

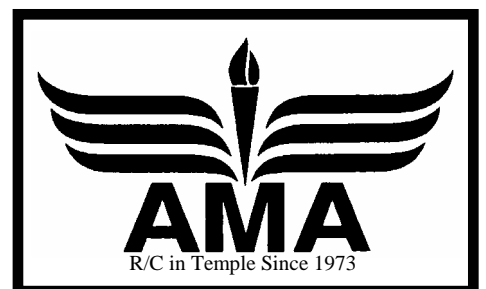
# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2008



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple



*First Beginners' Night – Mar 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Mall Show – Mar 29-30*

# CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>*

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## On The Cover

Doug Staines shows off his "Club 40" Pylon Racer, also known as a World Models Sky Raider Mach II. Doug and a few other club members are entering the Club 40 competition that's being hosted by several clubs in the Central Texas area. See the article later in this newsletter for additional information.

Photo by Mark Cullison

## Temple Event Schedule

Feb 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 12	First Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Mar 29-30	Mall Show
Mar 31	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Apr 19-20	Temple Pattern Contest
Apr 27	Spring Picnic/First Combat 1pm
Apr 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
May 2-4	Central Texas Airshow
May 18	Combat 2pm (with Bryan club)
Jun 1	Combat 2pm
Jun 2	Club Meeting 7:30pm (delayed a week due to holiday)
Jun 8	Sanctioned Fun Fly 10am
Jun 22	Combat 2pm
Jun 30	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Jul 13	Combat 2pm
Jul 27	Combat 2pm
Jul 28	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 10	Combat 2pm
Aug 24	Combat 2pm
Aug 25	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Sep 7	Combat 2pm
Sep 28	Fall Picnic/Last Combat 1pm
Sep 29	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly 1pm
Oct 19	Poker Fly 10am
Oct 27	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 29	Last Beginners' Night 5:30pm
Nov 24	Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 7	Don Cullison Memorial Christmas Toy Drive/Fly-In 1pm
Dec 9	Christmas Banquet/Officer Elections 6:30pm

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## President's Report



Greetings, fellow Temple Aero Modelers!

Well, I made it through the first month and the first meeting! I haven't heard any talk of impeachment yet, so I guess so far, so good.

The Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup was great fun. Many of you missed it, which left those of us who did attend with a challenge to finish off all the great food provided by Larry Macie. To top it off, the weather was nice, which allowed for some great flying.

Believe it or not, this next meeting will be the last one before the Mall Show! Frank Sodek, Jr. has again agreed to CD this event. (Thanks Frank!) Mark your calendars and please bring your new creations you've been working on over the winter (and the old standbys as well). The Mall Show lets the community know who/what/where we are. It is also an opportunity for the club to bring in a few bucks for the coffer through the sale of raffle tickets. We start selling raffle tickets for the trainer airplane package each year at this event. Please bring your planes and enthusiasm, because we can sure use your help to man the show on Saturday and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>!

This year we will compete against the Bryan Club twice for Team Combat bragging rights (Temple vs Bryan). We will host a contest at our field in the spring (May 18<sup>th</sup>) and Bryan will host one in the fall (September 14<sup>th</sup>) at their field. They are a great bunch of guys and we really enjoy kicking their butts!

Don't forget, Beginners' Night starts March 12<sup>th</sup>!

*Mark Cullison*

President

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## Meeting Minutes (January meeting)



Called to order by President Mark Cullison at 7:30pm

**New Members/Visitors:** Ron Norman. Ron was a member of the club back in the 1970's flying control line aircraft. He was an owner of R&J hobbies for a few years

until his work took him away from the club and the shop in 1996. Due to a toy helicopter at Wal-Mart he has gained a renewed interest in the sport and will be joining the TAM once

again.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held in November of 2007 were read by Lance Starzyk; a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Andy Sonnier and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Macie.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was read by Treasurer, Buster Hinkle, motion to accept the report was made by Fred Huber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Staines.

**Club member Recognition:** Mark thanked Frank for taking over and producing a fine first newsletter. Frank pointed out that Mark had published the previous 151 monthly newsletters (~14 years) greatly facilitating his duties as newsletter editor.

**Old Business:** Doug Staines reported that all the new trees were sold. One tree was replaced and one more may need to be replaced. This officially ended the tree project.

### **New Business:**

**Meeting Venue Change:** Due to a Ronald McDonald House schedule conflict, the June 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup> TAM meetings will be held at the Temple Airport Conference Room.

**Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup:** Scheduled for Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon. Mark asked who would be available to support with the cookout. Larry Macie volunteered to provide the food, drinks, and supplies as well as cook the food.

**Beginners' Night:** Some of the JR training radios need batteries replaced. Paul Horan clarified from Mark that the students still have flight time priority at the Wednesday night events.

