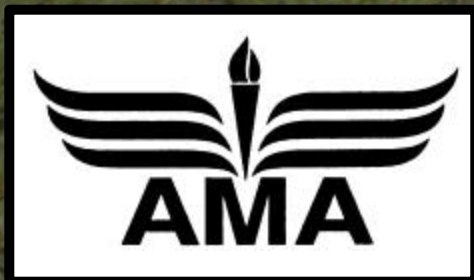


# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

July 2001



This month's meeting will  
be held **Monday,**  
**July 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm  
**at the Club Field** in  
McGregor Park at  
Lake Belton.



**Combat  
July 29<sup>th</sup>**

# Club Info

**Combat  
August 12<sup>th</sup>  
and 26<sup>th</sup>**


## 2001 Officers

President: Frank Sodek Jr.  
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Vice-president: Ken Schulz  
773-3866  
Treasurer: Dennis Torline  
899-1331  
Secretary: Don Mondrik  
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Safety Officer: Frank Sodek Sr.  
773-3979  
Field Marshal: Fred Huber  
947-9551

## Temple Event Schedule

Jul 29	Combat
Aug 12	Combat
Aug 26	Combat
Sep 9	Combat
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/Combat
Oct 7	Fall Fun Fly
Oct 24	Last Beginners' Night
Oct 28	Last Combat/DST Ends
Dec 2	Santa Pal Fly-In
Dec 10	Christmas Banquet/ Elections

## Instructors

B.W. Ponder		778-6182
Frank Sodek Jr.		773-8081
Mark Cullison		773-9686
Bobby Zikes		773-3773
Fred Huber		947-9551

If you need help learning to fly, please contact one of the instructors listed above.

## District 8 Events

(This is not a complete list)

Aug 4-5	High Plains Championship (Pattern), Reese Technology Center, WINGS MINIATURE AIRCRAFT SOCIETY, Lubbock, TX
Aug 11	Open Class "B" RCCA Combat, Club Field, North Dallas R/C Club, Frisco, TX
Aug 17-19	T-38 Jet Rally 2001, Reese Technology Center, WINGS MINIATURE AIRCRAFT SOCIETY, Lubbock, TX
Aug 25-26	Barnstormer's Pattern Contest, Club Field, TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMERS, New Waverly, TX

### ON THE COVER

Club member Clay McGuire won the raffle plane! Frank presented the airplane/engine/radio to Clay at the last meeting.

Photograph by Mark Cullison using Frank Sodek's digital camera.

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## President's Report

by *Frank Sodek*

Greetings from your club President. Summer time is now here in full force – we've really turned hot and dry after having a fairly mild and wet spring. Personally I try not to arrive at the field before 5PM, just to make it bearable when standing out in the sun. It's kind of difficult to see one's plane when you have sweat running off the forehead into your eyes! If you think you need to come out to the field during early-to-mid afternoon, please don't forget to bring some sunscreen and a hat. It is also very important to wear sunglasses; it not only improves visibility of your plane, but will also prevent formation of cataracts in your eyes during your later years (make sure that your sunglasses have high UV protection).

One benefit of our dry weather is that the grass growth has slowed down, giving a bit of a break to the mowing crew. I know that David Laster, Scott Wiseman, John Rovetto and John Redwine have spent quite a bit of their time mowing and weedeating. I'm sure there are others that I don't know about. The hard work has really paid off, because the field is just looking terrific. Thanks for all of your hard work.

For some reason we seem to have a recurring problem with leaving the storage shed at the field unlocked. It has happened twice during the past two weeks. If you're the last person to leave, please give a tug on the shed's lock to make sure it is closed (and it also wouldn't hurt to check the mower shed's lock, too). To close the combination lock requires the numbers to be spun away from the combination.

