

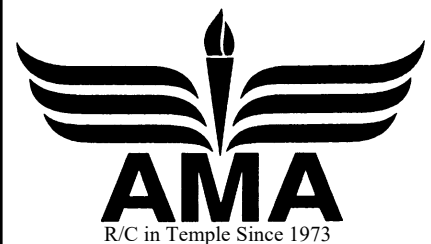
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

October 2026



**This month's meeting will be
held Monday, October 26th
at the Ronald McDonald House
in Temple (2415 S. 47th)
beginning at 7:30pm.**



*Club Meeting:
October 26th*

*Fall Fun Fly #2:
November 8th*

CLUB INFO

*Night Fly:
November 13th*

*E-Combat:
November 15th*

2026 Officers

President: Chris Boultinghouse
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Safety Officer: Marsha Hinkle (254)541-4231

Field Maintenance Coordinator: Larry Macie
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Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

Oct 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Nov 4 Final Wednesday
Training Session 5:00pm

Nov 8 Fall Fun Fly #2 1:00pm

Nov 13 Night Fly 6:00pm

Nov 15 E-Combat 1:00pm

Nov 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Dec 13 Don Cullison Memorial
Toy Fly 1:00pm

Dec 14 Christmas Banquet 6:30pm

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).

Instructors

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On The Cover

Bobby Zikes is holding his Compensator pattern plane, which is a design from 1972. Bobby intended to fly it in the Senior Pattern class but that never happened.

Happy
Halloween

Frank Sodek – Editor

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President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

As I sit to write this column, the weather has FINALLY broken! It's 49 degrees, heading to a high of 65. Our next combat event will have happened by the time you read this, and the forecast is glorious! Hopefully I saw you there.

Speaking of combat, the season is drawing to a close with only two events left this year. If you're thinking of giving it a try next season, I encourage it! It's a lot of fun, with a low investment. We all seem to have settled on the "JPC" (JustPlaneChris) variant of the Flite Test Versa, which has some improvements and 3D printed parts that I've designed. If you have a 3D printer I'll gladly share the STL files for these parts, or I will print them for you along with laser-scored/cut foam parts. Contact me for price and availability.

Building the Versa is really easy, and is all done with hot glue and fiberglass reinforced tape. There's a build video on YouTube that covers the details (search 'Flite Test Versa build'), with the differences being how the fuselage and servos are attached. We glue the fuselage on, and use a bottom battery hatch and velcro strap rather than messing with the removable power pod. Servos are mounted with removable 3D printed parts.

Equipment for the Versa is also inexpensive. Most of us are using the SunnySky 2212 1400kv motor, which is about \$16 from BuddyRC.com. The APC 8x4.5 "multi rotor" prop is perfect, giving enough power for spirited performance, and a full 6 minutes of full throttle from a 3S 2200 pack. Any 30A ESC is more than enough to drive it. You also need two 9g size servos. Don't skip here, because servos that center poorly make for a bad flying Versa. The AGFRC B11DLS servo is good, and a pair is \$22 from Amazon. They will outlast several airframes. The last item I recommend is the VIFLY Finder Mini beeper from Amazon. It's about \$14, but

will allow you to locate a lost model out in the woods. Cheap insurance!

That's about it. A few hours of your time and some hot glue and tape and you'll have a really fun plane to toss around that's also competitive in our combat events. I'd love to see you out there next year mixing it up.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse Club President
caboultinghouse@yahoo.com

Meeting Minutes (September 28, 2026 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Buster Hinkle, our Club Treasurer, Chris Boultinghouse (our Club President) was feeling ill and could not attend.

New Members/Visitors – Jim Hester recently joined the Club and was present.

Minutes – Minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Larry Macie, seconded by Paul Milton.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle and approved.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was read by Buster Hinkle for Marsha Hinkle, who was on a plane coming back from a trip. Buster read Marsha's report that was published in September's Club newsletter.

Field Maintenance Coordinator's Report – Larry stated that the shelter will be repaired when it gets cooler. There was additional discussion regarding the sale of the Club's tractor. We need to determine a meaningful sales price, and the tractor needs to be running. Larry will work on it, and may move it to his shelter near the park entrance.

Announcements – None

Old Business – The Club hosted members of a Scout Troop during the Night Fly that was held on September 11th. The Scouts and their parents were flown on buddy boxes and fed hot dogs. Several club members flew demonstration flights.

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The annual Poker Fly was held on September 13th. Turnout was disappointing (only 3 entries).

The Fall Picnic was held on September 27th with a good turnout and a good variety of food on the table. Several rounds of combat were flown and then the field was opened to general flying.

New Business – The Fall Fun Fly will be held on October 4th. Buster will be the contest director.

Our next Night Fly will be held on October 9th.

Our next Combat session will be held on October 18th.

