

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

September 2012



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



CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –
September 24th*

*Fall Picnic/ Last
Combat –
September 30th*

*Fall Fun Fly –
October 7th*

*Field Work Day –
October 20th*

*Poker Fly –
October 21st*

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Safety Officer:	Paul Horan 780-1274
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Temple Event Schedule

Sep 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Last Combat	1pm
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly	1pm
Oct 20	Field Work Day	8:30am
Oct 21	Poker Fly	10am
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Oct 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 17	Field Work Day	8:30am
Nov 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In	1pm
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections	6:30pm

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On The Cover

Mark Cullison and Doug Staines at Bomber Field in Monaville this past weekend. (Larry Macie was there as well, but he was behind the camera...)

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President's Report

by Frank Sodek



rain ...

Woohoo, as I'm writing this, we've had another wet and cool weekend! It was a really nice widespread soaking rain this time. Unfortunately it caused another postponement of both a Field Work Day and also a scheduled Combat Day, but I hope all the combat pilots don't get too mad at me for saying I'd rather have the



Photo by Frank Sodek

On Saturday September 15th I delivered the new club mower out to the field. I was able to get a good deal (20% off) on a Sears garden tractor that was offered on sale during Labor Day. It is a model GT5000 garden tractor with a 26HP Kohler engine, 54" mower deck and an extra heavy duty transmission. The regular store price for this mower is \$3,229, however the mower was on sale for \$2,565. I think this mower will be well suited for pulling the trailing mower.

Our Fall Picnic will take place on September 30th, which is also the day that the final round of combat flying occurs. The picnic begins with a pot luck lunch starting at 1PM; everyone should bring a dish of their favorite goodies. The club will provide plates, utensils and drinks. The club picnic is all about fellowship and having fun, so bring your family and any other guests to join in on the fun – the more, the merrier! And of course bring some planes to fly - there will be ample opportunity to fly between and after combat heats.

Next month brings two more fun events for pilots, the Fall Fun Fly on Sunday, October 7th, and Poker Fly on October 21st. Now that the weather is turning really nice, these events should be well attended.

See you all at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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Meeting Minutes (August 27, 2012 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes from the meeting held in July were accepted as published in the July newsletter with one correction: Larry Macie was the winner of last month's Blunder Award (not Frank Sodek as reported in the newsletter), for installing a discharged battery into his electric foamer and then offering Frank the opportunity to crash it into a tree when it became underpowered shortly after takeoff (motion made by Fred Huber, 2nd by Mark Cullison).

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

Safety Report – Frank pointed out that everyone should read the skin cancer article in the latest *Model Aviation* magazine, and heed the warnings against excessive sun exposure, plus take the proper precautions when flying at the field.

Field Marshal's Report – Fred reported that the electric clutch on the riding mower still needs repair, we'll ask Mark Harris if he would take a look at it. The Field Work Day scheduled for August 18th was cancelled due to lack of rain; the next scheduled work day is Saturday, September 15th.

Announcements – Frank mentioned that the HOTMACs club will be holding their Jet Rally on September 6-8. He also mentioned that the B-17/Big Bird fly-in at Bomber Field in Monaville would be held on September 14-15, and the Killeen club will be holding a fly-in on September 22nd. Several members stated they would go participate in the Killeen event.

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Old Business

Combat report – Participation in combat flying is still high – nine pilots started the day but only six finished. Bill from Cobb earned 14 points for the day! Randy Mennen cooked sausages for everyone present.

New mower purchase – Frank hasn't purchased the new mower yet, but will buy it before the next Field Work Day.

New Business

The club's Fall picnic and final Combat event will be held on Sunday, September 30th starting at 1PM. Frank will make sure we have enough plates, utensils and napkins, and will also bring drinks.

Fred reported that the club trainers all need new batteries. Frank made a motion / Larry 2nd to buy a new set of batteries for one of the club trainers - the motion passed.

Trip Reports – None

Blunder Awards

Mark test flew his combat plane with the ailerons reversed. Mark won this month's blunder award.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

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

Paul's Korn'r

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$6,696.26

Deposits:

Total Deposits: \$0.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00
Ed Weems (mowing).....\$27.50

Total Expenses: \$52.50

Balance August, 2012: \$6,643.76

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
Club Treasurer

TIPS & TRICKS

Winter Aircraft Storage Tips

With the weather turning colder, many of us will be storing our airplanes for the season. Here are some tips that will make a happy aircraft and a happy flier come next spring.

The engine

When you finish flying for the day, you should always get the unburned fuel out of the engine. Do this by pulling off the fuel feed from the carburetor, attaching the glow driver, and flipping the propeller. The engine may run a little, or it may just pop. When there are no more pops, all the fuel is gone. Next, make sure all the fuel is out of the tank. You would not believe the green, slimy crud that grows inside a tank with fuel left in it!

After removal from the airplane, the outside of the engine should be cleaned off. Block the carburetor inlet and the exhaust outlet with some wadded up paper towel. Grab an old toothbrush and some engine cleaner (Formula 409, Fantastic, Windex, Comet, etc.) and scrub the engine. When everything is clean, wipe it down with a rag.

Oiling the inside of the engine comes next. Use Marvel Mystery Oil or plain automatic transmission fluid for this. For two-stroke engines, squirt some oil into the exhaust outlet, then remove the glow plug and squirt some into the combustion chamber. For four-stroke engines, squirt oil into the crankcase vent and for the top end, remove the glow plug and lubricate the valve train by squirting oil into the combustion chamber.

Use your electric starter to turn the engine over for a second or two. This will distribute the oil throughout the inside of the engine (including the front bearings). Be sure to lubricate the carburetor too so it doesn't get stuck. Put the glow plug back on and wrap your engine in a clean cotton rag. This will allow it to breathe over the winter. Don't put it in a plastic bag because it could trap moisture and cause rust and corrosion.

The airframe

Build some more wing racks, if needed, and store your wings on them. Don't stack them in a pile or lean them in a corner. You'll end up with warped wings. Hang the fuselage somewhere up out of the way.

The radio

Once a month, charge your system overnight. Keep a log book to record when you do this. Once every two months, after you finish the overnight charge, use an ESV, battery cycler, or just run the system for 1½ to 2 hours. Charge the system overnight again. Don't store the radio in a place where it will get too cold, such as an unheated garage. ➔

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