Our Wednesday evening new pilot training remains very busy. Our newest member, Monroe Mortimer (who lives 58 miles from the flying field, near Rockdale, I think) finally got in several flights this past Wednesday with his new trainer. John Rovetto, John Redwine and Bill Hamby are making some nice landings and are very close to flying on their own. Even though the days are now getting shorter, there's still plenty of time after work on Wednesday to get some good training flights in. The more frequently you fly, the quicker it will be before you're flying solo.

See you at the flying field,

*Frank Sodek*

[fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<b><u>\$3,104.97</u></b>
Deposits	
Total Deposits:	839.52
Debits	
Mall Show Plaques:	(48.71)
Mower repair:	(80.99)
Fun Fly Food:	(40.00)
Safety Fence (chain link):	(350.00)
Raffle Plane Radio:	(90.00)
Fun Fly Change:	(50.00)
Total Debits:	(659.70)

Balance June 2001 **\$3,284.79**

Submitted by *Dennis Torline*

Club Treasurer

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## Secretary's Notes

Frank Sodek Jr called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm at the Temple Aero Modelers flying field.

Don Mondrik read the minutes from the May meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Buster Hinkle and seconded by Fred Huber.

Dennis Torline read the Treasurer's Report. Frank Sodek Sr. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Buster Hinkle.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Field Maintenance**

The field has been sprayed. (B. W. Ponder, John Rovetto, Richard Musick)

Don Mondrik will donate a gas powered string trimmer to the field.

#### **Mower Maintenance**

David Laster has completed the mower maintenance. (Replaced blades)

#### **Safety Fence**

The safety fence has been installed and is complete.

#### **Corps Meeting**

Frank Sodek Sr. attended a meeting with the Corps of Engineers regarding the improvements slated for McGregor

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Park and White Flint Park. The first step will be to conduct an impact study. Doubtful if water or electricity will be installed due to flooding of the area. Plans are to pave the roads in the area and add a security gate; if the park were gated we will have access.

## Stolen Buddy Boxes

Max Blöse has replaced the stolen JR buddy boxes. Ken Schulz has the buddy boxes.

## Fun Fly

Buster Hinkle reported on the Spring Fun Fly, there were 19 registered pilots. Buster thanked David Laster, John Redwine and Albert Mondrik for helping with the food. David indicated they cooked 56 hamburgers. And, this is the first time a Fun Fly made a profit. Buster also thanked Don Mondrik and Albert Mondrik for keeping score.

## Big Bird Fly In

Don Mondrik reported on Big Bird Fly In. There were 10 registered pilots and only 6 of them flew. There were far more spectators than pilots and we sold a lot of raffle tickets. A news crew from KWTX Channel 10 showed up to do a story, which made the 6:00 news on Saturday evening. A special thanks to John Redwine for helping clean the restrooms on Friday, John came out on Friday to help because he was going to be out of town on the weekend and John Rovetto, David Laster and Scott Wiseman for mowing and trimming. Also, Albert Mondrik for helping with registration and transmitter impound all day. (Note from Don - I would also like to thank everyone for helping with the Big Bird event.) Don suggested that next year we have a Poker Fly In instead of a Big Bird Fly In and that he would be the Contest Director for the event.

## New Business:

### Inter Club Gathering

Some interest has been growing on having a Fly In or a gathering with the local clubs, Waco, Temple, Killeen and Georgetown. Don Mondrik suggested this would be a good time to try out a Poker Fly In before we tried to host a sanctioned event next year. A motion was made to host the event by Mark Cullison and seconded by Don Mondrik. Don will contact the other clubs by e-mail to see if there is any interest. (Note from Don - Only the Killeen club replied to the first e-mail, no dates have been discussed.)

## Blunder Awards

1. Frank Sodek Jr. was hovering his Thunder Tiger Extra profile and crashed next to Steve Myer.
2. John Redwine took off without elevator control.
3. Fred Huber bounced his Tame Cat and hit the muffler which removed the firewall.
4. Fred Huber lost his Four Star 40 when the landing gear came loose and turned sideways.
5. Danny Dunn lost his trainer when the wing folded in a loop.
6. David Laster let Cliff Manuel fly and crash his CoroPlast combat plane into the new safety fence.

