

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

November 2010



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



*Club Meeting –  
November 29<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Toy Drive/Fly-in  
- December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas  
Banquet –  
December 6<sup>th</sup>*

## 2010 Officers

President: Lance Starzyk  
760-8678  
Vice Pres./Sec. Frank Sodek  
773-8081  
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
982-4746  
Safety Officer: Randy Mennen  
541-9349  
Field Marshal: Fred Huber  
698-4777

## Temple Event Schedule

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  
Happy Holidays!!!

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081  
Mark Cullison 773-9686  
Paul Horan 780-1274  
Doug Staines 780-3512  
Lance Starzyk 760-8678  
Fred Huber 698-4777



## On The Cover

Our newest club member, Terry Turner (left) has been flying his two sons on the buddy box. They are flying a trainer that Bobby Zikes built for his son (who's also named Terry) in 1988!

Photo by Frank Sodek

## Notice

There will be no club newsletter published in December (the Editor gets to have a Christmas holiday every year). The next newsletter that you'll receive will be published right before the January, 2011 meeting. Happy Holidays!!!

Frank Sodek, Jr. - Editor 773-8081  
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## President's Report



TAM Members,

The year has come and gone and our last few events are at hand. Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm is the Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In. Everyone is asked to bring at least one new unwrapped toy. Each year we divide and distribute

these gifts between the Ronald McDonald House and the Toys for Tots programs.

Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm is our annual Christmas Banquet and Officer Elections (see enclosed directions). Family and friends are invited, of course, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and a gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Traditionally, after dinner and before the gift exchange, we will hold elections for next year's club officers. Up until the ballots are collected, anyone may throw their name in the hat for a position. As I mentioned previously, these positions are an important part of the club's continued success. Now is the time to have your ideas become realized by filling one of these positions and being part of the club's leadership. The only requirement to running and casting a vote is being a paid club member and by virtue, an AMA member as well.

Finally, I want to thank all of those who supported me during my time as Club President. As expected, this included just about everyone. I've had a great time and I look forward to helping next year's officers with another successful year and lots of fun flying. Safe and happy holidays to everyone!

Lance Starzyk  
Club President  
[lstarzyk@vwm.com](mailto:lstarzyk@vwm.com)

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## Meeting Minutes (October 25, 2010 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President/Secretary Frank Sodek at 7:30pm. Three of the five club officers and six members were present.

**New Members/Visitors** - Terry Turner rejoined the club after having been away from the hobby for many years.

**Minutes** from the meeting held in September were read by VP/Secretary Frank Sodek; a motion to accept minutes as read was made by Fred Huber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Cullison.

**Treasurer's Report** was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Doug Staines

and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber.

**Safety Report** – Safety Officer was not present.

**Field Marshal's Report** – Fred reported that the riding mower just needed a new belt, which he replaced. He stated that the stump grinding and rebuilding of the pilot station safety barriers are delayed until Randy's arm gets better, and for cooler weather.

Fred also stated that he would not be running for the Field Marshal position next year.

Frank stated that it was very obvious the field spraying was effective, because there are a few areas that he missed that are covered with weeds and grassburrs, while the sprayed areas are clear.

**Announcements** – The last Beginners' Training Night will be held on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Doug Staines reported that he attended an AMA VP training session in San Antonio. The FAA is working on new regulations pertaining to UAVs, and he discussed the need to use a spotter when you're flying.

## Old Business

**Fall Fun Fly** – Buster reported that he cancelled the Fun Fly because only two pilots (seven people total) showed up.

**Poker Fly** – Don wasn't present, but a brief summary of the event was given (Don had placed a report in the newsletter).

## New Business

**Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive / Fly In** – Mark reported the event will start at 1PM. Everyone should bring a new unwrapped toy.

**Christmas Banquet** – Bobby has reserved the room for our annual Christmas Party. Final plans will be made at the November meeting.

**Officer elections** – will be held at the Christmas Banquet. Buster stated that he wouldn't mind continuing as Club Treasurer; Fred stated that Randy Mennen had mentioned that he would like to run for Field Marshal; and Terry Turner stated that he would like to be considered for the club's Safety Officer.

**Indoor Fly-in** – Eric Runfeldt suggested that the club hold an indoor electric fly-in. Mark reported that there had been some indoor flying previously in conjunction with the Waco club.

**Trip Reports** – Buster, John Redwine and Paul Milton attended the full-scale fly-in at Reklaw.

David Macek, Doug and Charles Harris attended the ARCA 3D fly-in. They reported that about 75 pilots were in attendance.

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**Blunder Awards** – The following blunders were reported:

- 1) Frank was flying Ed Weems on the buddy box when a tall tree on the north end of the runway unexpectedly sucked Ed’s trainer into the top of the tree while on landing approach.
- 2) Cliff Manuel reported that he damaged the nose on his Raptor due to a bad landing at the Poker Fly.
- 3) Fred stalled his Brio pattern plane about eight inches off the ground while landing, folding its fiberglass fuselage.

