

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

September 2014



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



# CLUB INFO

*Fall Picnic/  
Combat:  
September 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Club Meeting:  
September 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Fall Fun Fly:  
October 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Combat FINAL  
(date changed):  
October 12<sup>th</sup>*

## 2014 Officers

President: Frank Sodek  
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Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
718-0243  
Safety Officer: David Macek  
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Field Marshal: Ed Weems  
982-4902

## Temple Event Schedule

Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Combat	1:00pm
Sep 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 12	Combat – FINAL	2:00pm
Oct 26	Combat – FINAL rain date	2:00pm
Oct 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 29	Last Beginners' Night	5:30pm
Nov 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 7	Don Cullison Toy Fly	2:00pm
Dec 8	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

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## On The Cover

(most of) The Field Work Day Work  
Crew

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## President's Report

by Frank Sodek



Greetings, I hope all of you got some of the recent rains that came through last week. I had about three inches total over a couple of days on the north side of town, and we also got about the same out at our farm east of town. The rains also definitely helped cool the temperatures down to a

pleasant level.

On Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> we had a field work day that focused on repairing the cable fence along our entry driveway. A cool "cold" front had blown in making it pleasant for digging holes and setting fence posts. Luckily we had Ed's tractor and posthole digger to do the heavy digging, but even it had a bit of trouble in the hard ground, breaking a total of about four shear pins on the PTO driveshaft. We had a great turnout of members for the work day, and we were able to complete the repairs before lunch. Besides Ed and his equipment, the members that came out to help were Mark Cullison, Brady Sherwood, Steve Meyer, Bobby Zikes, Pete Cornett and Doug Staines. I want to thank all the members that came out to help - the repairs turned out great and should easily exceed Corps of Engineers expectations. Pete and Buster Hinkle also helped remove the old fencing and gate post debris around the large conex, so at this point we have taken care of all the items that were written up during the compliance inspection on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I have submitted the necessary paperwork documentation that the Corps asked for, hopefully they'll be satisfied for a while.

The club held our annual Poker Fly on the following day (Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>). Mother Nature cooperated very well for the event, giving us very pleasant flying conditions. Nine members put up the \$10 ante to join the fun, and after an afternoon of flying and discarding/drawing of cards, Doug Staines won the pot with a flush. Mark Greger was close behind with a straight, but it was winner take all, so smiling Doug went home with \$90 for his afternoon of flying.



Doug Staines...  
Winner!

Photo by Frank Sodek

On a sad note, the father of our club VP/Secretary Larry Macie passed away after having surgery. Larry's father had quite a distinguished military aviation career and afterwards ran a landscaping and nursery business, which now helps explain Larry's interest in both areas. Please keep the Macie family in your prayers as they move through this difficult point in their lives.

Our Fall Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1PM. We'll have a pot luck lunch again - everyone should bring a dish or two 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 you desire to join in on the fun - the more, the merrier! We had a really good mix of food at the Spring picnic, there was plenty of really good eats for everyone to indulge in. And of course bring some planes to fly - there will be ample opportunity to fly between and after combat heats. The combat flying has been very hot and heavy this year, so I'm sure they'll give us a great show to watch during the picnic. The Fall picnic is normally the final session of combat flying for the season, however this year there will be one more after the Picnic, on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Next month brings another fun event for pilots, the Fall Fun Fly. It will be held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and Buster always guarantees that a fun time will be had by everyone that participates. You do not have to be an expert pilot for the Fall Fun Fly - most of the events are tied more to the luck of the draw (or more appropriately, the luck of the roll of a pair of dice). I unfortunately will be out of town for both the Fall Picnic and Fall Fun Fly (and this month's meeting), so I'll be missing all the fun.

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Note: the All Scale Fly-in that has been on our Events Calendar has been cancelled.

See you all at the flying field,

Frank Sodek

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,509.18

Deposits:

Dues.....\$120.00

Total Deposits: \$120.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House.....\$25.00

Ed Weems (mower gas).....\$50.00

Total Expenses: \$75.00

Balance September, 2014: \$5,554.18

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes (August 25, 2014 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes from the meeting held in July were accepted as printed in the August newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Doug Staines, seconded by Ed Weems.

Treasurer's Report - was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was

made by Pete Cornett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug.

Safety Officer's Report – not present.

Field Marshal's Report – Frank reviewed the inspection report that the Corps sent: they found a gas can in the restroom, they want the cable fence along our entry driveway repaired, and they asked that the materials outside the large conex be removed or stored inside the conex. We will have a field work day on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to repair the fence. Frank will get signage for the gas storage, and we'll remove the excess materials before the deadline. Frank also mentioned that he had still not heard anything back regarding the water and sanitary systems certification or the ADA Compliance certification.

Announcements – Doug gave an update regarding the AMA's effort to attempt to straighten out the FAA in regards to drone/UAV/multi-rotor/FPV flying. 30,000 AMA members have already entered comments regarding this issue; the new extended deadline is 9/23.

Several members noted that they would be attending the Red Bull Air Races to be held at Texas Motor Speedway on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Brady Sherwood asked if anyone had a 120-150cc engine for sale.

Paul Milton brought a lot of modeling stuff for sale from an estate sale.

Old Business – Doug gave a report on the recent combat event. He reported that four pilots flew six rounds and had an amazing number of cuts: 52 total!

New Business – Frank discussed the upcoming Poker Fly, to be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a \$10 ante for each pilot; the pilot with the highest hand at the end of the afternoon will win the pot. Frank also mentioned that the Spring Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1PM. It will be a pot-luck lunch, the club will provide drinks, plates and utensils. Doug will bring the drinks. Combat competition will be held, but there will be plenty of time for open flying between rounds.

Trip Reports – Paul Milton and John Redwine went to the Oshkosh fly-in, Paul brought lots of nice photos.

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Brady Sherwood attended the Rally of the Giants at Bomber Field.

**Blunder Awards** – There were no blunders reported for this month!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes recorded by *Mark Cullison*

Club Newsletter Editor

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## Red Bull Air Races

I had the pleasure of watching the Red Bull Air Races on the weekend of Sept 6&7 at the Texas Motor Speedway in Ft. Worth. Mark Cullison joined me on Sunday; other Temple Club Members that I know attended include John Cobb and Paul Milton.

Definitely put it on your 'To Do List' next year if the Races are hosted in Texas. Talk about an exciting display of flying; the aircraft 'Knife Edge' maneuvered around a series of inflatable Pylons no more than 30 to 40 feet above the ground doing about 200mph, completing 2 laps in under 1 minute.

The action was Hot and unfortunately so was the weather, but well worth sweltering in the heat to watch this event. 12 Pilots competed to gain points in the Red Bull Air Race Series, flying in several elimination rounds to get to the Final 4 Competitors for the weekend.

I took a bunch of Photographs of the Race; send me an Email to [dstaines@vvm.com](mailto:dstaines@vvm.com) and I can send them to you. I had actually sent some of the Photos to Canadian Pilot Pete McLeod, who won 3<sup>rd</sup>; and in return he sent me one of his team's Ball Caps.

I hope the Texas Motor Speedway hosts the Race again next year; I will definitely be in the stands cheering on the Racers.

See you at the Field.

Doug Staines



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