

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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



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



*Work Day –  
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Combat -  
October 28<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting –  
October 29<sup>th</sup>*

## 2007 Officers

President: Doug Staines  
780-3512  
Vice Pres/Sec. Steve Sanders  
939-7707  
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle  
982-4746  
Safety Officer: Paul Horan  
780-1274  
Field Marshals: Ed Weems  
982-4902  
Larry Macie  
291-4590

## Temple Event Schedule

Oct 27 Work Day 8am  
Oct 28 Combat 1pm  
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

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081  
Mark Cullison 773-9686  
Paul Horan 780-1274  
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Doug Staines 780-3512  
Lance Starzyk 760-8678  
Steve Meyer 939-6394  
Fred Huber 698-4777



## On The Cover

“And the Winners Are...” (left to right)  
Larry Macie - Second place.  
Charles Harris - First place.  
Doug Staines - Third Place.  
Buster Hinkle (back) was the CD of another successful  
Fall Fun Fly this past month.

Photo by Fred Huber

## District VIII Events

(This **is** a complete list!)

Nov 03-04 Randolph Air Force Base Air Show,  
Randolph AFB, TX  
Nov 04 First Annual Winter Float Fly, Ft. Worth, TX  
Nov 10 Jetero Joust, Humble, TX  
Nov 10-11 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Autumn Cup, Seguin, TX  
Nov 17 **Just Plane Fun Fly-In, Bryan, TX**

Mark Cullison - Editor 773-9686  
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## President's Report



Well it's great to be home, or at least back to flying on our own field. I'll tell you, coming back to our field was like coming back out to the field in the spring after a long winter of no flying.

It's nice to see some new members, make sure we make them feel welcome and help them out if you can.

The field was a mess with the grass being 2 to 3 feet high and a lot of garbage had been washed up by the high lake levels. The trees we planted all survived, with the exception of one, not bad 1 out of 14. The Bermuda grass Larry Macie planted has taken hold and is thriving.

We owe Randy Mennen and Ed Weems our gratitude for all the hard work and hours they put on their tractors knocking the overgrown grass down to a manageable level. Ed brought his tractor and shredder out to the field while Randy borrowed one for the job. We can now start using the club's lawn tractors to continue with the grass cutting. So if you can spare a few hours don't be shy and do your part to keep the field looking great and get on those tractors and cut the grass.

Our Combat season resumed and the heat is on for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a close battle for those positions being waged by 4 pilots, which may only be decided on the last match of the season on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to come out for the season finale.

Don't forget about the Tree Planting and Work Day for Saturday, October 27. We will be planting 4 trees and doing some much needed storage shed cleaning, herbicide spraying, grass cutting/trimming and we need to trim and do some cutting on that tree that is overhanging on the road. With an 8am start, lets have a big turn out to make the work go easy and quick, bring your gloves, shovels, tree trimming stuff, weed eaters and your eagerness to work.

That's about it from me for this edition. Hope to see you at the field soon and please, come out and lend a hand on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This club doesn't run by itself and we don't pay someone to keep it running, we need everyone to do their part. If you fly and use the field, you need to lend a hand and help with the work.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Staines*  
President

## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 24, 2007**

Called to order by President Doug Staines at 7:31pm

**New Members/Visitors** Al Rodriguez, returning member  
Daniel Sullins, new member

**Minutes** from the meeting held in August were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by Larry Macie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Weems.

**Treasurer's Report** was read by Buster Hinkle, Treasurer; motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Cullison and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber.

**Safety Report** was given by Paul Horan; concern was expressed in the use of the Starting Stands/Tables and taking the aircraft with the engines running through the areas between the pilot stations and placing the aircraft directly onto the runway instead of placing the aircraft on the taxiway per club safety rules; it was agreed that the present location of the starting Stands/Tables probably contributed to this situation; suggestion made to place 2 Stands/tables on either side of the taxiway along the fence, thus making them closer to the taxiway; Paul indicated that the small electric 'foamies' are to be treated the same as gas or glow aircraft and thus need to follow the same rules.

## Old Business

**Field Maintenance** Randy Mennen & Ed Weems, with larger tractors and shredders have cut the field back to a manageable condition; Doug Staines will contact Corp and Bell County to have road repairs made.

**Storage Shed Replacement** Doug Staines indicated that the Corp has approved the replacement of the Storage Sheds, replacement to be portable in nature; decision was tabled for discussion in the spring of 2008.

**Runway Resealing** motion made to postpone resealing until the spring of 2008 by Larry Macie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Horan.

**Tree Planting & General Work Day** Doug Staines made a proposal for a work day for Saturday, Oct 27; to plant the final 3 Trees of the Tree Trimming Project and replace the one tree that has died; same day, to clean out sheds, take away trash and unwanted or unneeded objects, general clean up, and

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trimming of the tree/brush that overhangs over the road; herbicide spraying, grass cutting and trimming; 8:00am start.

## New Business

**Fall Picnic** scheduled for Sunday, September 30 will be cancelled, due to short notice and condition of access road; will not be rescheduled for this year.

**Combat** the combat schedule will resume on Sunday, September 30 with a 1:00pm start; 2 additional combat dates were scheduled for Sundays, October 14 and 28, with 1:00pm start.

**Newsletter Advertising** a proposal was made to charge \$10/month for advertising in the Club's Monthly Newsletter; the content of any advertising would be subject to scrutiny and editing by the Newsletter Editors; Mark Cullison and Frank Sodek, JR.