Ed and Frank won this month’s Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes recorded by *Frank Sodek*  
 VP/Secretary  
[Frank.Sodek@amd.com](mailto:Frank.Sodek@amd.com)

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**Treasurer’s Report**



Beginning Balance: \$4,401.71

Deposits:

Aluminum cans (Frank) ..... \$14.25  
 Total Deposits: \$14.25

Debits:

All Sports Trophies (Fun Fly) ..... \$35.00  
 Ronald McDonald House ..... \$20.00  
 Total Debits: \$55.00

Balance October, 2010: \$4,360.96

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
 Club Treasurer

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**Christmas Banquet & Officer Elections**

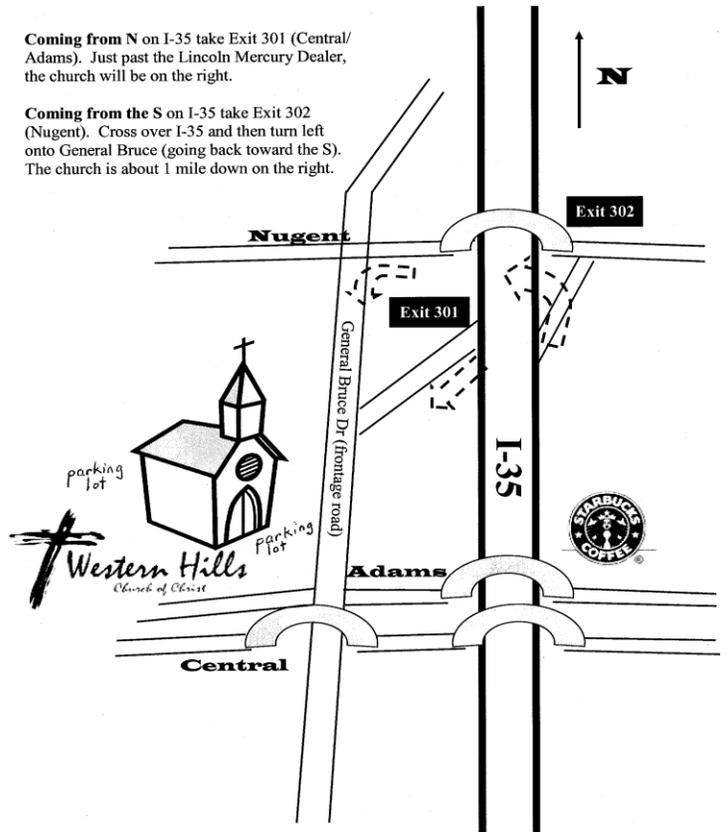
Don’t forget about the Club’s Christmas Party on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Western Hills Church of Christ (see the map below). This year we will be meeting in the gym building at the back of the facility. Bring your family and friends out for the Pot Luck dinner starting at 6:30PM (drinks will be provided by the club). Elections for 2011 officers will be held, and the evening will conclude with the ever-popular Chinese Gift Exchange, led by Buster Hinkle. Anyone wanting to participate in the gift

exchange should bring a gift in the \$10-\$15 range. See you there!!!

**Directions to the Western Hills Church of Christ**

**Coming from N on I-35 take Exit 301 (Central/Adams).** Just past the Lincoln Mercury Dealer, the church will be on the right.

**Coming from the S on I-35 take Exit 302 (Nugent).** Cross over I-35 and then turn left onto General Bruce (going back toward the S). The church is about 1 mile down on the right.



**There was a large gathering of Big Birds at our field recently, on a nice Sunday afternoon.** Photo by Eric Runfeldt

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Temple Aero Modelers

To join the Temple Aero Modelers or renew your dues, please fill out this form, enclose a check, and mail to:

**Temple Aero Modelers**  
c/o Buster Hinkle  
11591 Pritchard Rd.  
Temple, TX 76501

Make check payable to:  
**Temple Aero Modelers**

(check or cash can also be brought to the next club meeting)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA#: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Channels that you fly: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (Home)  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*	
Adult member dues (18 and over) .....	\$60.00	_____
Additional family member .....	\$30.00	_____
Senior member dues (over 65) .....	\$30.00	_____
Junior member dues (under 18) .....	\$10.00	_____
Associate member .....	\$30.00	_____

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*For new members only – if joining in the first quarter (Jan-Mar): 100% of full year dues; second quarter (Apr-Jun): 75% of full year dues; third quarter (Jul-Sep): 50% of full year dues; fourth quarter (Oct-Dec): 25% of full year dues.

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## District VIII Events

- Dec 4-5 Alamo 3D Fun Fly/BBQ/Night Fly – San Antonio
- Dec 11 Texoma Winter Wonderland Combat – Southmayd
- Dec 11 Buzzard Busters 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet - Hico
- Jan 14 GAMA 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet - Georgetown

Frank Sodek - Editor  
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