

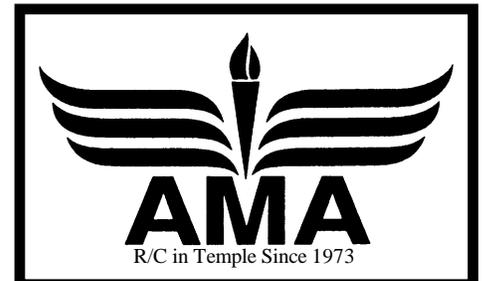
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

October 2016



This month's meeting will be held Monday, October 24th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting:
October 24th
(pulled up one
week due to
Halloween)*

*Final New Pilot
Training Session:
October 19th*

*Veterans' Day
Night Fly:
November 11th*

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Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Oct 19 Final New Pilot Training Session 5:00pm
Oct 24 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 15 Veterans' Day Night Fly 6:00pm
Nov 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 4 Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly 1:00pm
Dec 12 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), October (pulled up one week because of Halloween) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

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On The Cover

Buster Hinkle (back row), director of the club's Fall Fun Fly, is shown with the top three finishers: Shon Cain (left, third place) Bobby Zikes (center, first place) and Larry Macie (2nd place)

Photo by Marsha Hinkle



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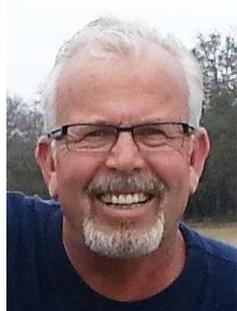
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President's Report

by *Larry Macie*



Hello everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The seasons are changing, which makes for some comfortable flying. I have always said you can never take off enough clothes to cool off, however you can put on enough to stay warm. I do like to fly on calm, cool or even cold days. Something about the smell of nitro powered planes on cooler days.

There was a night fly scheduled this month which a lot of people were intending to make but were not able to, including yours truly. The ones who were able to make it said they had a great time with the full moon in the background. A video posted by Buster was really amazing. I'm glad those who made it had fun. There has also been talk about having another scheduled night fly proposed for November 11, Friday night, a few days before the full moon on November 14, known as the "Beaver Moon" according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. This is also Veterans' Day.

On a further note, I will not be running for President next year nor accept the nomination. Those who have yet to hold an office, I encourage you to do so. It has been my pleasure being your President for the last two years. It has come time to do something different. I will still volunteer my services to the club. All you have to do is ask. Thank you all for your support.

Larry Macie
Club President
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Meeting Minutes (September 26, 2016 meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Club President Larry Macie at 7:30pm.

New Members/Visitors – Bryan Hughes from Arizona

Minutes from the meeting held in August were accepted as published in the September newsletter. Motion was made by Paul Milton, seconded by John Redwine.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer. Motion was made by Fred Huber, seconded by Mark Cullison.

Safety Officer's Report – No report

Field Marshal's Report – Frank Sodek mowed and replaced the gate lock (thanks Frank!) Trail mower lost a belt.

Announcements

There will not be a Hico Swap Meet this year.

Old Business

Poker Fly – Good weather. All seemed to enjoy the event.

Newspapers in Education – The club donated \$117 again this year.

Night Fly – rescheduled for Oct 15th at the Flying Field at 6:30pm. Bring bug spray.

New Business

Club Roster update – work in progress.

30th anniversary of Ronald McDonald House – they are looking for sponsors. Larry Macie motioned to donate \$100, Frank Sodek 2nd, the motion passed.

Fall Fun Fly – Oct 2nd at 1pm. Events: 1) Timed Touch & Go, 2) Las Vegas Loops, and 3) Las Vegas Timed Flight. Frank Sodek will bring drinks.

Last Training Session will be Oct 19th. Has not been a good year for training.

Trip Reports

Waco air show: Frank Sodek, Paul Milton and Fred Huber attended. Was very hot! Will change date to March in 2017. Thunderbirds are scheduled to attend.

Blunder Awards

Bryan Hughes clipped a prop on landing.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by *Mark Cullison*
Club Vice-President/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

by *Buster Hinkle*



Beginning Balance: \$3,411.22

Deposits: None

Expenses:
Temple Telegram N.I.E. ... \$117.00
Ronald McDonald House ... \$25.00
Total Expenses: \$142.00

Balance September, 2016: \$3,269.22

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Safety Officer's Report

By Doug Staines



A fellow Club Member, *Pete Cornett*, brought the following safety issue to my attention and I wanted to share it with you.

Most of us are aware of the use of *Dean's Plugs*, they are found on most electric powered aircraft and on the larger scale gassers. The male Dean's plug on the ESC or Switch, typically has 2 solid heavy gauge brass blades or contacts that are embedded into a plastic or nylon base. Also typical is thinner gauge brass metal strips attached to the tip of the contact blades and runs the length of these blades terminating into the plastic base. These thinner metal strips provide tension or resistance when the plug is inserted into the corresponding female plug on the batteries, preventing the plug from pulling free.

Recently, Pete was plugging one of his batteries into his aircraft by way of the matching Dean's plugs. When he pushed the plugs together there was an instant electrical discharge or arc with a snap or a pop, all the signs of an electrical short. He quickly unplugged the battery and did an investigation as to what the heck just happened.

On inspection of the plugs, he discovered that on the male plug, one of those thinner metal tension strips had unattached from the contact blade tip and when he inserted the plug into the battery plug, it folded the thin metal strip back making contact with the other blade causing an immediate short.

The takeaway from this is to inspect these plugs regularly to ensure that the thinner metal tension strips are firmly attached to the contact blade tips. The continuous inserting and withdrawing of these contact blades lends itself to wearing away the attachment point of the tension strips.

If you happen to find one of your plugs with a questionable tension strip attachment, I would suggest perhaps removing the strip altogether, if the other blade's tension strip is intact, should provide enough tension or resistance to keep the plug fully engaged. The other alternative is to replace the plug altogether with a new plug.

Be safe out there and hope to see you at the field, especially now that the weather is getting more pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Staines
 Club Safety Officer
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Fall Fun Fly

By Buster Hinkle

We had perfect weather for the fun fly with a very calm South wind. The wind changed to a direct cross from the East for a short time, and we also had a couple of dust devils - Frank did a great job landing in one of them. The group picture has all the contestants. Fred won the first event which was timed touch and goes, Bobby was second and Larry third. Steve won the Las Vegas Loops II, Bobby and Larry tied for second. Shon won the Vegas Timed Flight with Rolls, Larry was second and Steve third.

Every event required the roll of the die that dictated how many touch and goes, loops, rolls and how long you should fly. Larry has finished in the top three in every Fall Fun Fly he has entered except the first one in 2007, where he crashed in the second round of the first event, but he has never finished in the top three in the June Sanctioned fun flies. Paul usually finishes in the top three but he had bad luck this time. Frank was only five seconds off from flying the exact time needed in the third event. Doug was trying too hard to figure out ways of scoring big scores that didn't work out but I did like his method. Brian did an excellent job of flying for the first fun fly contest he has entered.

All the pilots were highly skilled and all finished the contest, which made the scores very close. Fred hit one of the pilot stands after landing in the first event and broke an aileron but got it fixed. Bobby won the contest, Larry placed second and Shon third. Missy did an excellent job running the scoreboard.

Buster Hinkle



Here are all the contestants (and Contest Director) that participated in the Fall Fun Fly. Photo by Marsha Hinkle

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