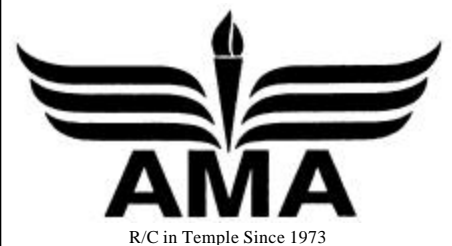


# The Temple Aero Modeler

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



This month's meeting will be held  
Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at  
7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald  
House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Santa  
Pal/Ronald  
McDonald  
Fly-In –  
Dec 7th*

# CLUB INFO

*Christmas  
Banquet/Officer  
Elections –  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup>*

## 2003 Officers

President: Steve Meyer  
939-6394  
Vice Pres/Sec. Ken Schulz  
773-3866  
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
982-4746  
Safety Officer: Bobby Zikes  
773-3773  
Field Marshal: Rick & Travis Berry  
939-3296

## Temple Event Schedule

Dec 7 Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly-In  
Dec 15 Christmas Banquet/  
Officer Elections

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081  
Mark Cullison 773-9686  
Steve Meyer 939-6394  
Paul Horan 780-1274  
B.W. Ponder 778-6182



## District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list)

Dec 6 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Fly-In,  
Beaumont, TX  
Dec 17 Jetero R/C Centennial Of Flight, Huffman,  
TX  
Jan 7 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgetown Swap Meet,  
Georgetown, TX, ([www.gamarc.org](http://www.gamarc.org))  
Jan 7 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Buy, Sell, Swap Meet,  
Harlingen, TX  
Jan 17-18 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vintage Scale RC Fly In, Odem,  
TX

## On The Cover

B.W. Ponder shows off his helicopter. He got this machine about a year ago and has really made strides. Lately he's been performing loops and rolls!

Photo by Mark Cullison

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Mark Cullison Co-Editor 773-9686  
Frank Sodek, Jr. Co-Editor 773-8081

On the web at:  
<http://home.hot.rr.com/taeromodelers/aero.html>

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## President's Report

by *Steve Meyer*

Greetings,

Our final combat session was held Sunday November 10th. Again our Texas weather prevailed with 0 rounds being flown. And the winner is \_\_\_\_\_! No, that report will come from Mark Cullison. I do know that on an October afternoon, our winner garnered 4 kills in a single afternoon and jumped ahead of the pack in a single day of fierce dogfighting.

During the hunting season (November and December) Mr. Brown (our neighbor) has requested that if anyone needs to come onto his property to retrieve an airplane to please wear a blaze orange garment. Thanks John Rovetto for providing these vest. They will be stored in our building.

If you still have not paid your AMA or your club dues, then now is the time. Remember you cannot vote in the upcoming officer elections if you are not a current member.

On December 7th, we will host our Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald fly-in. Be sure to mark your calendars, and bring a new unwrapped gift for your landing fee.

Our annual Christmas banquet/officer elections will be held on December 15th. I am not sure who has more fun, Buster or the kids? We always have a great time with the potluck meal, and the gift exchange.

The nominating committee is out there, so if you get a call to serve please give it your utmost consideration.

As I reflect upon a great year, I would like to thank everyone for your help, support, and the dedication that I see towards this club.

Safe Flying,

*Steve Meyer*

oscar54\_2000@yahoo.com

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## Safety Report

In all the years I've been a member of this club, there has never been a serious accident at our field. This is largely a reflection of the safety consciousness of our membership as a whole, but I think it is also in part due to luck. I say this, because I have been present at the field on several occasions where there have been some very close calls.

A recent email that was forwarded to me really made me stop and think of the fine line between a club's perfect safety

record and a tragic accident that could change a club forever.

It seems that a club in the Houston area experienced a fatality at their field when a club member was struck in the throat by a helicopter blade. I don't know all the details, but the tragic chain of events unfolded when there was apparently a delay in locating a phone to call 911, and then the EMS unit was delayed in arriving because they could not find the location of the field. By the time help arrived, the injured man had bled to death.

Let's all make it our number one priority that nothing like this ever happens at our field. I think we already have the communication issue covered, since most members seem to own a cell phone. As far as giving directions to our field, I am posting our G.P.S. coordinates in the pit area. By the way, they are N31deg. 12.673' and W97 deg. 28.701'. Then, there is the task of trying to give directions on how to get to our field to someone who might not be familiar with the area. Add the stress of having to do this in an emergency situation, and it has the potential of becoming a difficult task. I, for one, am not good at giving directions.

