

The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
January 2007



This month's meeting will be held Monday, January 29th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup –
Feb 4th*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –
Jan 29th*

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Steve Meyer	939-6394
Fred Huber	368-6122



On The Cover

The few, the cold, the idiots! Yes, we showed up for the Don Cullison Memorial Toy Drive Fly-In and froze. The wind was very gusty, but John Cobb flew anyway!

Photo by Mark Cullison

Temple Event Schedule

Jan 29	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Feb 4	Fly-in-the-Taco-Soup 12 noon
Feb 26	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 14	First Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Mar 26	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 31-1	Mall Show
Apr 21-22	Temple Pattern Contest
Apr 29	Spring Picnic/First Combat 1pm
Apr 30	Club Meeting 7:30pm
May 4-6	Central Texas Airshow
May 20	Combat 3pm
Jun 3	Combat 3pm
Jun 4	Club Meeting 7:30pm (delayed a week due to holiday)
Jun 10	Sanctioned Fun Fly 10am
Jun 24	Combat 3pm
Jun 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 8	Combat 3pm
Jul 22	Combat 3pm
Jul 30	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 5	Combat 3pm
Aug 19	Combat 3pm
Aug 27	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 9	Combat 3pm
Sep 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 21	Poker Fly 10am
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Oct 29	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 26	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 2	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections

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President's Report

Well a new year is upon us and a new President for the club; a foreigner no less, and to top it off, a Canadian. Well don't expect the Maple leaf to be flying over the field other than on my planes, and you won't have to learn the Canadian National Anthem. I have been active with the club for the last 3 years in many capacities and now serving as President is a natural progression and I welcome this opportunity.

2006 was a great year for the club and 2007 has the potential to rival last year. The tree trimming project was for the most part completed in late 2006 and is now in the History books. We will still have to plant 3 more trees and some wild flower/grass seed to replace all the trees that we removed. The good news is that we have till the fall to accomplish this. For all those that helped me on the project you have my heartfelt thanks.

The 'Tree Legacy' was well received with \$1,300 donated so far to the project; the Legacy is still accepting donations and trees are still available as well. If you are interested in making the \$100 donation, please send it to myself with the donation payable to the club.

We have a great club in many ways; however, it doesn't run by itself. We are not in a position to hire people to do some of the jobs. That is where we rely on the membership to lend a hand. I encourage all our members to lend a hand this year in one way or another. There are plenty of jobs throughout the year to volunteer for instead of letting the same small group of members time and time again taking them on, when others won't step up. This year I am going to try something different to try and get others involved that haven't been able to help in the past.

As you know we host several events throughout the year. Most of the events are organized by the same members, for example: Buster does the Fun Flies, Don the Poker Fly, etc. One of the features we always try and do is to provide food and beverages. What I would like to see happen, is for some of these members that haven't helped in the past to step up and volunteer to provide food, be a cook or bring the beverages, do what I call 'the sideline jobs'.

Its pretty bad when an event comes along that I would like to participate in that I organized, had to get the food, and cook it as well. These are perfect opportunities for you to help out, especially if you don't plan on participating. In this newsletter I have posted a list of these sideline jobs for all the events we are hosting this year. In doing it this way I am hoping members will volunteer for these jobs well in advance, and as we get closer to the events I will be asking members to take on these jobs. Darn pushy Canadians! Honestly though, I just hate to see the same guys volunteering every time because

no one else will.

Well I have said enough and its time to get off the podium; hope to see you out at the field.

Doug Staines

President

Meeting Minutes

Called to order by President Don Mondrik at 7:29pm

New Members/Visitors Paul Ramsay

Minutes from the meeting held in October were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Fred Huber and 2nd by Paul Horan.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by John Redwine and 2nd by Andy Sonnier.

Old Business

Field Maintenance No report was made.

Tree Trimming/Cutting Project chairman Doug Staines, gave a report on the final aspects of the project, including the planting of new trees recently and thanked those members that helped in that endeavor, report received from the Corp of Engineers in regards to the project and was favorable with the Corp representative complimenting the club on the results of the project; Chairman Staines indicated that 3 additional trees would have to be planted before the end of 2007 as well as any grass/wild flower seed.

Tree Legacy Project Chairman Doug Staines gave a report and progress of the Tree Legacy Program; indicated that to date 12 trees had been purchased through the program; Chairman Staines read off a list of the donations received.

Safety Paul Horan gave a report.

Nomination Committee Chairman Buster Hinkle indicated that all positions were filled and that no election for the 2007 Club Officers was needed.

Avenger 'Temple' B2 Combat Plane Doug Staines indicated that the planes would be ordered on the 30th, with delivery possible in time for distribution at the Annual Christmas Party

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on Dec 11th.

Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In

Contest Director BW Ponder gave a report in this regard; indicated a 1:00pm start on Sunday Dec 3rd and for members to bring unwrapped toys for donation to the Toy Drive.

Christmas Banquet Bobby Zikes indicated that the hall had been secured and advised members of which entrance to use; Frank Sodek offered to bring beverages, Steve Meyer, coffee and Don Mondrik, plates and utensils.

