

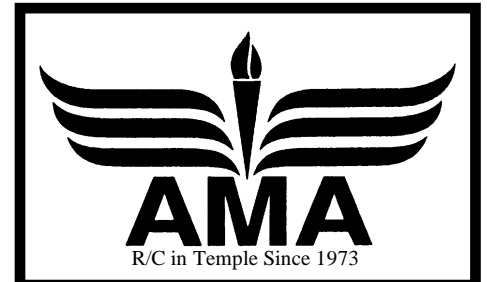
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2025



This month's meeting will be held Monday, March 31 at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple (2415 S. 47th) beginning at 7:30pm.



*Club Meeting:
March 31st*

CLUB INFO

*Night Fly
March 28th*

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On The Cover

There was a decent turnout of combat flyers (including three guys from other clubs) for the Club's first E-Combat event of this year.

Photo by Marsha Hinkle

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

Mar 28	Night Fly	6:00pm
Mar 31	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 25	Night Fly	6:00pm
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/E-Combat	1:00pm
Apr 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 17	Central TX Airshow	
May 18	E-Combat	1:00pm
May 19	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 23	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly	11:00am
Jun 22	E-Combat	1:00pm
Jun 27	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jun 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 13	E-Combat	1:00pm
Jul 25	Night Fly	6:00pm

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) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

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President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

Spring has finally sprung, and along with the usual winds we've also had our first combat session for the year. We had visitors this time, with two coming up from Georgetown and one from the Dallas area. It was an epic day, with many cuts and a couple of impressive mid-air contacts. Heck, I even put my plane into a tree as the result of target fixation! Good times!

Last month I mentioned I'd had some bad luck with helis, and unfortunately that trend continued after the one I wrote about. Two more in the fleet have suffered electronic or mechanical failures, and that's made me take a close look at all of them to see if it's something I'm doing (or not doing) or if it's just luck running out. After close examinations, it's looking like it was a combination of both! Helicopters are even more unforgiving of errors than planes, so I encourage all of you to give your fleet a good going-over before flying season gets in full swing. You just may find an issue that prevents a future crash! Check bolts and setscrews for tightness, and if you aren't using loctite on motor and prop fasteners, you may want to consider it. Control linkages and hinges are also prone to failure, so give them a good pull test.

Our Wednesday afternoon training sessions are back for the summer, so I hope to see some of you guys out there! Remember, the training isn't just for new pilots. I'd be glad to coach any of you in the finer points of approaches and landings, basic aerobatics, or just about anything you need to work on.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse
Club President caboultinghouse@yahoo.com

Meeting Minutes (February 24, 2025 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by our Club President, Chris Boultinghouse.

New Members/Visitors – None.

Minutes – Minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Larry Macie and seconded by John Redwine.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept the report was made by Joe

Svacina, seconded by Steve T.K. Crisi.

Safety Officer's Report – Ryan Benefield (our Club Safety Officer) stated that he hadn't observed any recent safety issues at our field. Chris brought up an issue with a family that's new to the club; they've been starting in the pit area and also flying behind the flight line. Chris offered to discuss our field safety rules with them next time they're out at the field.

Field Marshal's Report – T.K. performed maintenance on our riding mowers (oil and filter changes). T.K. asked for a copy of the updated liability insurance when Frank receives it from the AMA so that it can be posted at the field.

Announcements – Larry mentioned that there will be a swap meet by the San Antonio club on March 8th.

Old Business – Frank completed the documents and made payment for our club rechartering with the AMA.

Frank continues to work on the sub-lease renewal with Bell County (and for the County's lease renewal with the Corps) for our field. A new document referring to the structures that we've built at the field was recently requested, this should be the final document required for lease renewal. The new lease and sub-lease are for a period of ten years beginning 7/25/25.

New Business – The first Night Fly of the year will be held on Friday, February 28th beginning at 6pm. The next Night Fly will be held on Friday, March 28th, also beginning at 6pm.

The first E-Combat competition of the year will be held on Sunday, March 9th beginning at 1pm.

Wednesday, March 12th starts our Training sessions during Daylight Saving Time, beginning at 5pm. Priority is given to beginning pilots needing instruction, however Chris has offered to also provide instruction to more experienced pilots needing work on enhancing your landing approaches, basic aerobatics or anything else that you'd like to enhance.

Trip Reports – Ryan and Marsha Benefield visited the National Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The museum has a most impressive display of aircraft including an X-15, Presidential 747 and numerous WWII aircraft.

Blunder Award – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by *Frank Sodek*
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Editor's note: If the entrance gate to the Ronald McDonald House parking lot is closed, the entry code is 0412.

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3,997.02

Deposits:

Dues: \$750.00

Total Deposits: \$750.00

Expenses:

Northside Church of Christ: \$100.00

AMA Sanction for Fun Fly: \$35.00

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$160.00

Balance February 2025: \$4,587.02

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle* Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



As we have started our second year of Electric Combat, we need to stay vigilant in our Basic safety regulations. Combat may have started in World War 1 on July 28, 1914 in the skies of Europe and we try to fly as such, but we can't forget to stay safe as well. We need to make sure not to

fly behind the pilot boxes, as well as wait until it's safe to retrieve your airplane. And if all else fails, drink water and stay hydrated.

Submitted by *Ryan Benefield* Club Safety Officer



Joe Svacina had his large-sized Cessna out at the field recently. *Photo by Frank Sodek*



One of our field's plane-eating trees jumped out and grabbed Chris's combat plane and appeared to get a streamer cut! *Photo by TK Crisi*



Chris Boultinghouse had a couple of his helis out at the field recently. *Photo by Frank Sodek*

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