Should we have an "official" set of direction to our field? If we did experience an emergency at our field, does anyone have any EMT training of any kind? Should we practice what to do if we had to deal with a serious accident? These are some of the issues we will need to deal with in order to make flying at our field as safe as possible.

Submitted by *Bobby Zikes*

Safety Officer

bzpostal@hotmail.com

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## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$4,608.65</u>
Total Deposits:	10.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Frank Sodek, Jr (drinks).....	28.37
Lowe's Striping Paint.....	9.74
Total Debits:	(58.11)
Balance October 2003	<u>\$4,560.54</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Club Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes

Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 27, 2003. The meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple.

Ken Schulz summarized the Minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were accepted by Jeff Pitts and seconded by James McCormick.

Buster Hinkle presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted by Frank Sodek Jr. and seconded by Mark Cullison.

## Old Business

### **East Property Line**

Steve Sanders meet with Mr. Brown and determined that club members should wear Orange or Green safety vest when crossing Mr. Brown's property line during hunting season. This is for your own safety. If you do not have a vest do not cross over the fence. John Rovetto acquired 4 green safety vests from Odell Geer.

### **Combat**

Mark Cullison gave a report of the standing. 1<sup>st</sup> Bobby Zikes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Cullison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Meyer, and 4<sup>th</sup> Frank Sodek Jr..

### **Wednesday New Pilot Training**

With the time changing Wednesday new pilot training has come to an end for the year. There have been 314 training flights on Wednesday this year.

### **Lawnmower**

Thanks went out to John Rovetto for mo wing.

### **Flight Simulators**

Frank Sodek Jr. had the 2 G2 simulators for check out after the meeting. We would like to see some of our newer members still needing flight training, have first shot at checking out the simulators. If you are interested in checking out a simulator or would like more information about one contact Frank Sodek Jr.

### **AMA Dues and Club Dues**

Steve Meyer reminded everyone that your AMA dues and club dues are due now. You must have your 2004 TAM dues paid before the Christmas party to vote on the TAM officers.

### **Fall Fun Fly**

Buster Hinkle gave a report.

### **TAG Students from Killeen.**

The flight training for TAG is set for March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

### **TISD Partners in Education**

The club received a thank you note for our involvement in the Partners in Education program.

### **Christmas Party**

Frank Sodek Jr. reserved the room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Temple Public Library for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly In**

Is scheduled for December 7. The landing fee will be 1 new unwrapped toy.

### **Static Display at the Temple Public Library.**

Frank Sodek Jr. was going to look into the club setting up a static display of models at the Temple Public Library for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight.

### **2004 Club Officer Elections**

Frank Sodek Jr. made a motion that all current officers be nominated for the same positions in 2004. B.W. Ponder seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve Meyer asked that a committee be formed to nominate officers for 2004. This committee is headed by Frank Sodek Jr.. Other members of this committee are Steve Meyer, B.W. Ponder, and Ken Schulz.

### **Letter From Dean Higginbotham**

Dean is one of our members, who is stationed in Iraq. Frank Sodek Jr. read a letter from Dean. We should keep Dean and all the members of the Armed Forces in our prayers, this a very difficult time for them and their families. It's great to hear from one of our own.

### **THS Robotics Team**

Frank Sodek Jr. has been working with the Temple High School Robotics team this year. This team's robot took first place at the Austin area regional tournament.

## Blunder Awards

1. Ken Schulz flew his Perfection into a tree and totaled the aircraft.
2. Fred Huber cartwheeled a small plane he bought from Wal-Mart.
3. B.W. tried to fly David D's. Spitfire tail heavy and crashed.
4. Roger Miller and Paul Horan crashed Roger's trainer while setting up for a landing attempt.
5. Zach Skrabanek tried flying his 4-Star 60 with the TX antenna down. The plane was totaled in the crash. Zach wins by default!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Submitted by *Ken Schulz*  
Vice President/Secretary

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## Christmas Banquet

This year's Christmas Banquet will be held on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the McLane Room on the top floor of the Temple Public Library/Bank of America building (also known as Carpenter Plaza) located at North 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Adams in downtown Temple. Frank has the room reserved from 6 to 9 PM. We'll try to begin the potluck dinner around 6:30 PM. Top level parking entrance is on 1<sup>st</sup> street (from Adams); lower level covered parking entrance is on 3<sup>rd</sup> street (west side of the building). It is very similar to our picnics at the flying field. Everyone brings their favorite dish (meat, veggie, dessert, etc.) and we all enjoy a wonderful meal.

