

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
January 2003



This month's meeting will be held Monday, January 27th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



**Killeen TAG
Class Demo
March 12th**

CLUB

**Mall Show
March 29th
and 30th
(Tentative date)**

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President: Steve Meyer
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On The Cover

Contest Director B.W. Ponder and AMA District VIII Vice President Dr. Sandy Frank discuss the finer points of... something during our Fourth Annual Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly-In this past December. Sandy put in several flights with his customized PBF. We were blessed with gorgeous weather for the event (check out the flag and windsock in the picture) that helped to attract a record number of toy toting participants and spectators!

Photo by Mark Cullison

Temple Event Schedule

Mar 12	Killeen TAG Class Demonstration
Mar 29-30	Mall Show (tentative date)
Apr 9	First Beginners' Night
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/First Combat
May 3-4	Temple Air Show
May 17-18	Pattern Contest
May 25	Combat
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly
Jun 22	Combat
Jul 6	Combat
Jul 20	Combat
Aug 3	Combat
Aug 17	Combat
Aug 31	Combat
Sep 14	Poker Fly
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 12	Combat
Oct 22	Last Beginners' Night
Oct 26	Combat
Nov 9	Last Combat
Dec 7	Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly-In
Dec 15	Christmas Banquet/ Officer Elections

District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Feb 2	7 th Annual Fickle Finger of Fate Fun-Fly, Jetero RC Club, Huffman, TX
Feb 8	Tri City Flyers Swap Meet, Guadalupe Co Fairgrounds Building, Seguin, TX
Feb 21-23	Air show 2003, Edinburg Airport, Tejas RC Association, Edinburg, TX

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President's Report

by *Steve Meyer*

Greetings,

I am overwhelmed at the vote of confidence (Or was that the roar of the train?) I had stepped from the room to check the coffee, and when I returned, Paula said "Congratulations, you didn't tell me you were running for office!"

Kudos to Frank Sodek, Don Mondrik, Buster Hinkle, Bobby Zikes, and John Rovetto for their exemplary service and dedication to this club (Maybe now Frank can spend more time on the trainer end of a buddy cord?)

To reflect briefly on 2002, I can remember many great days at our field. The pattern contest, fun flies, combat rounds were fantastic and very well run. Thanks B.W., Bobby, Don, Buster, and Mark. And how about all the great food, both scheduled and spur of the moment? Thanks David Laster, and Steve Sanders.

The picnics, family days, Boy Scouts, and most all combat sessions afforded good weather. Wednesdays during Daylight Savings Time were always a blast. I can remember coming out at 5pm to find 15 to 20 cars at the field. I'll bet Frank and Mark wished they had a dollar for every trainer they took up last year.

Our field looked fantastic all year. Thanks go to John Rovetto et al for riding the mowers, weed eating and doing all the things necessary to keep us "looking good".

On a sad note, B.W.'s dad passed away, and we all lost Denny. They will be missed but not forgotten.

Now fast forward to 2003. I look forward to becoming more involved with our club, both as an officer and a flyer. I have been active the past two years after having sat out about ten. My flying skills still have not reached my 1980's level, but I'll keep practicing. I remember B.W. as a rookie, and look at his flying skills now. I was reading the *K factor* the other day and noticed his last two pattern events were first place finishes with perfect 4000 scores each. Way to go B.W.!

With Ken Schulz's home finally being completed, hopefully he will find time to fly pattern this year. Did I mention Bobby Zikes as well? There's another solid pattern flyer. Always willing to teach and recruit others in joining this very special interest group. Maybe our club will have a few Sportsman entries this year.

The 2003 officers met Thursday the 9th at the El Conquistador restaurant to discuss and finalize upcoming events for this year. The meeting was very productive and produced a full calendar of events for 2003. Coming to mind first is the Mall Show in March. So hopefully everyone is

building their favorite plane this winter.

Our scheduled Chili Fly-In on the 12th was rained out, but our chili chef, (Steve Sanders) tells me all is OK, since he froze the chili for another day.

