

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

September 2011



This month's meeting will be held Monday, September 26th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*Fall Picnic/ Last
Combat –
September 25th*

*Club Meeting –
September 26th*

CLUB INFO

*Fall Fun Fly –
October 2nd*

*Poker Fly –
October 16th*

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Temple Event Schedule

Sep 25	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Sep 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 2	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 16	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 31	Club Meeting (tentative)	7:30pm
Nov 2	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Nov 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 4	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
	(Steve Meyer please call Buster at 718-0243)	
Dec 5	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections (tentative)	6:30pm

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On The Cover

He's Baaaaaaack!
Jason Goodwin has returned from a tour of duty in
Afghanistan, and has already scratch built this
Perfection from plans. Nice job!

Photo by Larry Macie

From Andy Martin...

"I found this company that is making CA glue.
I ordered some from them and they have pretty
good pricing... just wondering if you wanted to
send it out to the rest of the club."

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President's Report

by Frank Sodek



Greetings, I hope you all have survived the terrible summer. As I write this we've had a break from the extremely hot temperatures, but still haven't received any rain. Well maybe our next club event might cause it to rain, it certainly has before! On Sunday, September 25th, we will have our Fall Picnic and final Combat heats for the season. We'll start off the festivities at 1PM with a pot luck lunch (everyone should bring a dish of goodies; the Club will provide drinks, plates and utensils) and then the final Combat heats for the year will be flown, which always provides great excitement for the spectators (and participants!). There will be plenty of opportunities for all pilots to fly between combat heats, so bring your planes out and have some fun. Don't forget to bring your family and invite your friends, too – the more, the merrier!

As the weather cools off, we start having more club events. On October 2nd at 1PM, Buster will be directing the Club Fall Fun Fly event, and two weeks later (October 16th) we'll have our annual Poker Fly, led by Chief Gambler Don Mondrik. Both of these events are loads of fun, so you should all plan on attending.

Stay cool, see you at the field!

Regards,
 Frank Sodek
fsodek@aol.com

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Minutes from Last meeting: Moved to accept by Mark, seconded by Ed. None opposed.

Safety Report: None.

Field Marshall report: None.
 Ed continues effort to repair mower. Thanks Ed!
 Trees were watered thanks to John and Jerry. About 5000 gal of water was used.

Announcements: None

Old Business:

The lease agreement was submitted to Bell County by Frank with changes.
 Combat was not discussed because of low attendance at meeting.

New business:

Tax-exempt article/info for clubs was handed out to members present. Discussion was tabled by Mark and seconded by John. None opposed. Few members were present and more research needed for decision. This status for the club needs to be reviewed by all members and voted on; this can have a direct impact on us all.

Trip Reports: None

Blunder awards: None

Adjourn: Moved by Mark, seconded by Buster at 7:47 pm

Recorded and Submitted by *Roger Miller*
 Vice-President/Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,588.26

Deposits:
 Dues\$60.00
 Total Deposits: \$60.00

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

Balance August, 2011: \$5,628.26

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

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Safety Officer's Report

By Lance Starzyk



Reno Air Races this past weekend: a P-51 Mustang plummets to the ground into a crowd. There is an aviation expression that says, "Aviation is itself not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect. – Anon"

Flying tragedies are not limited to air races, military combat or even full scale flying. They happen in all types of aviation, including radio control and may involve innocent bystanders as well as pilots. While unforeseeable things can and do happen, the root of most accidents is usually human error caused by poor decision making. It seems like forever now but let's not forget that we lost one of our own earlier this year for this very reason. Let's remember to minimize risk by thinking first and Flying Safe!

Lance

Paul's Korn'r

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Here is an update on Alex. His unit has been deployed to a Pacific Rim base. He has made lead pilot in care of a four ship flight. Please pass this along to all his friends in Aero Modelers. Sending two file photos.

Regards, James McKee

(editor's note: Alex Divine is a past member of the Temple Aero Modelers)