There was discussion regarding lack of Club member participation. A major contributor was attributed to the excessive above normal temperatures that have been occurring this summer.

Trip Reports – Marsha and Ryan have been in Dayton and Muncie, will give a report next meeting.

Blunder Award – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Frank Sodek.
Club Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4006.00

Deposits:

Donation (John Garrison): \$60.00

Poker Fly: \$15.00

Donation (Larry Macie): \$5.00

Total Deposits: \$80.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Night Fly / Scout Food: \$65.00

Club Event Drinks: \$50.00

Total Expenses: \$140.00

Balance September 28th 2026: \$3,946.00

Submitted by Buster Hinkle
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Pilots you are doing great! The weather is starting to cool down and becoming a good time to fly. Still, be on the cautious side of things, stay hydrated and always bring your phone with you for plane retrieval. The plane locators are a big must and can help any search party looking for a plane or plane parts. The mosquitoes have been out and they are worse than I've ever seen, so bringing some sort of spray or repellent would be advisable. Lastly don't forget to open the Connex while you are flying and close it when you leave.

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle
Club Safety Officer

September Combat Report

by Buster Hinkle

Chris, Mike and Larry battled it out. It was 94 degrees and mostly cloudy with a slight southeast wind. Chris got 3 cuts first round, 1 in the second round, 0 in the 3rd and 2 more in the 4th.

Mike's motor came off in the first round, 0 cuts in the second, got a cut in the third round and ribbon was caught on the wing tip which caused him to crash. Mike got one more cut in the 4th round.

Larry did not get a cut until the 4th round.

The points are as follows:

- Ryan - Didn't fly Sept 27th with a total of 36 points
- Chris - 6 Cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 42 points
- Derek - Didn't fly Sept 27th with a total of 11 points
- Larry - 1 cut + 0 midairs with a total of 11 points
- Mike - 2 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 16 points
- Fred - Didn't fly Sept 27th with a total of 4 points
- Kenny Malcik - didn't fly Sept 27th with a total of 1 point
- Frank James - Didn't fly Sept 27th with a total of 4 points

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October Combat Report

By Marsha Hinkle

We had beautiful weather therefore we had a large crowd of pilots and spotters taking advantage of the weather. There was no wind so some of the pilots didn't know how to fly combat without hurricane conditions, but they managed. Every pilot that flew had a spotter and then we even had extra to watch over from the sidelines. We had 5 pilots Chris, Ryan, Derek, Mike, and Larry and we all had a wonderful time.

The points are as follows:

- Ryan - 10 cuts + 2 midairs with a total of 49 points
- Chris - 5 Cuts + 1 midairs with a total of 49 points
- Derek - 5 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 17 points
- Larry - 1 cut + 0 midairs with a total of 13 points
- Mike - 1 cut + 2 midairs with a total of 20 points
- Fred - Didn't fly Oct 18th with a total of 4 points
- Kenny Malcik - Didn't fly Oct 18th with a total of 1 point
- Frank James - Didn't fly Oct 18th with a total of 4 points

Fall Fun Fly 2026 Report

by Buster Hinkle

The contest was scheduled for October 4th, but it drizzled rain all morning with 14mph wind. I decided to postpone until next Sunday the 11th. Paul Milton arrived around 1pm in the light rain. He went home and a couple hours later he noticed the bad weather had cleared out. He still had his plane and gear loaded, so he went back to the field and flew for 2 hours.

Sunday the 11th was a clear day, but the wind was 14mph gusting to 24mph from the south. For some reason there were hundreds of mosquitoes under the shelter. I told Marsha to stop and get spray repellent.

Ryan won the timed Touch and Go's, Chris was 2nd, Derek 3rd and Paul Milton 4th. Derek won the Vegas loops, Ryan was 2nd, Chris 3rd and Paul 4th. The objective was to throw two dice to determine how many loops, then throw a seven or eleven before you could take off. Derek threw snake eyes then a seven on the first throw. He completed the round in 20 seconds. It took 21 seconds for Paul to throw a 7 or 11.

Derek won the Vegas timed flight with rolls, Ryan was 2nd, Paul 3rd and Chris 4th. Paul threw an eight, so he had to do 8 rolls and estimate 80 seconds in the air. He performed all eight as really nice-looking slow rolls.

Derek won the contest, Ryan was 2nd, Chris 3rd and Paul 4th. These four pilots were all that signed up and all did an excellent job in the high gusty winds. Ryan broke his landing gear but got it taped up enough to finish the contest. Chris's plane had a mind of its own and he kept making adjustments and he finally got it to settle down in the last event. I used the same scoreboard and rules that was used in 2013 and 2016. Derek's total score was 13,000 and Ryan's was 12,500. The next highest score out of 16 pilots was John Cobb 12,140. Marsha did a good job running the scoreboard.



The mowing crew did a superb job on our flying field this week!
Photo by Chris Boultinghouse

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