**Central Texas AVP District 8/AMA** Doug Staines made the announcement that Max Blose was stepping down as AMA District 8 AVP for Central Texas.

**School Magazine Subscription** motion made by Frank Sodek, Jr. to continue with the Model Aviation Magazine Subscription for the school library; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber, carried.

**Newspaper Subscription Sponsorship** motion made by Buster Hinkle to continue with the Newspaper Subscription and Partners in Education; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Cobb, carried.

**Membership Point System** Doug Staines gave a presentation and a proposal of a point system as used by Brazos Valley RC Club; tabled for further discussion in November.

**Blunder Awards** John Cobb was nominated and this month's winner, for incident with prop/ground strike with his Giant Scale Spitfire while on taxi to runway

## Trip Reports

Paul Milton with photos and report of trip to Bomber Field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes recorded by *Larry Macie*/Acting Secretary  
Submitted by *Doug Staines*/President

## Fall Fun-Fly Report

Sunday, Oct. 7, was a cloudy day with a slight changing wind. We got rained out 3 times. By the time we got stuff put up, the showers were over. Fred Huber, Larry Macie, Doug Staines, John Hagel, Ron Elza, Charles Harris and Ben Starzyk flew in the contest in this order.

First event was the Las Vegas loops, 3 rounds, roll 2 dice, start your plane, and do the number of loops that you rolled, land, and then roll the same number again. Fastest time wins. Larry won this event, Doug in 2nd, Charles 3rd. The pilots spent the most time trying to roll the same number again. John broke his landing gear and tail wheel on the 2nd round and was out of the contest.

Second event was timed flight. Draw a number and estimate the amount of seconds in flight time. Larry won this event also. He drew a 90 all 3 times and turned in 87, 90 and 81. Ben also had a perfect time on his first round when he drew a 30. Doug got 2nd and Ron was 3rd.

Third event: Dead stick spot landing. Try to make your plane stop in the circle. Nobody managed to do this in 3 tries. Last time we flew this event, John Cobb stopped in the circle all 3 times. Max Blose 2 times and Frank "dead stick" Sodek, Mark and Doug 1 time, out of 3 tries, Ben won this event with 2', 18' and 36' away from the circle. Charles got 2nd and Larry 3rd. Larry was struggling with this event and told us he was going to nail the last round. He couldn't produce, he was 12' out. Speaking of nailing the last round, Doug was struggling also and was going to get in the circle but he overflew it and nailed the ground 82' away from the circle. Totaled his profile plane with the Canadian logos on it. Doug informed us he didn't like it and was so glad to get rid of it. I don't think so. Doug got 5th in this event.

Charles won the contest with 18,020 points, Larry 2nd with 17,990, Doug 3rd with 17,110, Ben 4th with 16,630, Fred 5th with 15,820, Ron 6th with 15,240 and John 7th. The scores were close. We all had a good time. Derek ran the scoreboard.

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*, CD

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## Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance	\$5,250.58
Total Deposits:	201.00
Debits:	
Doug Staines (Flowers).....	42.22
Ronald McDonald House.....	20.00
Total Debits:	(62.22)
Balance September 2007	<u>\$5,389.36</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
Treasurer

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## Potential New Members?

By Dave Brown

The increase in availability of inexpensive model airplanes has helped expand the number of Park Flyer hobbyists. Families are purchasing models for their children and using the local park for time together away from the television.

There should be a place for these Park Flyer pilots to go where they can receive support and camaraderie with fellow pilots. Park fliers should be able to share their common interests as well as experience the other sides of model aviation.

### **Can we be where these pilots feel welcome?**

If your definition of *we* in this instance is narrowed to those who fly larger models, jets, helicopters, or whatever it is that you fly, then I think you need to consider an expansion of your definition. *We* are all in this wonderful hobby together, and that needs to include *all* types of model airplane activity.

Only by inviting those new modelers into our "house" can we enjoy the advantages that their numbers bring to our activity.

While aeromodeling may seem to be an activity which is enjoyable by oneself, it quickly becomes as much a social activity as a technical one. Aeromodeling is so much

more pleasurable when it involves flying with others. Those modelers who are loners simply do not last. The secret is to make the park flyer pilots feel welcome to join your club. Even those "Wal-Mart" models are being purchased by potential members; all we need to do is seek them out.

### **How do we find these potential members?**

Most clubs are looking for programs to run in the winter and spring. How about giving this a try? Sometime after Christmas, run an ad in the local paper inviting anyone who has an new RC model aircraft to attend a club meeting, where he or she will receive some help in getting ready to fly it successfully.

How about setting up a day in the spring where your club members will help kids with their new models? If you restricted it to youth members and sanctioned events with a CD, you could sign up kids as AMA members for \$1 apiece and be fully insured.

Given proper execution, this could become an event that serves a number of purposes. It could raise the positive visibility of your club in the community and it could grow the club.

Inviting Park Flyer pilots to be a part of the *we* exposes members to a new part of the aeromodeling hobby. It can expand our membership. Making more friends and learning a little bit along way—isn't that what AMA's all about? →

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## **>>>FIELD CLEAN-UP DAY<<<**

Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am.  
Will be planting trees, mowing, weedeating, trash pick-up/haul-off, tree/brush cutting, bug and weed spraying, etc.

Bring Gloves, Shovels, Tree Trimming tools, weed eaters, etc.

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**Meeting - Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

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