After the meal, Buster Hinkle will officiate the Chinese Gift Exchange. Each person who wants to participate (family and friends included) needs to bring a gift valued around \$10 or so (no gag gifts please). This activity is very entertaining, especially with all the stealing, swapping and scheming!

The only down side to the whole evening is the fact that while we enjoy the wonderful feast, we do have to hold a short business meeting to elect club officers for the upcoming year and hand out awards. Sometimes that can be entertaining as well! Those members who are present and have paid their dues for next year are eligible to vote for officers.

Please check out the map and directions posted later in this newsletter.

Mark Cullison  
Frank Sodek, Jr.  
Newsletter Editors

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## Santa Pal /Ronald McDonald Fly-In

Our annual Santa Pal/Ronald McDonald Fly-In is quickly approaching. The event is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning around 1PM. The entry fee is a new unwrapped toy. The field will be open to fly whatever you bring, no competition of any kind will occur. B.W. Ponder will be the Contest Director for the event.

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## LATE BREAKING NEWS:

HOTMAC 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet, 11/22/03 (this Saturday), at Know Hall "Texas Ranger Hall of Fame" in Waco. Opens at 8:00 AM, \$5 entry fee. Call 254-662-5587 for info.  
<http://www12.brinkster.com/hotmac/swapmeet.htm>

## THE LAST WORD: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By WALT WILSON

In most clubs, virtually all the work necessary to keep the organization going is done by a small percentage of the membership. The Spirits of St. Louis are no different. Whether it's cutting grass, being field chairperson, activities chairperson, a contest director, a board of directors member, maintaining a club Web site, or being president, treasurer, secretary, or newsletter editor, we are all volunteers. The pay scale is the same—zip.

Most members who have never been involved in any of these jobs have no appreciation of the effort that goes into doing them. Many club members have no idea who does what for the club. Some seem to think it all happens automatically and, since they've paid their dues, they're entitled to a free ride in all other aspects.

The people who recognize and assume the responsibilities do so for a variety of reasons. Most want to do something to feel like they're doing their share to support the club. Some have unique skills that enable them to make special contributions. As long as the volunteers do their jobs, the people who recognize what they're doing appreciate and occasionally thank them.

Whatever the reason, eventually the workers feel it is time to move on and let someone else carry the ball for a while. Maybe they're burned out, tired, have developed physical problems, or have family or business responsibilities that precludes donating the time necessary to do a club job. Maybe they feel they've done enough. Eventually, all will quit doing whatever they do. If you don't think that being a club officer takes its toll on time and patience, think about how many past presidents are still active members of the club. Of those who are, how many are willing to be president or hold another office?

Appreciate the people who spend their time making your club work. Pat them on the back occasionally. Don't resent them when they quit doing it. Ask yourself if you would have done that job.

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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Temple Aero Modelers

To join the Temple Aero Modelers or renew your dues, please fill out this form, enclose a check, and mail to:

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Home)  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*	
Adult member dues (18 and over) .....	\$40.00	_____
Additional family member .....	\$20.00	_____
Senior member dues (over 65) .....	\$20.00	_____
Junior member dues (under 18) .....	\$10.00	_____
Associate member .....	\$10.00	_____

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*For new members only – if joining in the first quarter (Jan-Mar): 100% of full year dues; second quarter (Apr-Jun): 75% of full year dues; third quarter (Jul-Sep): 50% of full year dues; fourth quarter (Oct-Dec): 25% of full year dues.

# >>NOTICE<<

**During the months of November, December and the first week of January, anybody crossing the east fence will be required to wear a “blaze orange” safety vest. Our neighbor will be deer hunting this season and has asked that we wear them at all times when we need to visit his property to retrieve downed aircraft. Doing so is in everybody’s best interest. Let’s continue the good neighbor tradition!**

Mark Cullison - Editor  
218 Tanglewood Rd.  
Temple, Tx. 76502

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