

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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



**This month's meeting will be held Monday, September 24th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.**



*Club Meeting –  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Picnic/  
Combat –  
September 30<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Fall Fun Fly -  
October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Poker Fly –  
October 21<sup>st</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

Sep 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 30	Fall Picnic/ 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

## Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr.	773-8081
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## On The Cover

Foreground - The Temple Aero Modelers ready their combat planes for battle, while the Brazos Valley guys launch in the background at the "3-Club Combat" held in Bryan Texas this past month.

Photo by Fred Huber

## District VIII Events

(This is not a complete list!)

Oct 1	ARCA Fall Helicopter Fun-Fly, Austin, TX
Oct 6	Float Fly, Lake Dallas, TX
Oct 6	Dallas R/C Scale Fly-In, Seagoville, TX
Oct 6-7	B.E.S.T. (Best Electrics in South Texas) New Waverly, TX
Oct 13	Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Club All Scale Fly-In, Ft. Worth, TX
Oct 13-14	Prop Nuts Big Bird Fly-In
Oct 20	Big Bird Fly-In, Grand Prairie, TX
Oct 20-21	Cowtown IMAC Regional Championships, Lake Benbrook, TX
Oct 27	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Tailgate Swap Meet and Fly-In, Mansfield, TX
Oct 27-28	Warbirds Over Kingsbury, Kingsbury, TX

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## President's Report



Lake Belton has finally given back our access road, the waters have receded and the road is now high and dry. Despite the concerns, the road is in good shape, with the exception of that one part that remains in terrible condition, which is drivable but use caution.

In our absence the grass at the field, which was not under water, has flourished. Big thanks to Randy Mennen and Ed Weems, who have been hard at work with their tractors and shredders to try and get the grass under control.

Another big thanks goes out to Fred Huber, who has taken on the responsibility to be the care taker and guardian of the club trainer. Fred is one of our instructors and is often in attendance at our Beginners' Night. Taking over the club trainer by Fred makes perfect sense. Again, thank you Fred.

We are still in need of a club secretary, the job is as easy as it gets. All you do is take the meeting minutes and put them together and forward them to Mark Cullison in time for the monthly newsletter, that's it. If you interested please let us know.

On another note, the 'Monthly Club Meeting Raffle' has been canceled. The intent of the raffle was to encourage more attendance at the monthly meetings and to reward those members who have contributed to the club. Unfortunately, the attendance has not improved and the same members that were attending regularly were the same winners each month. The raffle was not generating big sales each month and if it was not for the donation by Andy Sonnier to kick the raffle off, the club was operating the raffle at a loss.

Now that the field is open once again we will be able to resume our flying and any of our scheduled events should be able to proceed or at least be rescheduled. I know on Sunday, September 30 we were planning to hold our annual Fall Picnic, at the time of writing this, a determination had yet to be made, pending the Club meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, I'm sure many of you aware that Max Blose has stepped down from his Position of Associate Vice President of AMA District VIII. Max has served in this capacity for many years and his presence will surely be missed. This is not a retirement from the sport, only a change. Our support for Max is unchanged and he will always serve as a source of

information and ideas. We wish Max only the best.

Hope to see you at the field, and remember to fly safe.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Staines*  
President

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## Max Blose Resigns as AVP of District VIII

(reprinted from the District VIII website)

It is with a great deal of sorrow that I submit my resignation to Mr. Jim Rice our district VIII Vice President. I wish to thank all the modelers of the District for their help, thoughts, and prayers over the past number of years that I have had the pleasure of being an Associate Vice President of District VIII. Thanks to the many clubs, and members who devote their time for promoting, helping in all ways, training new people for the fantastic hobby, sport of Model Aviation. It has always been fun for me and my family for a number of years. I have been a very lucky person for all the friends I have and having my family involved in something as fine as model aviation. My thanks to the good Lord above for the wonderful family I have, both at home and in Model Aviation, my thanks to a wonderful son and his family for the promoting, and flying Miniature aircraft, and to a understanding wife.

Thanks to all of you.

Max

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, August 27, 2007**

Called to order by President Doug Staines at 7:32pm

New Members/Visitors None present.

Minutes from the meeting held in June were read by Doug Staines; motion to accept minutes as read was made by to Fred Huber 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.

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**Old Business**

**Field Maintenance** mower has been repaired, indication given that the grass was too long for lawn tractors to cut, suggestion made for larger tractors and shredders to do initial cutting following by lawn tractors; Randy Mennen and Ed Weems volunteered for this work.