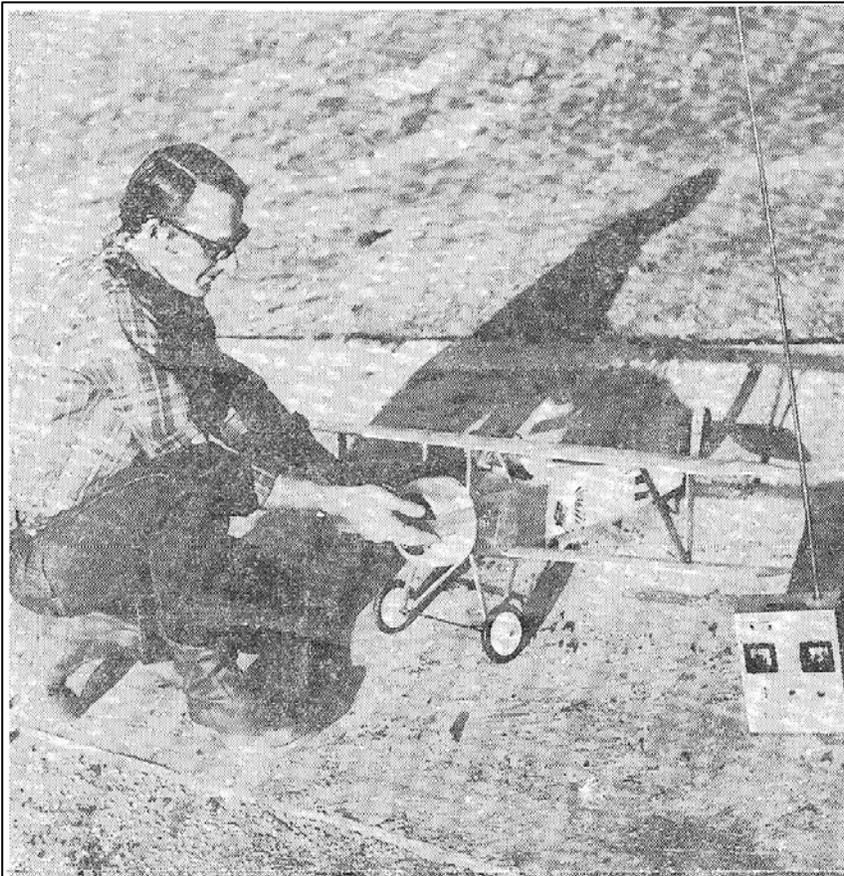
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Temple Aero Modelers Combat League Rules

- 1) All contestants must be members of an AMA chartered club and present a valid AMA card for each round.
- 2) Each streamer cut is one point awarded to the cutting pilot. Each pilot receives one point for participating that day.
- 3) In the event of a mid-air, the airplanes involved are required to land (if they didn't crash) and both pilots will receive an additional point.
- 4) Landing before the end of the round for no apparent reason will cause the forfeiture of points for that round. Radio/engine trouble, out of gas, midair collisions, etc. are valid reasons and will not cause forfeiture of points.
- 5) Each round shall consist of 6 minutes beginning when the CD calls to start.
- 6) If a streamer is lost due to being improperly secured, the aircraft must land.
- 7) A maximum of six aircraft will be allowed for each round.
- 8) On any given day, every pilot will have equal number of opportunities to fly if possible.
- 9) Each pilot will enlist a helper/spotter to assist in launching and/or scoring, and for safety.
- 10) The CD(s) will have final say on points awarded for the round.
- 11) Certificates or Trophies will be awarded to the top three aces at the end of the season.
- 12) **Streamers will be 40' (or half of a new roll) cut in half, lengthwise and tied to the aircraft with 15'– 20' of string.***
- 13) **Combat Flight Line has been established as the East edge of the runway... all combat will take place East of the Combat Flight Line.***
- 14) **Engine(s) will be limited to .25ci total or less for each airplane. Only stock engines are allowed (i.e. OEM carburetors/mufflers/etc. with no modifications)*** All airplanes must comply with AMA safety rules.
- 15) All official combat league rounds will take place at the Temple Aero Modelers club airfield located in McGregor Park.

***new for 2012 season**



READY FOR TAKEOFF! — Albert Mondrik, one of Temple's better modelers, flips the prop of his Nieuport 17 to send it airborne at Temple's "unknown park." (Photo by Charles Elliott)

Once The City Dump

It's A Modelport

By CHARLES ELLIOTT
Telegram Staff Writer

Temple's least known park is west of town behind the soap box derby track. It is the Temple Modelport.

Each Sunday, in any weather short of hurricane proportions, modelers gather from all over Bell County to fly model planes with motors up to one and a half horsepower in size.

Most of the planes flown are so advanced from the dime store variety that they can no longer be considered toys. Some of these planes cost over \$500 with its radio control unit and take upwards of three months to build.

The history of the modelport

began three years ago when a small field was used alongside Highway 36 west of town. From there, with the permission of the City Parks Department, the modelers were allowed to move into the area once used for the city dump.

John Griener, owner of a Temple hobby shop, started a drive for the money necessary to clear and improve the area. For well over a year, Griener spent his spare time with a shovel in his hand trying to clear off as much garbage as possible.

As interest in modeling grew, so did the modelport. Last fall the modelers finally

raised enough money to have a bulldozer brought in to level an acre in area.

Then each Sunday Griener and several volunteers picked up glass, rocks and dirt clods until the field was clear.

The modelers are now trying to have the field incorporated into the park system, but the going still is rough.

They feel that, until the model port is made into a park, the city may sell the property or use it for something else, depriving them of their field.

In any case, for the present, area residents may see some of the most exciting radio control flying around any Sunday at Temple's "unknown park."

Al Mondrik (Don's father) was featured in the Temple Daily Telegram sometime in the early 70's... check out that radio!

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