

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

October 2013



This month's meeting will be held Monday, October 28th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



CLUB INFO

*Poker Fly:
October 20th
October 27th*

*Club Meeting:
October 28th*

*Last Beginners'
Night:
October 30th*

2013 Officers

President: Frank Sodek
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Temple Event Schedule

Oct 27	Poker Fly	1:00pm
Oct 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 30	Last Beginner's Night	5:30pm
Nov 25	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 1	Don Cullison Toy Fly-In	1:00pm
Dec 9	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

Instructors

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Paul Horan 780-1274
Doug Staines 541-2915
Fred Huber 698-4777



On The Cover

The Fall Fun Fly is in the books! Back row is Buster Hinkle, CD. Front row are (from left to right): Paul Milton - 2nd, John Cobb - 1st, and Mark Cullison - 3rd.

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President's Report

by Frank Sodek



Greetings, I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we've been having lately. October makes living in Texas worthwhile - the big challenge, of course, is surviving August here!

We had fairly decent weather for our Fall Picnic on September 29th. The day started out wet but in the afternoon it turned out very nice. The rain during the morning unfortunately caused cancellation of combat flying for the day. We had a couple of tables of goodies for everyone to stuff themselves, and as the weather improved during the afternoon quite a bit of flying activity occurred.

The club's Fall Fun fly was held on Sunday, October 6th. We had a moderate cross-wind during most of the contest, but it still turned out to be a fun day for all participants. Buster Hinkle directed the Fun Fly for us again, and this year he surprised us all with a few new events, which helped add to the flying challenge and the fun. I'd like to thank Buster for running this event; he should have a full report elsewhere in this newsletter.

We were originally scheduled to hold the Poker Fly on October 20th but due to several folks having conflicts, we were forced to postpone the event one week. We will now be holding the Poker Fly on Sunday, October 27th beginning at 1PM. This is also a really fun and very simple event that any level of pilot can participate in. After putting your \$5 ante into the pot, you get to draw 5 cards and then each time you fly you can swap an existing card for a new one. The highest hand in the end wins the pot. This will be a fun event, so I hope to see a lot of you at this event.

Most of you know that Fred Huber recently had surgery on his leg. I'm happy to report that Fred's surgery went very well, and he's doing better than the doctors anticipated. He got out of the hospital after three days and then stayed with Randy Mennen for a few days. Ron Elza and his wife have been coming over to Fred's to help straighten up the house. Fred reported that he's now taking less pain medication than before, and he thinks getting the surgery performed was a good choice. We wish Fred a speedy recovery and a quick return to flying.

Note: now that the federal government is no longer shut down, McGregor Park is open again, so we don't have to contend with unlocking the gate at the park's entrance.

See you all at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Meeting Minutes (September 30, 2013 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None present

Minutes from the meeting held in August were accepted as published in the September newsletter. Motion was made by Fred Huber, seconded by Ed Weems.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Fred, 2nd by Paul Horan.

Safety Officer's Report – Paul had nothing new to report.

Field Marshal's Report – David Macek obtained a quote for \$825 to repair the damaged entrance gate column. Larry reported that he had attempted to contact the Park Ranger (Todd Spivey) and the guy who damaged the gate, but neither had returned his calls. Paul Milton will contact a person he knows that might be interested in performing the repair. There was discussion regarding attempting the repair ourselves, which would save the club the cost of labor.

Announcements – there were no announcements

Old Business

Mark gave a quick report on the recent Combat flying. Frank gave a report on the Fall Picnic (which didn't have any combat flying because of rains that morning).

New Business – Buster reported that he had everything ready for the Fall Fun Fly on October 6th. Frank reported that he had a conflict for the Poker Fly (to be held on October 20th) and would not be able to direct the event. Larry volunteered to take Frank's place and run the Poker Fly.

Frank read the minutes from a recent AMA Executive Council meeting in which the council passed a motion pertaining to flying demonstrations at airshows. All airshow flying demonstrations must be overseen by an AMA Contest Director and be conducted under an AMA issued Class D sanction. The CD must also verify the competency of the pilots and safe conduct of the flight operations.

Bobby Zikes stated that he would reserve the gym at his church for our Christmas Banquet.