Frank Sodek Jr. won the Blunder Award.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:46 p. m. by Buster Hinkle and seconded by Fred Huber.

Submitted by *Don Mondrik*

Secretary

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## !!New Meeting Location!!

For the next few months the meetings are going to be held at our **flying field** at Lake Belton's McGregor Park (see map on ad page) while the Ronald McDonald house is under construction. Just gives us an excuse to fly more. Come early and bring a plane and a chair! (and OFF! bug spray!)

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## Sanctioned Fun Fly

We had 17 pilots competing in the contest. 19 pilots signed up. Mike Buckner, a coach at Buckholts decided not to compete after his test flights. Don Mondrik signed up to help out the club. There were Max Blöse, Steve Reinke, Dennis Durham, Jeff Carter, James Stainton, George Goolsby, John Hill, and Jim Manning from the Waco club; Shawn Rasco and Louigi Wolfe from Bryan; Mike Buckner and Charles McAttee from Cameron; Bill Kunz from Arlington, and BW, Frank, Fred, Bobby, and Steve from our club.

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The cloud cover burned off to a clear day. The wind was very fickle, it would change from North to East to South during a 60 second flight.

Bill Kunz won the Timed Loops and Rolls. Shawn won 2nd, BW 3rd, Bobby 4th and Frank came in 5th.

Bill also won the Spot Landing with BW in 2nd, Bobby came in 3rd, Jeff came in 4th and won the Entertainer of the Day Award with his Zagi, an electric powered flying wing. Jeff could not fly the first event without wheels, but he put on a great show in the Spot Landing and Balloon Bust. Jeff would hand launch his plane, come in about 10 feet above the circle, kill the power, slam the runway hard enough to make it bounce, turn power back on

and set up for the next approach. I didn't get a chance to check out his plane, but it was tough. I have never seen anyone throw his plane on the cement, then stomp it, before each flight. Frank won 5th place in this event. The wind was so fickle that only 6 balloons were burst with each pilot having 9 attempts. Bill, Shawn, Bobby, Frank, Jeff, and Steve Meyer all burst one balloon. Bill Kunz won the contest with B.W. in 2nd, Bobby Zikes in 3rd, Shawn Rasco in 4th, and Frank Sodek in 5th. We all had a good time. Dennis landed his Perfection fast and hard and broke the nose out of the plane, the fuel tank bounced across the runway. He had it ready to fly the next round and stalled on landing, re-broke it, so he threw in the towel. Steve Reinke crashed on landing also. Charles's aileron pulled loose and piled in the pit area only a few feet from the other planes.

*Buster Hinkle*

Fun Fly CD

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## Combat League Report for 07/08/01

Four brave hearted souls showed up for combat, but only 3 would fly. Steve Meyer was having radio problems so he decided to sit this one out. Bobby Zikes was flying a new pink version of his custom built "Postal" fighter; Don Mondrik was there with his black and yellow "Com.Bat" Gremlin; I had my patched up "T4" Gremlin. After a few test flights, we tied on the streamers.

With only three planes flying, I figured it would be a relatively dull day of combat... boy was I wrong! Bobby drew first blood, then I shaved a couple of feet off his streamer. A little past midpoint through the round, Don & I got together! We both kept flying, but Don's plane was

being a bit difficult so he opted to land. My plane continued to fly well so Bobby and I finished out the round without incident. Upon inspection, Don's plane was missing about 3/4<sup>ths</sup> of each vertical stabilizer, 1/2 of his elevon had broke loose from the rest, and there were several gashes in the foam wing. We glued and taped cardboard on the elevon and taped a few other strategic places and had it ready for another round. The only sign that my plane was involved was some blue and yellow paint on the prop. No damage! I did score a cut during the mid-air.