**Club Trainer** Fred Huber volunteered to take on the responsibility of care taker and guardian of the club trainer.

**Safety Report** none given

**New Business**

**Inter Club Combat Match** scheduled for Sunday, Sept 9 at the Brazos Valley Radio Control Club in Bryan/College Station; lunch provided at noon with combat starting at 1:00pm; advise given to those planning to participate, to arrive early to set up and test fly prior to lunch.

**Thank You** Doug Staines read the Thank You card he received on behalf of the Club from the family of the late Dean Stroud, for the plant that was sent; the card requested for someone to possible help Nathan Stroud complete a plane his father Dean and himself were building; Fred Huber volunteered to help the Strouds.

**Monthly Club Meeting Raffle** discussion in this regard; a proposal made by Fred Huber to cancel the raffle as indication was given of lack in interest and growth; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Staines, carried.

**Blunder Awards** no candidates were nominated for this month

**Trip Reports**

Waco Jet Rally, report given by Doug Staines

**Monthly Club Raffle** \$70 worth of RC related products was raffled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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

**Treasurer's Report**



Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,451.35</u>
Total Deposits:	0.00
Debits:	
Ronald McDonald.....	20.00
Empire Seed (mower repair).....	110.77
Waco Hobby Stop (meeting raffle).....	70.00
Total Debits:	(200.77)
Balance August 2007	<u>\$5,250.58</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*

Treasurer

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**Inter Club Combat Match**

Formerly known as the '3 Club Combat Match', was held on Sunday, Sept 9th, in Bryan/College Station; at the Brazos Valley Radio Control Club. Our Club prevailed and solidly took the coveted trophy by a score of 44 to 17. John Cobb scored the most cuts, no surprise there.

Temple was represented by Pilots John Cobb, James Cobb, Mark Cullison, Larry Macie and Doug Staines. Fred Huber was in attendance to help launching and spotting for our club.

The Match consisted of 3 rounds of 2 heats featuring 5 pilots, alternating with 2 from Temple and 3 from Brazos; and a final round single heat of 6 pilots, 3 from each team. The weather was hot but so was the action. The Brazos Club and its members were excellent hosts and they started off with some excellent burgers at noon (which I enjoyed more than once) followed by Combat at 1pm.

We all had a great time and it was overwhelmingly enjoyed by no less than 20 spectators. A couple of the spectators enjoyed it so much, they joined the Brazos Club to learn how to fly, so one day they can fly combat. One of the pilots from the Brazos Club remarked that it was the best time they have had at their field in some time.

In this consideration we indicated that we would be

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more than happy to return in the fall of next year for a rematch. An idea was suggested to feature 2 interclub matches, one in the spring at our field and the 2<sup>nd</sup> at their field in the fall. It sounds like a great idea except we usually have a pretty busy schedule in the spring; we will have to address that in January.

Either way, I am looking forward to dueling it out with the guys from Brazos next year.

*Doug Staines*, President.

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## Thank you note from the Stroud family

*Temple Aero-Modelers -  
Thank you for thinking  
of us during our loss of  
Dean Stroud. The flight is  
beautiful! We have been  
blessed by all of you.  
Nathan wants to continue  
in club; please call me  
at your convenience  
Philo Stroud*

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## **Windy Days: Good Rudder Practice Days**

By Salvatore Piu

One of my friends asked me for some flight training, but canceled a few times because of windy conditions. For student pilots—since student pilots usually are flying on a buddy-box system anyway—take advantage of this: get some buddy-box stick time on a windy day.

There are several benefits for students to do this while still using the buddy-box system. First, in order to keep the airplane under desired and

controlled conditions, wind generally forces student pilots to be more active to maintain control during the flight, which equates to a faster learning curve. Second, we always have some amount of wind at the field, therefore pilots should not be afraid of it. Better yet, pilots should learn how to deal with windy conditions, provided the model is capable of flying in that condition. An electric foamy airplane weighing less than 10 ounces, for instance, should not be flown on windy days, especially by a student pilot or one having recently soloed.

An underpowered or marginally powered model will also be more sensitive to even light wind. The general rule of thumb I use for not flying because it's too windy depends on how hard it is to assemble the model in the wind. If the wind places my model at high risk for damage during assembly, then it's too windy to fly.

I have flown in excessively windy conditions a few times over the years. However, in each case, the flight was no longer enjoyable because I was constantly correcting for wind-related issues, with the landing being the most intensive and nerve-racking part of the flight.

If the wind is a little annoyance during assembly, I will fly knowing the wind will be a little annoyance to contend with in the flight also. I call windy days “good rudder practice days” because rudder typically needs to be used more often on windy flights.

**Bottom line:** fly a few times in moderate wind conditions while you are a student on a buddy-box system because it will make you a better overall pilot.

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