Trip Reports – none were given

Blunder Awards – Pete Cornett had his Long John crash into a mesquite tree after the elevator servo came loose. Larry

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launched his electric delta wing with the motor reversed. Larry won the blunder award this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,123.94

Deposits:

Dues.....\$120.00

Total Deposits: \$120.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

Empire Seed (mower diagnostic).....\$32.48

Ed Weems (mower fuel).....\$54.11

Ed Weems (1 gal tire sealant).....\$21.64

Total Expenses: \$133.23

Balance September, 2013: \$5,110.71

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

COMBAT Wrap-up

(Editor's note: the following are the last two reports submitted.)

Combat Diehard Dogs;

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day Holiday Weekend, now back to the subject of raw, unedited and downright nasty Combat!

The usual or unusual and strange hardened Combat Dogs crawled into the arena to duel for another Match of grueling Combat. The weather hasn't cooled yet, but this didn't deter our battle hardened warrior Combat Dogs, as they braced for another day of air supremacy or total annihilation. The 2013 year of Combat is quickly closing with only 2 matches remaining after today's great Combat match that vetted our titans against each other.

A great feat today, we managed to get 4 rounds, of 2 heats of furious Combat into the air in about 2 hours.

Top scores in today's tortuous exercise saw John Cobb scoring 13, Mark Cullison with 11 and Dan Brett with 8; after the dust settled, the glow fuel slime wiped off the Combat weary ships, the broken parts from the carnage was collected, saw Mark Cullison remaining soundly in 1st at 73 Pts, John Cobb moved up in the ranks to claim 2nd with 60 Pts, I dropped to 3rd with 55 Pts, Dave Ebers retains 4th at 44, and Larry Macie and Bill Sidney grapple for 5th tied at 42 Pts each.

No one wants to have a Mid-Air, but if you are going to have a Mid-Air, have a good one; and that was no exception today, a few great Mid-Airs prevailed. The most interesting fact today was that the Combat was Fierce, Furious and the Flying was Intense, yet the Scores dropped off in comparison to the our last Match, which saw cut scores awarded of 17, 13 and several 12's, the caliber of flying and Combat was near equal; so you just never know how a day of Combat will play out.

Douglas Staines
 Co-CD

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Combat Heroes;

Noticed I called you Combat Heroes and not Combat Dogs; well deserved; another great year of Combat is in the books, a great season for all our Combat Pilots as we put a close to the 2013 Combat Season. I'm sure I can speak for everyone in that we are all looking forward to the 2014 Season. The weather threatened to rain for most of the day of our Final Match, but held off and the temperature was comfortable for a change.

The Final Match was interesting to say the least and the outcome in the standings could have made for a dramatic end. Mark Cullison who had been sitting on the lofty perch of First place for several matches at 73 Points, was unable to compete or duel in the all-important Final Match; this left the door wide open for John Cobb to sweep Mark from First Place as he entered the Final with 60 Points.

After 3 Rounds of highly contested battle for air supremacy, saw John Cobb with 11 Points; going into the 4th and Final Round of the 2013 Season, John would only have to Score 2 Cuts to Tie Mark or 3 Cuts to take First Place; in either case, John would have prevailed as victor as Mark would not have been able to participate in a tie Breaker Fly off.

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Then the unthinkable happened, call it bad luck for one or good luck for someone else; John Crashed his Plane shortly after Launching; the damage took his plane out of action which safeguarded Mark's First place Conquest of the 2013 Season with 73 Points. A great challenge had been waged by John and hats off to his flying talents. Congratulations to Mark for a well deserving First Place Finish. John Cobb didn't leave the 2013 Season empty handed, he took home the 2nd Place trophy with his Final Standing of 71 Points and I managed to hold onto 3rd Place with 62 Points for the Season. I might add that John Cobb had handcrafted some very impressive and excellent looking Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Finishes, which would look great on anyone's Mantle.

Rounding out the top 5, saw Mark Harris solidly move up the ranks to win 4th place with a final score of 47; Bill Sidney and Larry Macie tied for 5th Place with 46 Points each. Top Score for the Final Match of the season was John Cobb scoring 11 Cuts; Mark Harris and Myself scored 7 cuts each, Dan Brett with 6, George Pritchett with 5 and Larry Macie and Bill Sidney with 4 each.

