

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2014



This month's meeting will be held Monday, March 31st at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Club Meeting:
March 31st*

*1st Combat:
April 13th*

CLUB INFO

*Spring Picnic/
Combat: April 27th*

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On The Cover

The Pit Table Building Crew and the new tables.

Photo by Paul Milton

Temple Event Schedule

Mar 31	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 13	Combat	2:00pm
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Apr 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 2-4	Airshow	
May 18	Combat	2:00pm
May 19	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 1	Combat	2:00pm
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 22	Combat	2:00pm
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

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President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*



Greetings, I hope everyone is doing OK and enjoying Daylight Savings Time. I'm always happy when the clocks are moved forward and I get to have some extended daylight after work for doing outside chores. The start of

Daylight Savings Time also marks the start of the Club's Wednesday evening New Pilot Training sessions. This year the first training night will be on Wednesday, March 26th. If you need help learning to fly, come out on Wednesday evenings and our club instructor pilots will be available to help you. While new pilots being trained have flight priority on Wednesday evenings, there normally is time available between training flights for experienced pilots to also get some flying in.

On Saturday March 22nd we held a work day at the flying field to rebuild the starting stands that had deteriorated from exposure to the elements. Thanks to Larry Macie's hard work in obtaining all the required materials and then spending time cutting all the pieces beforehand, the members that showed up to help had an easy time building four new starting stands. Two of the stands are a new design compared to our old stands, so you now have a choice to make - one of the two designs should be a good match for your airplane. The turnout of club members for the work day was terrific! We had enough folks show up so that four separate teams could each attack a stand, making short and very efficient work of the construction. Besides Larry who was running the show, Mark Cullison, Steve Delgado, Ed Weems, Steve Meyer, David Macek, Sean Cain, Tim Symonds (and his son Nathaniel), John Redwine, Paul Milton and I attended. Paul offered to take the old stands away (with John's help) and burn them. These new stands are built using treated wood, so they should last a long time.

Thanks again to everyone that came out to help!

At this month's meeting we'll be finalizing plans for start of combat season and the upcoming Spring Picnic. This year the opening round of combat flying will occur on Sunday, April 13th. Even if you don't have a combat plane, you should come out and watch, because it's extremely entertaining. The 2nd round of combat competition will be held two weeks later on Sunday, April 27th in conjunction with our Spring Picnic. The picnic consists of a pot luck lunch beginning at 1PM. Everyone should bring a dish of goodies, and the club will provide drinks and plates/utensils. After pigging out we'll start the combat fun, and between combat heats there will be plenty of time allocated for flying, so bring your planes even if you're not participating in Combat. And don't forget to bring your family and friends – the more folks that come to the party, the merrier it will be!

See you at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Photo by Larry Macie

Steve Delgado assisting Nathaniel Symonds (Tim's son).

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,562.31

Deposits:

Total Deposits: \$0.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

AMA (charter, ins, patches).....\$112.00

Total Expenses: \$137.00

Balance February, 2014: \$5,425.31

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes (February 24, 2014 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None present

Minutes from the meeting held in January were accepted as printed in the February newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes was made by John Redwine, seconded by Ed Weems.

Treasurer's Report - was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Pete Cornett, 2nd by Mark Cullison.

Safety Officer's Report – the safety officer was not present.

Field Marshal's Report – It was decided to have a field work day on Saturday, March 22nd to rebuild the four starting stands. Larry volunteered to get the lumber and screws, and John volunteered to bring a

generator. Mark reported that he removed the chrome plating that was peeling on the gate lock, and smoothed the rough edges. The list of other to-do items (entrance gate column repair, seal coating the runway, outhouse repair and replacing missing fence posts) were briefly reviewed.

Announcements – Frank mentioned that the Tri-City Swap Meet would be held in San Antonio the upcoming weekend. Paul mentioned that Gail Greiner, former wife of our club co-founder John Greiner, had passed away during the prior week.

Old Business - Frank mentioned that he had turned in the AMA club charter renewal package. Larry gave a report on the Taco Soup Fly-in that was held on February 9th.

New Business – Frank mentioned that Beginner's Night Training sessions will start on Wednesday March 26th.

There was extended discussion regarding planning for the upcoming Central Texas Airshow. There are new safety rules that we'll have to comply with this year, including a 250' minimum setback from the flight line for spectators. Mark will run Fred's airshow article in the newsletter. Fred is soliciting pilots for the flying demonstrations, including night flyers for the Friday night show.

Trip Reports – there were no trip reports.