Minutes recorded by *Doug Staines* – VP/Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,178.73</u>
Total Deposits:	1,200.00
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald.....	20.00
J&J Trailer for Doug Staines.....	875.00
Doug Staines (chain saw bar).....	38.00
Doug Staines (stamps).....	15.60
Texas Tree.....	1,163.58
Lowes (tree planting stuff).....	280.46
Mark Cullison (funeral flowers).....	47.03
Bobby Zikes (Christmas Party).....	100.00
Model Aviation subscriptions.....	40.00
Total Debits:	(2,579.67)
Balance November 2006	<u>\$3,799.06</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Treasurer

>>>Notice<<<

It has been observed several times that the padlock on our gate has been incorrectly locked to the chain instead of the other padlock. Please attach our padlock thru the other (Corps’) padlock.

Safety Report

Electric Model Safety

by *Fred Huber*

Electric models are becoming more popular, so we are seeing more of them at the field. (especially mine...) As larger electric models show up more often, we need to remember to use safe practices in handling them.

An electric motor makes little or no noise when turning the prop. Glow engines make noise to warn you that they are running. Electric motors might start spinning a prop that isn't turning with no warning at all. Always handle electric models as if the motor is about to start.

Electric props tend to have thinner blades than glow props... They usually have sharper tips.

Any battery that gets hot can cause a fire. NiCad's when overheated to extreme will explode, sending flying fragments. I have seen a pack explode and imbed pieces in wood 20 to 30 ft away. NEVER fast charge a NiCad pack while it is hot. NiMh can also explode... LiPos may burn, but they don't throw pieces around at dangerous velocities.

If proper charging safety practices are followed, the chances of a catastrophic battery failure (fire and/or explosion) are greatly reduced. Always make sure the charger is properly set for the pack being charged. Monitor the charge periodically. Know what all indications from your charger mean. (there's a different beep code for charge complete vs the error beep code with most chargers.)

Never "over prop" an electric drive. The motor will deliver power demanded to turn the prop, or burn up trying. Excess propeller load is the quickest way to make your aircraft become a small bonfire.

We have a very good safety record with the electric models so far. Let's work to keep it that way.

Fred Huber

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Submitted by *Paul Horan*

Safety Officer

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Get Involved, Lend a Hand

We need every member to 'Get Involved, Lend a Hand'. Throughout the upcoming year we will be hosting several events. These events will generally be organized by some members already and the individual Event or Contest Director will be soliciting volunteers for specific jobs pertaining to their particular events; however numerous sideline jobs are available for you to take on and 'Get involved, Lend a Hand'.

One thing to remember, if the job requires providing food or beverages, the club will always reimburse you for any costs you incurred. And on the topic of food, the choice is yours, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Lobster & Shrimp, etc.

Remember, these jobs are only a partial list of those that will come available throughout the year, those may include helping out on field maintenance, herbicide spraying, maintenance projects, etc.

Temple Pattern Match, April 21 & 22 - Beverages

Spring Picnic/First Combat, Sunday April 29 - Beverages

**Sanctioned Fun Fly, Sunday June 10 - Food
- Cook
- Beverages**

**Cub Scout Fly-In – (Date to follow) - Food
- Cook
- Beverages**

Fall Picnic, Sunday Sept 30 - Beverages

**Fall Fun Fly, Sunday October 7 - Food
- Cook
- Beverages**

**Poker Fly In, Sunday October 21 - Food
- Cook
- Beverages**

Christmas Party, Monday December 10 - Beverages

Submitted by *Doug Staines*
President

The Tree Legacy

The Tree Legacy is off to a great start and we have received several donations from members towards the purchase of trees for the Legacy.

The Tree Legacy Honor Roll

**Max Blose
Todd Blose
Anne Cullison
Mark Cullison
John H Greiner JR
John M Greiner
John Hagel
Fred Huber
Steve Meyer
Don Mondrik
Bill Murray
BW Ponder
Steve Sanders
Doug Staines**

If you are interested in joining the Tree Legacy please make your donation of \$100 payable to the Temple Aeromodelers and send it to:

Douglas Staines
4 Verbena Street
Belton, TX 76513

>>> New Webmaster <<<

Join me in welcoming new member, Paul Ramsay, to our club. Paul was nice enough to volunteer his services and is now our Temple Aero Modeler webmaster. Many changes have already been made to our web page. If you have short articles/info and photos, please send them to him for consideration. His e-mail is published at the bottom of the second page, and here:

webmaster@templeaeromodelers.com

Our web page is at: www.templeaeromodelers.org

Mark Cullison
Newsletter Editor

The Don Cullison Toy Drive/Fly-In



Check out that windsock!
Photo by Larry Macie



John Cobb readies his Ultimate for a flight.
Photo by Mark Cullison



Looks like our CD, BW Ponder, is fixin' to get nabbed by the Grinch (James McKee)!
Photo by Larry Macie



BW Ponder assists John Cobb with foam Mig drone.
Photo by Larry Macie

Background - This is Bobby Zikes' anemometer only registering 12.1 mph wind velocity, but it sure felt stronger than that!

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District VIII Events

(This is a complete list!)

- Feb 10 11th Annual Frozen Fickle Finger Of Fate
Fun-Fly, Huffman, TX
- Feb 10 Flight Fest, Rio Hondo, TX
- Feb 10-11 Texas Indoor New Year (TINY) Fly-In, San
Angelo, TX
- Feb 17 Tri-City Flyers Swap Meet, San Antonio,
TX
- Feb 24 2nd Annual Swap Meet, Odessa, TX
- Feb 24-25 Spring Fling 2007, Edinburg, TX
- Feb 25 Not Presidents Day Contest, Dallas, TX

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