Safe Flying,

Steve Meyer

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Safety Report

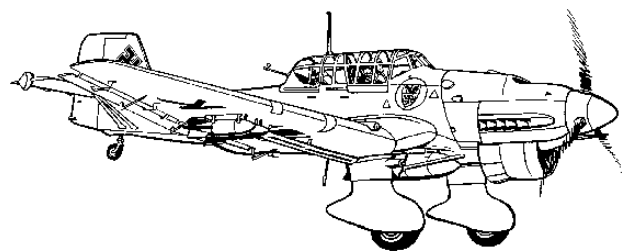
Well, here I am again. I thought for sure I would be voted out of this office, impeached, or something. But no, so it looks like you're all stuck with me for one more year. I'd like to thank Mark Cullison ahead of time, for his infinite patience trying to get this report out of me every month, and my wife, Linda, who proofs my rough draft and emails this report to Mark every month. Just like in previous years, I'll try to submit a safety report every month regarding general club safety issues, and occasionally report on a new product, etc., that would make our R/C flying experience safer and more fun.

While I'm writing this report, it's a beautiful Sunday afternoon - sunny, with almost no wind. In other words, it's perfect flying weather! But I'm not going out to the field this afternoon. Why? Because I don't feel like it! As luck would have it, I'm recovering from the symptoms of a really bad cold, and I perceive that my brain is just not functioning at 100%. (O.K., I've really left myself wide open on that one.) I've learned from past experiences that I run a high risk of tearing my stuff up or making any number of stupid mistakes, if I force myself to load my stuff up and head out to the field on those days when I have some kind of premonition that I should be doing something else. Does anybody else have that problem? So, here I sit in my workshop on this beautiful Sunday afternoon staring at two Prophecy pattern airplanes I need to be finishing.

Submitted by *Bobby Zikes*

Safety Officer

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		<u>\$4,154.22</u>
Deposits		
	Total Deposits:	0.00
Debits		
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00	
Stamps.....	8.88	
	Total Debits:	(28.88)
Balance November 2002		<u>\$4,125.34</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
 Club Treasurer

Santa Pal / Ronald McDonald Fly-In December 1st 2002

This was our fourth year for the toy drive fly-in and by far the most successful. We had over twenty pilots, including our own District 8 VP Dr. Sandy Frank from Ft. Worth, as well as AVP Max Blose from Waco. There were lots of different aircraft from fun-fly type to aerobatic birds as well. The weather was perfect for the event. The first weekend in December you just don't know what to expect but traditionally it has been cold with drizzle or even freezing rain and sleet. We were grateful for the wonderful weather. Steve Sanders cooked a very good Tex-Mex Taco soup that everyone loved and appreciated. I went back for seconds myself and I know that several others couldn't get enough either. Another Atta-Boy goes out to Steve for going above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks Steve!

The toys collected were all very nice. With the total count topping sixty items, it was an outstanding job by all who participated. I am sure we made some Big Smiles for kids this Christmas, and after all, that's what this event is designed to do. There are some pictures from the event included in this issue. Thanks Guys for your help and participation.

B.W. Ponder
 Contest Director



Look at all those toys!!!
 Photo by BW Ponder



Left to Right... Steve Sanders, B.W. Ponder, Dr. Sandy Frank, and Bobby Zikes look on as Dean Higginbotham prepares his plane.
 Photo by Mark Cullison

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Secretary's Notes

November minutes were unavailable.
 I will briefly outline what happened at the December meeting.

Elections:

After a wonderful pot luck meal, we proceeded with business. The only position we had two candidates for was the Field Marshal. We agreed that they both could share the job, so all candidates were "elected" by show of hands. The results are...

- President - Steve Meyer
- VP/Secretary - Ken Schulz
- Treasurer - Buster Hinkle
- Safety Officer - Bobby Zikes
- Field Marshal - Rick and Travis Berry

Combat:
 Certificates for the Combat League were then awarded...

- 1st Mark Cullison - 38 points.
- 2nd Don Mondrik - 23 points.
- 3rd Steve Meyer - 20 points.
- 3rd Bobby Zikes - 20 points.
- 4th Fred Huber - 15 points.
- 5th Frank Sodek, Jr. - 12 points.
- 6th Ken Schulz - 7 points.

We then adjourned so we could enjoy Buster's Chinese Gift Exchange.

Mark Cullison
 Newsletter Editor



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Temple Aero Modelers

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Temple Aero Modelers

c/o Buster Hinkle
11591 Pritchard Rd.
Temple, TX 76501

Make check payable to:
Temple Aero Modelers

(check or cash can also be brought to the next club meeting)

Name: _____ AMA#: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Radio Channels that you fly: _____

Renewals: fill in the lines below only if they have changed since last year.

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ (Home)
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Address: _____

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