the aircraft are \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children 12 and under for access to all of the aircraft. WWII Veterans get into the ground tours at no charge.

Flight Experiences Donations are \$425 per person aboard the B-17 or B-24. Flight training in the TP-51C "Betty Jane" will be at most locations on the Wings of Freedom Tour. Flight training in the P-51 is \$2,200 for a half hour flight, and \$3,200 for a full hour. All participants will get the chance to feel what it was like to fly one of the most legendary fighters of WWII.

Times of operation will be 2-5pm on Monday, March 29th, 9am-5pm on Tuesday, March 30th, and 9am-noon on Wednesday, March 31st.

http://www.cfdn.org/cf_information.htm

Pilot Spotter's Responsibility

by Bob Ackerman

While at the field recently I was asked, "What does a pilot spotter do?" I quickly told him, "spot for the pilot." I thought about my response for a few minutes and I realized that was not a good answer.

Do you know what the responsibility of the pilot spotter is? I asked a few pilots and I got the same answer from most, "spot for the pilot." So, what does that mean?

The pilot spotter, or just spotter, is a safety person for the pilot. The pilot and spotter should be a team working together for the safety of the pilot, the spotter, the aircraft, and all parties at or near the field.

Whereas the pilot has the responsibility of flying his/her aircraft in a safe manner, the spotter has many other responsibilities, which include:

- Relay messages from the flightline and safety personnel to the pilot about landing aircraft, aircraft emergencies, or dead-stick landings by other aircraft on the field, and other information important to the pilot flying the aircraft. The pilot may be concentrating on the aircraft in flight and may not hear or pay attention to background messages on the field.
- Relay messages from the pilot to the flightline and/or safety personnel about the pilot's landing, emergency, or dead-stick

landings, and other information that needs to be passed from the pilot to others.

- Be the eyes of the pilot away from the aircraft. Watch the flightline and inform your pilot of aircraft taxiing in front of the pilot, people on the runway line, obstacles on the ground if the pilot walks around while flying, or other safety issues that your pilot should be aware of.
- Watch the other aircraft in flight and inform your pilot of aircraft that may cross the flight path of his or her aircraft. Changes in pattern direction or aircraft in different flight types (aerobatic vs. pattern flight) crossing your pilot's flight path should be reported.
- Keep the pilot advised of the type of aircraft that are being started for flight. Some pilots may be flying the pattern and if a 3-D aerobatic aircraft is getting ready to fly, the pilot may decide to fly at a different altitude or land the aircraft.
- Minimize the distractions to the pilot in flight. The spotter is the eyes and ears for the pilot. Anything that could distract the attention of the pilot should be explained so that the pilot can keep his/her eyes on the aircraft and not look at the distraction.
- A pilot spotter may also assist the pilot at contests, such as a pattern contest, by providing information to the pilot about the next maneuver at key points of the flight.

This is not a complete list of responsibilities that the spotter has. Some pilots will have specific instructions for their spotters as to what to do, what to watch for, and what to explain. Each pilot and spotter should discuss these responsibilities before each flight.

Every field has different rules for the use of a pilot spotter during flight operations. Most fields do not require a spotter when no organized event is scheduled, or the number of pilots flying is low. Other fields require a spotter on all flight activities. Most fields require the use of a pilot spotter during all scheduled events. Do check with your club or field rules about the use of a spotter.

The ultimate purpose of a pilot spotter is to increase safety for all. So be a good spotter and help keep our field, and our pilots, safe.

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- Mar 26-28 ARCA TX Electric Flight Festival - Austin
- Apr 3 Alvin RC Big Bird and Swap Meet - Alvin
- Apr 9-11 ARCA Centex Heli Fun Fly - Austin
- Apr 10 Tri City Biplane/Triplane Fly-in - Kingsbury
- Apr 10 Cedar Creek Fun Fly/Swap Meet - Malakoff
- Apr 11 Richardson RC All Electric Fun Fly - Lucas
- Apr 16-17 Bayou City Flyers "Jet Day" - Houston
- Apr 16-18 River City Spring Float Fly - San Antonio
- Apr 17 TMAF Swap Meet - Waco
- Apr 17 Thunderbirds "Battle of Benbrook" Combat - Benbrook
- Apr 17-18 Prop Nuts Flea Market and Fly-in - Crosby
- Apr 17-18 Old Kingsbury IMAC Roundup - Kingsbury
- Apr 17 Hawk Field Tailgate Swap Meet/Fun Fly - Mansfield
- Apr 17-18 Texas City RC Heli Fun Fly - Texas City
- Apr 23-25 ARCA Any Size Warbird - Austin
- Apr 24-25 Barnstormers 26th Annual Big Bird - New Waverly
- Apr 24-25 Texarkana RC Big Bird - Texarkana

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