

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

September 2008



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



*Fall Picnic /
Last Combat –
September 28th*

*Club Meeting –
September 29th*

CLUB INFO

*Fall Fun Fly –
October 5th*

*Poker Fly –
October 19th*

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Temple Event Schedule

Sep 28 Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 5 Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 19 Poker Fly 10am
Oct 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 29 Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 24 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Temple Airport Conference Room
Dec 7 Don Cullison Memorial
Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 9 Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections
6:30pm

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On The Cover

John Hagel is shown with Lance Starzyk's beautiful new Double Vision biplane. The first flights were successful, thanks to John's assistance.

Photo by Lance Starzyk

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President's Report



On the morning of Tuesday, August 26th, three brave and hardy souls set out to tackle an almost overwhelming task... to completely mow the entire field in one day! Fred Huber (who brought his own mower

from home) and Andy Sonnier were up to the task (as well as a non-member volunteer). Thanks guys!

It took them four hours to mow everything. That may not sound like much, until you realize that four hours running three mowers comes out to twelve hours of mowing! That's a whole lot of mowing. Way too much for one guy to do. This is why we need more volunteers to help with this task. With Fall approaching, we will be getting more rain, which means the grass (and sand burrs) will grow. Do we need to do something else besides relying completely on volunteers? Set up some sort of work schedule? Hire someone to mow the field? Thoughts to ponder.

However we decide to do it, **help is needed to mow now!**

By the way, the removal of the club's mowers from the 40' container is now much easier due to Ed Weems building and donating two completely new ramps. (Thanks Ed!)

See you at the meeting!

Mark Cullison
President
Temple Aero Modelers
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Meeting Minutes (August 25th meeting)



The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by President Mark Cullison; no visitors or new members were present.

Minutes from the meeting held in July were read by VP/Secretary Lance Starzyk; motion to accept the minutes was made by John Redwine, 2nd by

Fred Huber.

Treasurer's Report was given by Buster Hinkle;

motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Fred Huber and 2nd by Ed Weems.

Safety Report was given by Don Mondrik. He advised being aware of active stinging insects while hunting for downed aircraft in the field. Also, dove hunting season begins September 1st.

Field Marshall Report: Need help mowing.

Announcements

None

Old Business

Beginners' Night report was given by Mark.

Storage Container Report: plans for renovating, painting, etc were still put on hold until cooler weather. Ed Weems will be replacing the new container ramps.

Lance volunteered to build the new frequency board once the old shed is removed and the old container repositioned.

Burr Control is still on hold but a late fall/early winter application won't hurt the infield. Burr control remains effective; primarily due to consistent mowing, need to continue this practice.

Runway resealing project: Mark Cullison reiterated that the remaining 4 containers of sealant need to be used.

There was concern that it would go bad before the next use and there were thin spots that could be addressed before the stripes were put on the runway.

Combat Report was given by Larry Macie; the leader changed, with John Cobb jumping to 1st place with 43 points, passing Doug Staines now in 2nd place with 34 points. Larry would like to see more participation to challenge the leader.

New Business

The Fall Picnic will be held on September 28th starting at 1pm. It will be Pot Luck - bring a dish to share. Mark will bring drinks.

The Fall Fun Fly will be held on October 5th at 1pm, Buster is still deciding on the events but suggested a tethered balloon event for one.

The Poker Fly is scheduled for October 19th at 10am. Don mentioned there will be a \$5 ante, but he hasn't decided on the game yet.

The Bryan Combat is scheduled for September 14th. They are providing lunch, attendees should RSVP Mark for a head count.

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Blunder Award

No Blunder Award nominations were made.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Lance Starzyk*
VP/Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3,536.46

Debits:

Ronald McDonald House \$20.00
Total Debits: (\$20.00)

Balance August 2008: \$3,516.46

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

How Are Your NiCads?

By Ted Brindle

The Nicad batteries that we use in our transmitters and aircraft wear out with time. If you have a battery pack that is more than three years old, you should be keeping a close check on it by cycling every month. If it is five years or older, you should replace it and be sure to properly dispose of the old cells. So, how do we tell the age of our batteries?

Most Futaba battery packs and individual Sanyo battery cells (which most OEM radio manufacturers use) have a two-letter date code stamped somewhere on the pack or cell. The first letter of the code is the year of manufacture and the second letter is the month of manufacture. 1996=A, 1997=B, 1998=C, etc. January=A, February=B, March=C, etc.

If you have a battery or pack with a date code of IB, it was manufactured in February of 2004. Probably still okay but keep a close check on it. The pack in my 8UAF transmitter was ZF, or June of 1995 so I replaced it. I found one pack with a date code of WC which translates to 1992; replaced that one without question.

From the Suffolk Aeromodelers, Long Island, NY

8th Annual
J. H. Rice Memorial Fly In
October 4th – 5th, 2008
Old Kingsbury Aerodrome
Kingsbury, Texas

Fly what you bring, but earn extra raffle chances by bringing a multi. (Biplane, multi engine aircraft)

\$10 for the weekend.

(Includes 1 Pilot Lunch)

Food and Drinks available

Raffle is a 1/3 Scale CAP 232 Ready to Fly with Brison 5.8 and Spektrum Receiver

Pilot prizes over \$3,000 include: BME Sport 50, .46 2 Stroke, Ritch's Brew, Byrons Fuel, Kits, ARF's, Wing Bags, Lots of hardware, batteries and glue.

Further info: Jim Rice (210) 945 – 8221

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TIPS AND TRICKS

Wing/Tail Alignment

Get an old telescope antenna (the same type as found on transmitters). Use it as an adjustable-length measuring rod to compare critical measurements on airplanes during construction. This can help you compare the distance from one wingtip to the stabilizer and to make sure this distance is equal on both sides of the airplane. This ensures that the stabilizer is parallel to the wing.

From the South Bend Radio Control Club, South Bend, IN



"I won't be coming into the office today. I'll be out in the field doing research."

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TX District VIII Events

- October 3-5 ARCA Fall Heli Fun Fly – Austin
- October 3-5 Best Electric in South Texas – New Waverly
- October 4-5 8th Annual JH Rice Memorial Fly-in - Kingsbury
- October 4-5 Texas First E-jet Rally - Mansfield
- October 10-12 HCAM Big Bird Fly-in– Austin
- October 11 5th Annual Junkyard Wars – Houston
- October 18 Big Bird Fly-in – Grand Prairie
- October 18-19 Prop Nuts Big Bird Fly-in – Crosby
- October 24-25 Warbirds Over Kingsbury - Kingsbury
- October 25 4th Annual Tailgate Swap Meet Fly-in - Mansfield
- October 25 N. Dallas RC Combat - Aubrey
- October 24-25 Texas Sport Racing Championship - Waco

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