

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2021



This month's meeting will be held Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Paul Milton's hangar (Address is 543 Runway Lane, see directions on page 5)



*Start of New Pilot  
Training:  
March 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Club Meeting:  
March 29<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Night Fly:  
April 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Spring Picnic:  
April 25<sup>th</sup>*

## 2021 Officers

President: Steve Sanders 760-5194

Vice President: JR Hester 743-8838

Secretary: Frank Sodek 295-6204

Treasurer: Buster Hinkle 718-0243

Safety Officer: Larry Macie 291-4590

Field Marshal: Paul Milton 493-1339

## Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Mar 24	Start of New Pilot Training	5:00pm
Mar 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 9	Night Fly	6:00pm
Apr 25	Spring Picnic	1:00pm
Apr 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 14	Night Fly	6:00pm
May 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 11	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jun 13	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 16	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jul 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 13	Night Fly	6:00pm
Aug 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 10	Night Fly	6:00pm
Sep 26	Fall Picnic	1:00pm
Sep 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 3	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 8	Night Fly	6:00pm
Oct 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 27	End of New Pilot Training	5:00pm
Nov 5	Night Fly	6:00pm
Nov 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 3	Night Fly	6:00pm
Dec 12	Toy Fly	1:00pm
Dec 13	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

## Instructors

Paul Milton 493-1339

Frank Sodek 295-6204

Larry Macie 291-4590

Mark Cullison 773-9686

JR Hester 743-8838



## On The Cover

Kenny Maddux is shown with his new Eflite Opterra flying wing, to which he has now added FPV capability.

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).

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## President's Report



**THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY MARCH 29, 2021 AT PAUL MILTON'S HANGAR BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.**

I'm happy to say that we are going to get back on track and have our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. We have had several changes to our events schedule, so look it over and get ready to get some flying field fun in the upcoming months.

This month we were able to have a couple of fun events. The first was a very windy Night Fly that had some brave participants flying in less than favorable conditions. We also had some good food that always makes for a good event. The second event was our annual Taco Soup Fly-in. Mother Nature was nicer to us for this event, and we had a great time, with pilots flying whatever they brought with them. Larry Macie whipped up a big pot of tasty Taco Soup for everyone. He even brought several pans of fresh cornbread that were also well received and enjoyed. Kenny Maddux also whipped up another tasty dish - a pot of his famous beans for us to chow down on. Both dishes were a little spicy, and there may have been a little flatulence to contend with that evening.

The month of April will bring us another monthly Night Fly event. If you are not coming to this monthly event, then you are missing a great evening of flying and who knows what else. We can usually count on a campfire thanks to Frank Sodek bringing his firepit and wood, and there is usually food that goes good with a campfire. There is also usually some good storytelling that will give you a chance to find out all you may not know about your fellow members. And believe me, we hear some wild tales.

Also in April we will have our annual Spring Picnic and potluck covered dish meal. Everyone is invited (especially your family members) and in carrying out a theme that we all like is that there will be a large assortment of good foods for you to enjoy. We also do some flying both before and after the meal. **Don't miss this event!!**

See you at the flying field,  
Steve Sanders  
Club President [stsand001@aol.com](mailto:stsand001@aol.com)

P.S. I intentionally did not mention or dwell on the recent horrible cold event that we all recently endured. Let's just put that in the rearview mirror and get on down the road and start to have the Best Year ever.

## Meeting Minutes (January 25, 2021 meeting)

The meeting was called to order in Paul Milton's hangar by Steve Sanders at 7:32pm.

**New Members/Visitors** – None

**Minutes** – There were no minutes to approve because the November business meeting was canceled.

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

**Safety Officer's Report** – Larry mentioned that everyone was being safe, please keep it up.

**Field Marshal's Report** – Paul Milton reported that Steve Meyer donated a windsock.

**Announcements** – Steve reminded everyone that it was time to pay your dues.

**Old Business** – Steve gave a report on the Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly held on December 13<sup>th</sup>; more than 50 toys were donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Larry reported on the Night Fly held on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Steve brought burger fixings for everyone's enjoyment.

**New Business** – Darrell Tintzman made a motion to accept the current slate of officers to serve again in 2021. Fred Huber seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Frank mentioned that he had received the AMA Club Rechartering package.

The next Night Fly will be held on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Calendar of Events for 2021 was tentatively set. Charles Bruton mentioned that every club member should sponsor a youth to train and promote interest among younger potential members.

JR Hester should be added to the list of Club Instructors.

Joe Svacina asked about the new FAA Remote ID requirements being established; apparently there will be minimal changes required while flying at AMA fields.

