

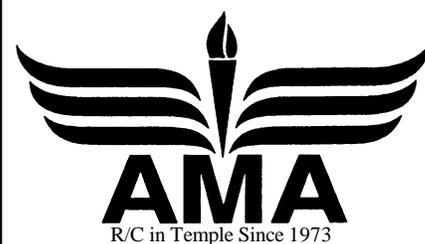
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

May 2019



This month's meeting will be held Monday, May 20th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Club Meeting:
May 20th*

CLUB INFO

*Sanctioned Fun
Fly: June 9th*

*Night Fly:
June 14th*

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On The Cover

Brady Sherwood (left) and Carlos Hernandez (right) are waiting for their turn to fly a Giant Scale/3D aerobatic R/C demonstration with their big Extras at the Central Texas Airshow.

Temple Aero Modelers 2019 Event Schedule

May 20	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 9	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 14	Night Fly	7:30pm
Jun 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 12	Night Fly	7:30pm
Jul 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 9	Night Fly	7:30pm
Aug 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 6	Night Fly	7:00pm
Sep 15	Poker Fly	11:00am
Sep 29	Fall Picnic	1:00pm
Sep 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 4	Night Fly	6:30pm
Oct 6	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 23	Final Training Session	5:00pm
Oct 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 8	Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly	1:00pm
Dec 9	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). New pilot training sessions are every Wednesday evening during Daylight Saving Time.

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President's Report



May has been a busy month for all of us so far. We started out with our most visible event of the year with the Temple Airshow. Friday, Mother Nature stepped in to deprive us of showing off the club's night flyers due to the rain which has played havoc with several of our other regular club flying weekends. No night flying, no fireworks, Friday was a real washout. Saturday was a new day and several members gathered early to get our booth set up for the hoped-for large audience ready to see the airshow. Attendance was less than expected, but there was plenty of mud for everybody that did attend. We had to move our booth to a new area because our old area was a total mud pit. Spectators fought the ankle-deep mud to get to the audience viewing area, but the show went on as scheduled. Our club had a primetime slot during the show and put on a dazzling display that the audience seemed to really enjoy. Sunday was a better weather day, and the show went on with a good crowd. When the show was over, I would love to have a picture from a drone of the dismantling of our booth. Like a well-oiled machine, we surely would have looked like a bunch of fireants as we took down 4 canopies, pulled fence posts and rolled up fence, and loaded everything like a veteran crew of circus tent workers. It was a great public exposure venue for our club that hopefully will bring us some new, excited R/C flyers. I want to personally thank all who gave up their weekend for the Airshow event, but especially Frank Sodek, Paul Milton (and Dusty Crophopper), and Buster Hinkle (and trusty helper Marsha), who spent so many hours before the show to make the event go so smoothly.

April showers brought plenty of rain and the result was the closing of most of the public parks on Lake Belton to include McGregor Park needed to get to our field. We still have access to get there, but if the lake keeps rising, it could get tricky for us to even get to the field. However, several of our club night flyers got together on May 10th for an evening of flying that they missed due to the Airshow rain issues previously mentioned.

We will have a lot to talk about at this upcoming meeting. We certainly hope that you will be there. Remember, it will be a week early this month due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

I hope to see you out at the field soon!

Steve Sanders Club President tsand001@aol.com

Meeting Minutes (April 29, 2019 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Steve Sanders at 7:30pm.

New Members/Visitors – Joe, Anthony and Dominic Formica

were visiting for the first time; Anthony joined the Club at the meeting as a Youth member.

Minutes from the meeting held in March were accepted as published in the April newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Mark Cullison, seconded by Larry Macie.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer. Motion to accept the report was made by Paul Milton, seconded by Jim Goren.

Safety Officer's Report – Safety Officer was not present.

Field Marshal's Report – Paul reported that he has been mowing the field; Frank Sodek has been running his weedeater. Frank reported that he, Paul and Steve Meyer had not been able to align their schedules with nice weather for completion of the tractor cover.

Announcements – Frank reported that Ron Norman's mother passed away.

Old Business - Frank reported that so far the Wednesday evening training sessions have been either rained or winded out. Frank reported on the Night Fly event that was held on April 12th.