What more can I say, a great day for our Final Match; Mark Harris and Myself put a bunch of Sausage Wraps together for everyone to enjoyed between Rounds and man were they good, I had more than my fair share, no surprise there. At the conclusion of today's Match we recognized the Top 3 Finishers with the awarding of their respective trophies. We finished the day with a quick meeting to vote on some Rule changes for the 2014 Season. After tabling some discussion and getting mutual and majority agreement for the changes, we had agreed on a provision in addressing cancellations, to ensure that 4 Rounds of Combat will take place at every Match, with the exception when 3 heats are to take place for each round, in which case a 4th round will be determined on the day of the Match and we would allow the use of a back-up plane in any heat in the event of a crash or malfunction, with the condition that entering such plane, a full new streamer would have to be attached. Specifics of the rule Changes can be seen on the Temple Combat League Rules, when available on the Club's Website and will be featured in an upcoming Club Newsletter.

That's all for now my fellow Combat Heroes, I hope you have enjoyed my Combat Reports, looking forward to putting them together next year and kicking your butts again in the air as well.

Co-Combat CD Doug Staines, signing off for the 2013 Combat Season.



Combat Diehard Dogs at the last match of the year.

Fall Fun Fly

Sunday Oct. 6th was a clear windy day. The wind gusts were very challenging. Frank, Bobby, Paul Milton, Mark Harris, John Cobb, Mark Cullison and Paul Horan signed up. Bobby couldn't get his engine to run right. He replaced fuel tank and lines with no luck. The events and rules were new so that electricals could fly without deductions.

First event was timed touch and goes. The pilot rolls one die which determines how many touch and goes he must perform. The time starts when wheels start rolling and stops when wheels stop. 150 point bonus added for every touch in the circle. Cobb won this event. He rolled a 3 and a 1 and hit the circle 3 times. Total score was 3,950 points. Milton came in 2nd place. He rolled a 1 and another 1 and hit the circle both times He scored 3,810 points. Sodek came in 3rd place. He rolled a 6 and a 2 and hit 5 circles, scoring 3,080. Horan 2,790; Harris 2,120; and Cullison 2,100.

Second event was Vegas Loops. Pilot rolls two die to determine the number of loops he has to do. The engine is started, then the pilot has to roll a 7 or 11 to takeoff. Time starts at the first throw for 7 or 11. Time stops when wheels stop. Cobb won this event as well. He rolled a 10 and turned 69 sec. then rolled a 6 and turned 36 sec. He scored 3,750. Sodek was 2nd, he rolled an 8 and turned 64 sec. then rolled a 7 and turned 60 sec. He scored 3,560. Harris was 3rd, he rolled a 6 and turned 62 sec. then a 10 for 66 sec. He scored 3,420. Milton 3,400; Cullison 3,390; Horan 3,370.

Third event was Vegas timed flight with rolls. Roll two die and multiply by ten to determine the number of seconds the pilot must fly. Time starts when wheels roll and stops when wheels stop. The pilot must do the number of rolls that

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appeared on the dice. John got beat on this one by Cullison and Milton. Cullison rolled an 8 and got a perfect score then rolled an 11 and was just 9 seconds off. He scored 4,530. Milton rolled a 9 and was 1 sec off, then rolled a 7 and was 9 off. He scored 4,500. John was 3rd. He rolled a 10 and a 4 and was 6 seconds off on both. He scored 4,440. Horan rolled 7 and was 36 seconds off, then he got a perfect score when he rolled a 9. He scored 3,720. Harris 3,570; Sodek rolled an 11 and was 57seconds off and could not believe that he missed that bad. He then rolled a 7 and was only 3 seconds off, scored 3,000.

John Cob won the contest with 12,140. Paul Milton finished 2nd with 11,710 and Mark Cullison was 3rd with 10,020, Paul Horan 4th 9,880, Frank Sodek 5th 9,640 and Mark Harris 6th with 9,210 points. Cullison struggled so much with the first two events that he wasn't looking at the scoreboard and was shocked when I called his name for 3rd place.

Everybody liked these events, so I will do the exact same for next year's contest, so now ya'll can practice. In the past, no one knew until the day of the contest.

Buster Hinkle, CD



Frank Sodek assisting Mark Cullison during a fun fly event.



Derek and Buster Hinkle tracking the scores at the fun fly.



The fun fly line-up.

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