

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2020



This month's meeting which was to be held on Monday, March 30th is cancelled – you know why.



*Start of New Pilot
Training:
March 25th*

*Night Fly:
March 27th*

CLUB INFO

*March Club
Meeting:
Cancelled*

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On The Cover

Stirring his pot of delicious Taco Soup is the Head Chef and Director of the Club's Taco Soup Fly-in (Larry Macie) which was held on February 23rd.

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Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Mar 25	Start new pilot training sessions	5:00pm
Mar 27	Night Fly	7:00pm
Mar 30	Club Meeting	Cancelled
Apr 26	Spring Picnic	1:00pm
Apr 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 18	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 14	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
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.

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President's Report



MARCH 30TH CLUB MEETING IS CANCELLED

Well, Guys and Gals, what can I say? We are smack dab in the middle of an event unlike I have ever experienced in my 68 years on this earth. We are all pretty much required to stay at home due to the rapid onslaught of the COVID-19 flu pandemic. Grocery store shelves are bare, and the fear and hoarding of basic daily food and supplies is the new normal of the day. But, the COVID-19 flu hopefully will just be a memory, like the multiple pandemic flu events in previous years. Don't take me wrong, this is a very serious event, but I'd like to hope that the gloom and doom sayers might have overplayed this particular event. (Sorry, but that's my opinion)

Many changes have been coming down recently, to include our field being temporarily closed, but that has been cleared up thanks to Frank Sodek obtaining a clarification from the Corps of Engineers. The County has been working on the gravel road portion of the road to the field. They installed new tin horn culverts to assist in drainage in low spots and had a road grader work over the entire road. No more washboard road for now. The County has also put restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more people, but evidently it does not apply to outdoor gatherings like ours as long as we practice proper social distancing. So our interpretation will still allow us to be outdoors as long as it is in small groups. The Spring Picnic will most likely have to be delayed so it may become the Beginning of Summer Picnic before we can have it.

Other decisions regarding future events will be on a case-by-case basis, so we will do our very best to keep everyone informed as quickly as possible anytime those decisions are made. On a brighter note, current events may give each of us time to finally get those hangar projects completed since we are stuck indoors most of the time. I don't know about you, but I've seen about all the Gunsmoke and Andy Griffith show reruns that exist. Thank goodness for cable television and especially Netflix.

Finally, I would like end this rambling report with a quote from in my opinion the best movie ever written, ANIMAL HOUSE:

"KEEP CALM....ALL IS WELL."

Stay tuned for any club news as soon as it happens.

Happy Flying,
Steve Sanders
Club President
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Meeting Minutes (February 24, 2020 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Steve Sanders at 7:36pm.

New Members/Visitors – Doug Lewis joined the club.

Minutes from the meeting held in January were accepted as published in the February newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Larry Macie, seconded by Darrell Tintsman.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer. Motion to accept the report was made by Clayton Mihalitc, seconded by Fred Huber.

Safety Officer's Report – Larry referred to the need to provide comments to the FAA regarding the implications of their proposed rules for remote ID of sUAS systems (RC aircraft). He reminded everyone to adhere to our field rules such as no taxiing back to the pit area and use starting stands.

Field Marshal's Report – Paul passed around a signup list of those members that could help with mowing the field.

Steve Sanders purchased a solar-powered light for the flagpole.

Frank will be spraying the field for grassburs this week.

Announcements – Garden Ridge Swap Meet is this weekend; Weatherford Swap Meet is March 20-21. JR mentioned that the San Angelo Indoor Fly-In is on March 6-8.

Old Business – Larry and Steve reported on the Night Fly held on February 21. Steve had a slight issue while cooking hot dogs over the campfire, and Fred had a run-in with a deer as he was leaving the event.

Larry reported on the Taco Soup Fly-in held on February 23rd. Participants got to enjoy a nice afternoon of flying and bowls of Larry's tasty Taco Soup and cornbread.

New Business – Wednesday New Pilot Training sessions will start on March 25th.

The next Night Fly will be held on Friday, March 27th.

Clayton Mihalitc brought in three of his "Super Pronto" planes that he built to be used for electric pylon racing. Discussion regarding proposed rules was held.

Mark Cullison stated that he received a bill for renewal of our club's website for five years. He was authorized to pay the bill.

Trip Reports – Clayton also attended the Georgetown Swap Meet.

Blunder Awards – Larry glued the wing of his electric profile fun fly plane on upside down. Steve was cooking a dozen

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wieners in a basket at the last Night Fly when the basket opened and most fell into the fire. A deer hit Fred's truck as he was leaving the Night Fly. Larry won the blunder award.

Door Prize – Paul donated a screwdriver set.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Frank Sodek*
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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,717.20

Deposits:

Dues \$285.00
Donations (Eric's planes) . \$20.00
Total Deposits: \$305.00

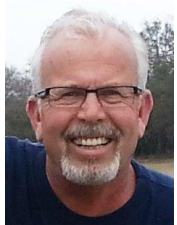
Expenses:

AMA (Club Charter/Ins. Certificate) ... \$120.00
Herbicide ... \$217.50
Fun Fly Sanction ... \$25.00
Total Expenses: \$362.50

Balance February, 2020: \$4,659.70

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Hello Everyone,

I hope you and your families are doing fine. Daylight has been extended due to our time change. Our training/practice sessions began this Wednesday. When we have visitors and new pilots, please be mindful of our safety policies. To the new pilots, be sure to show and explain some of the safety concerns we pilots have. One of the things that I have noticed in the past is someone turning off a radio before disconnecting the battery that powers the ESC, could result in the motor powering up. This could have some bad results and could injure you and others around you. Thanks for your help and keeping our hobby safe for you and others. So be careful.

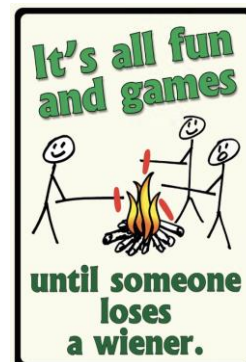
Here is a short clip on battery safety:
<https://hackaday.com/2019/11/13/lessons-in-li-ion-safety/>

Hope to see you at the flying field soon!

Submitted by *Larry Macie*
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Here's our Club President cooking up a batch of hot dog wieners at the last Night Fly event.



However sometimes cooking a big batch of wieners at one time is not always a good idea!

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