The Spring Picnic on April 28th was well attended; there was a great selection of food and flying conditions were decent.

New Business - Frank covered the action items for the club's participation in the Central Texas Airshow. He has received the AMA sanction and insurance certificate and has continued rounding up potential demonstration pilots. He purchased and received the RTF Dynam P-51 raffle plane. He has printed up 120 raffle tickets but will get more copied (84 tickets were sold at the meeting). He will also update the Club Information sheet and get copies made.

The next Night Fly event will be held on May 10th.

Trip Reports – Bobby Zikes attended the Senior Pattern Contest in Ft. Worth and placed second in his Advanced class.

Frank visited the Lone Star Flight Museum with his grandson.

Blunder Awards – Frank was helping Anthony Formica (our new youth member) fly his brand new foam AT-6 when he stalled the plane and was not able to regain control. The plane received moderate damage. Frank won the Blunder Award.

Door Prize – Dominic Formica (Anthony's younger brother) won the door prize (screwdriver set) that was donated by Paul Milton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Frank Sodek* Club Secretary

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,109.54

Deposits: None

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House ... \$25.00
Flower arrangement (Mr Meyer) ... \$59.54
Total Expenses: \$84.54

Balance April, 2019: \$4,025.00

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



I trust this finds everyone well.

The Club's participation at the recent Central Texas Airshow went well, thanks to all that helped and participated. There was an interesting observation and confirmation that the Government (and more specifically the FAA) is clueless.

The AMA published a document with cooperation and under the auspices of the FAA, regarding the operation of our model aircraft at Full Scale Airshows. In this AMA document, it clearly states that we must observe a 250-foot separation from the operation of our models and the spectator line. On our Saturday flight demonstration, we firmly observed the 250-foot distance.

However, on Sunday we were informed by the Airshow Boss that the FAA representative at the show informed her that we had to observe a 500-foot distance. We presented our AMA document clearly stating 250-foot distance, but the FAA prevailed, and we maintained a 500-foot distance.

Subsequent inquiry revealed that the FAA guy was poorly informed and lacked the knowledge of our FAA-approved operation distance. Imagine that! Someone from the government not knowing everything!

Regardless, we put on awesome RC Aerobatic Flight demonstrations, that the spectators enjoyed immensely.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Staines
Club Safety Officer
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Central Texas Airshow

By Frank Sodek

Our club had another great presence at this year's Central Texas Airshow. Unfortunately Mother Nature did not cooperate with us on Friday - the Night Show was cancelled due to wet conditions, and additional storms forecasted for the evening did indeed develop. Since the Friday night show was cancelled, we delayed setting up our display booth until Saturday morning.

Saturday (and Sunday) turned out to be very nice after the storms moved through the prior evening. But the airport grounds were left muddy, especially along the sides of the reconstructed taxiway where the vendors (and our club booth) are typically located. We were able to move our booth to the north in a gravelly spot that wasn't muddy, but it left us separated from Paul Milton's "Dusty Crophopper" display and the pit area for Brady Sherwood and Carlos Hernandez's aerobatic Big Birds.

We had quite a few visitors to our booth, and we sold about \$450 in raffle tickets for the RTF electric P-51. Club members answered questions and handed out club information sheets and *Model Aviation* magazines. Hopefully some of the contacts that were made will find their way to our field.

Brady and Carlos put on terrific giant scale/3D aerobatic flying demonstrations during the Saturday and Sunday afternoon shows. Paul Milton spent all day Saturday guiding excited kids into the cockpit of his "Dusty Crophopper" plane while their parents took photos. Paul collected a total of \$127 in donations to the club from thankful parents.

It takes a ton of work to pull off an event like this, so I'd like to extend my appreciation to all members that helped out during the weekend.

Regards,
Frank
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Here's the Club's booth at the Central Texas Airshow.



Three Extras lined up, awaiting their turn to fly.



The raffle winner was Mr. W. Bennett from Burley, Idaho (who was visiting his sister who lives in Moffat).



Paul Milton and a couple of young spectators watch the Mig-17 taxi by Paul's "Dusty Crophopper" display.

Airshow photos by JR Hester

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