Second round we managed to stay away from each other. I scored two cuts and Bobby got one. The Third round had barely begun when Bobby and Don hit each other. Don's plane went into a deadstick flat spin, coming out of it just above the trees. He was able to glide it down gently behind the trees. It only suffered a dented leading edge. Bobby's plane lost 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a wing. His engine continued to run, pulling it down. He flipped the parachute switch, but it failed to deploy. It suffered a broken motor mount on impact. (Bobby had just finished building this plane the night before... sniff!) I landed since there were no "targets" left in the sky. No cuts were recorded.

Since Don's plane only had a dented leading edge, he was ready to go at it one-on-one! We cranked it up for a test flight, but a problem with the fuel tank clunk prevented us from flying another round.

Thanks to Fred Huber being the timekeeper for the rounds.

Results:

Mark Cullison	5 pts
Bobby Zikes	3 pts
Don Mondrik	1 pt

*Mark "The Terminator" Cullison*

CURRENT OFFICIAL STANDINGS:

Mark Cullison	22 pts
Bobby Zikes	13 pts
Fred Huber	10 pts
Ken Schulz	9 pts
Frank Sodek	8 pts
Don Mondrik	5 pts
Steve Meyer	3 pts

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## Nats Report

During the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> the Pattern Nationals were held at the AMA national flying site and headquarters in Muncie, Indiana. This is our flying site. We as AMA members paid for it with our AMA dues and it is a first class facility. There are three runways, two paved and one grass. All are about 800 ft long.

There were 128 competitors in pattern at the Nats this year, which is kind of a small turnout. There were 38 in the Masters class that I fly. The FAI class that Todd Blose flies had 36. Myself, Todd Blose and his dad Max Blose arrived in Muncie on Friday the thirteenth at about 8:30pm. Saturday morning we were at the national flying site by 8:00 am for a full day of practicing and getting acclimated to the layout of the sites. Sunday we also practiced at the National site until about 3:30 before pilot checkin and pilot meetings.

Competition started on Monday morning at 8:00 for FAI and Intermediate classes. Masters and Advanced classes flew in the afternoon. Competition in general can be stressful and nerve racking. Competing at the Nationals is even more so. You cannot imagine the adrenaline when you are on the line at the Nationals. I have been competing at the Nats for over ten years and I still love it. To know you are competing against the best guys in the country really shows you where you are in the skill level. We see a lot of the same people every year and lots of new ones as well, it is interesting to see what people do in different parts of the country.

We had a very good trip overall with Todd finishing 9<sup>th</sup> place in the FAI finals and I finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Masters finals. Todd would have finished higher but he was over the sound limit on his first finals flight which zeroed that flight. His second flight he had a flame out and basically zeroed that round as well. We only flew three rounds in the finals so two zeros killed any chance of Todd finishing higher than 9<sup>th</sup>. I made the finals in 7<sup>th</sup> place and moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> and flew well, not quite my best but I was very happy to finish where I did.

See y'all at the field

*BW Ponder*

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*Fred Huber*  
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## !!PLEASE HELP!!

The storage shed at the field has been left open at least three times in the last couple of months! If you are the last to leave the field, PLEASE check the shed and make sure the door is locked.

## Repairing Dings and Dents

Have you ever had a dent in a balsa leading edge? Try fixing it with water! Get a small diabetic syringe and put water in it. Inject a little water into the balsa into and around the dent in the leading edge. Heat the area with your covering iron. When the water starts boiling, it will build pressure and push the balsa out to its original shape. (Courtesy Victor A.)

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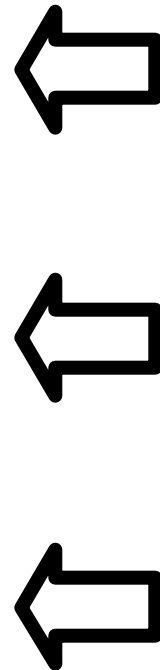
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