Blunder Awards – John Greiner was flying his Procter Antic when the wing folded due to a broken support wire. Larry crashed his delta foamy (LED night flyer) because he had the wrong model selected on his transmitter, and he won the Blunder Award this month.

Show and Tell – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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

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Centex Airshow

Temple Aeromodelers Participation planning

Due to AMA's new policies regarding RC demos at full scale airshows we need to Ensure everyone is aware of the changes and how they affect us.

Please see:

www.modelaircraft.org/files/131019RequirementsforRCOperationatFullScaleAirshows.pdf

You may have to log into AMA's members only section to see it.

My reading of the document says:

We need a CD and an RC Safety Officer in addition to our pilots and their spotters. I have already listed myself as the CD and applied for the sanction as is now required.

We need to ensure the area where we fly is 250 ft from the spectator fence line. I do not believe we have checked on this before. Sections 2.6 through 2.9 seem to indicate that the runway can be outside of the flight box where maneuvers will be performed, similar to the Pattern Aerobatics flight box being set well past the runway and safety line.

We need all pilots to have a written flight plan for their demonstrations, preferably with a neatly typed/printed copy for the announcer.

All pilots shall attend the flight/safety briefing held by the Air Boss for the airshow on the day(s) they will be flying.

In compliance with section 8.4 The CD or the Safety Officer shall observe the aircraft to be flown at the airshow being flown at least 2 weeks prior to the event. (not necessarily the planned routine, but that would be nice)

In compliance with 8.6 we shall hold a range check of all models to be flown each day, observed by the CD and/or the Safety Officer.

We need to arrange for a good fire extinguisher to be on the flight line for our demos.

CD or Safety Officer may deem conditions unsafe for flight or ground any aircraft that appears to be unsafe.

Current proposed/scheduled acts:

Lighted night flying of foamie delta aircraft.

Fred Huber, Day flight(s) Me-262 (3 minutes)

We need a volunteer to purchase and prepare the raffle plane.

Fred Huber, Airshow Coordinator

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Added note: I have talked with Beth (Airshow organizer) about the new setback rules. She will have us stand out on the short taxi strip connecting to the main runway and use the main runway for takeoff, ensuring the minimum setbacks are followed.

39 days til airshow... 32 days left when we have our meeting.

Still needing people to commit to fly.



Photo by Larry Macie

Tim Symonds and Steve Delgado are the first to try out a new table.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES!

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

By Hayley Cox

Four Texas A&M University students have been nominated for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program were established in 1986 in honor of US Senator and republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater of Arizona. The Goldwater Scholarship recognizes college students nationwide in the science, mathematics, and engineering fields, selecting approximately 300 junior and senior students each year. Scholarship recipients are selected based on a criteria composed of reference letters, personal essays, and research experience. Universities can nominate up to four students for the Goldwater Scholarship per academic year.



Another Goldwater nominee, Nick Mondrik, is a junior physics student from Belton, Texas. He has worked in Dr. Lin Shao's Ions and Materials Facility in the Nuclear Engineering Department and for Dr. Darren Depoy in the Munnerlyn

Astronomical Instrumentation Lab. Currently, he is working on heat transfer simulation for the VIRUS project (Visible Integral-Field Replicable Unit

Spectrographs) and on preliminary data from the Dark Energy Survey underway in Cerro Tololo, Chile.

Mondrik came across the Goldwater Scholarship when he was looking at websites with information on graduate school profiles and decided to check it out. He wrote his research proposal on looking for outliers and variable stars in the Dark Energy Survey data. The nominee said, "The ideal candidate is one who devotes significant time and effort not only in the classroom, but also in the lab where acquired research tools are put into practice."

On campus, Mondrik is also a Society of Physics Students tutor for underclassmen. He was also a National Merit Scholar coming out of high school. His future pursuits include attending graduate school at Princeton, Caltech, Cambridge, or Harvard for astronomy or astrophysics. If selected as a 2014 Goldwater Scholarship recipient, Mondrik said the first word to come to mind would be "ecstatic." He said, "To have all my hard work over these past three years would mean a lot..." Mondrik continued, "It's one thing to say that hard work is its own reward, but a little recognition goes a long way."

And the winner is...

Nicholas Payne Mondrik

Institution: Texas A and M University

Major(s): Physics

Career Goals: Ph.D. in Astronomy. Conduct research regarding the formation and behavior of extragalactic objects

**Congratulations to
Temple Aero Modeler Nick Mondrik!!!**

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