**Trip Reports** – Larry visited the Thunderbirds Museum at Nellis AFB and saw the Thunderbird planes parked there.

**Blunder Awards** – Paul put his yellow foamy into the top of a tree at the Night Fly. Frank James rudder came loose, the plane rolled in. Don Mondrik left his transmitter at home. Paul won the Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Frank Sodek*  
Club Secretary [fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

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## Meeting Minutes (February 22, 2021 meeting)

The February meeting was cancelled to allow members to recover from the ice/snow storm and severe cold weather.

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## Treasurer's Report (unofficial)



**Beginning Balance:** \$2,575.41

**Deposits:**

Dues/donations .... \$945.00  
 Total Deposits: \$945.00

**Expenses:**

AMA (Club rechartering/insurance) ... \$120.00  
 Paul Milton (windsock repair) ... \$10.00  
 AMA (Fun Fly Sanction) ... \$25.00  
 Total Expenses: \$155.00

**Balance March 2021:** \$3,365.41

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
 Club Treasurer

## Safety Officer's Report



Hello everyone, I hope all of you are doing well. It looks like we might be on the home stretch for the virus. Lots of places are open and still give you the option to wear or not to wear a face covering.

Spring has sprung and more people will be flying, so keep in mind our Club's safety rules. Also make sure your AMA membership is up to date before you fly. I ask everyone to

help in monitoring any safety issues that may occur. Please speak up and say something if you see an unsafe act. Before flying your planes that you just pulled out of your hangar, do a quick safety check. Check your control surfaces, making sure they are going the correct direction. Insure you have selected the correct model. Be Safe!!

On another note, we had our annual Fly-in-The Taco Soup get together a month later than normal due to bad weather causing of us to have it later. We all enjoyed the cornbread and soup. I must say myself it was pretty good. We also had some delicious beans provided by Kenny, with just the right spice. I made sure I took some home to eat later. Also, I want to thank everyone for their compliments. I always look forward to doing this.

Hope to see you at the flying field,  
 Larry Macie Club Safety Officer



**Even this windvane needed deicing last month!**



**Charles Bruton (R) is shown getting ready to hand launch Larry Macie's Batplane.**

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## FAA’s Rules for Remote ID

By Frank Sodek

At our last club meeting in January, there was discussion regarding the FAA’s recent release of their new rules relating to remote identification of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which our RC aircraft fall under. There has been some information published in the latest *Model Aviation* magazines and also updates by email sent to us from the AMA, however I have found the most detailed and up-to-date source of information to be on the AMA’s website: [Summary of FAA’s Final Rule on Remote ID | AMA IN ACTION Advocating for Members \(modelaircraft.org\)](https://www.modelaircraft.org/summary-of-faa-s-final-rule-on-remote-id-ama-in-action-advocating-for-members).

The good news for us is that our flying field will fall under what the FAA calls an “FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA)”. FRIAs require that the flying site be under the umbrella of a community-based organization or educational institution (the AMA is considered a community-based organization). Apparently our club will have to apply to the FAA to become an FRIA, but hopefully it will be a straightforward process, leveraging support from the AMA for all their chartered clubs.

When flying at a FRIA site there will not be a requirement for the aircraft to have a module broadcasting a remote identifier. There is also a provision for covering special events away from a FRIA such as airshows: “Special events, such as air shows or other temporary events, will have a path to receive authorization from the administrator to deviate from the Remote ID operation rules.”

Probably the biggest impact for our club members will be the added cost of RTF aircraft that must include remote ID capability, since the manufacturers can’t guarantee that every plane sold will only be flown at FRIAs. The FAA even requires that the aircraft must not be able to take off unless it is broadcasting the remote ID signal (which not only includes a unique ID, but also location and altitude, implying GPS receiver capability).

UAS operators will not be required to comply with these new rules until September of 2023 and the process for flying sites to apply to be recognized as an FRIA will not begin until September of next year, so I suspect that there might be a few changes to the rules by then. Besides the AMA interacting with the FAA, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is also strongly fighting to keep the Remote ID rules from being overly stringent for our model aircraft. I suggest periodically visiting the AMA’s website to get any important updates regarding the requirements being imposed on us by the FAA.

Frank Sodek

## Here are directions to Paul Milton’s hangar:

1. From the intersection of SH36 and SH317 (northwest of the Temple airport), head north on SH317 for 2.4 miles to South Whitehall Road.
2. Turn left onto South Whitehall Road and travel 0.2 mile to Runway Lane.
3. Turn right onto Runway Lane (you can disregard the warnings about being a private road) and drive 0.3 mile to Paul’s hangar (you’ll see a windsock and Dusty Crophopper at his hangar).

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**Here’s how to make a grandson (or any young kid) happy - give him a rubber band-powered plane to fly! I think this is how most of us got started (along with control line and freeflight models).**

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