**Mall Show:** The members present were asked if the club should still have the Mall Show. The question stemmed from an effective time management question regarding the fact that the club generated more raffle money at the Friday night Air Show than during a whole weekend spent at the mall. After some group discussion, it was suggested that the show provided more than just ticket revenue; it was put to a vote and passed in favor of having it.

**Flying Field:** The field looks good but sand burs were once again a developing problem. Mark suggested that the club reinstate the spraying program put on hold by last year's flood. Also a purchase of MSMA for the infield area containing newly planted Bermuda Grasses. Buster volunteered to purchase a container of the product.

- Native Grasses: Mark also commented that the club should invest in planting some native grass seed out in the field during our hopefully rainy spring in order to fill in bare spots to deter the growth of sand burs. Lance reminded everyone that this is an ongoing battle and

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keeping the field mowed is important factor in limiting sand bur production.

- Mowers: Doug added that Randy (absent) said one of the mowers required maintenance and should be brought to Empire Seed in Temple for new blades and oil changes. Doug motioned the club to accept this....2<sup>nd</sup>? Vote passed.
- Runway Maintenance: The runway resealing project passed last year was put on hold due to the flood. It was suggested that it be done sometime after the Temple Air Show when the weather was warmer. Buster indicated this project previously cost about \$1,000.

**Morgan's Point Event:** The city of Morgan's Point is having a "Fund for City Parks" event on June 21, 2008 and would like the club to provide a static display and demonstration. It was suggested that flying foamy aircraft would do. Paul Horan volunteered to get with Pat Kubacak from Morgan's Point to get the specifics of this event.

**Doug Staines:** Former TAM president and newly appointed AMA district VP Doug Staines had several items to discuss:

- Pylon Racing: Doug asked the club if they would be interested in allowing the field to be measured and fit with PVC pylons for "Club 40 Pylon Racing". The question was raised about safety and Doug indicated that the pylons would not create an obstacle for regular flying. He offered to email out the Pylon Racing Rules and Calendar of Events. Doug motioned to approve, Paul Horan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- As AMA District 8 VP, Doug is encouraging all of the AMA clubs in his area to become a "Leader Club Member". He reviewed the requirements and indicated that TAM is at least eligible to meet the Bronze Award level.

**Combat:** The Bryan Club combat date at our field is May 18<sup>th</sup>. They have invited us to their combat event on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The club has tabled the decision to adjust our combat schedule due to the combat dates being only one week apart.

**Spread Spectrum:** Paul Horan commented on a programming ID error with Futaba spread spectrum radios. This issue is specific to the 6EX and 7C Futaba radios and may only pose a threat to other Futaba spread spectrum radio users. He also noted that Futaba is remedying this problem for free.

**Raffle Plane:** Frank Sodek Jr. motioned to order/purchase the raffle plane at this time. Another Raptor was suggested due to its popularity at last year's Air Show. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Huber and approved by member vote.

**Trip Reports:** None

**Blunder Award:**

- 1) Cliff's trainer ran out of fuel, stalled and was caught by a tree at the north end. Damage was minimal.
- 2) Larry Macie Lost radio signal of his Something Extra and totaled it in the pasture. This was the second and final life for that aircraft, having crashed before.
- 3) Larry also had a foamy incident. (reversed ailerons)
- 4) Frank Sodek had a midair with his Big Stick and Larry Macie's airplane.

Larry Macie was voted by members to receive the Blunder Award.

**Show and Tell:** None

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lance 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Minutes recorded by *Lance Starzyk*  
VP/Secretary

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## **Treasurer's Report**



Beginning Balance: \$5,068.33

Credits:

Dues .....	<u>\$840.00</u>
Total Credits: \$840.00	

Debits:

Ronald McDonald House .....	\$20.00
Don Mondrik (Poker Fly giveaways) ..	\$239.61
Frank Sodek (gate keys) .....	\$29.20
Bobby Zikes (Banquet room rental) ...	\$100.00
Larry Macie (Poker Fly food/trainer box)	\$84.65
Frank Sodek (Poker Fly drinks) .....	\$30.78
Doug Staines (Gift certificate) .....	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total Debits: (\$554.24)	

Balance January 2008: \$5,354.09

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
Club Treasurer

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## Safety Officer's Report



It was an accident...

How much does it cost to have an accident? That's hard to pin down for most people because there are so many variables. What would it cost to prevent an accident? I have a suspicion that it is far less costly to prevent an accident than it is to recover from one.

I am recovering from an accident at the moment and it could have been prevented and it could have cost me a lot less if I had had the foresight to play it safe. The boot sector on my hard drive became corrupted, it crashed, it quit. If I had played it safe I would have saved myself some money and a lot of time. If I had backed up the data on my PC I wouldn't be late with my article. I know better, I never thought it would be that big of a deal, I mean, it's just a few files on my home computer, it's not like a business or anything like that. Being computer illiterate is expensive; getting a few stitches from a propeller is not cheap, either. I look back now and ask myself if I would rather have to get stitches or would I rather try to recover all the stuff I had on my old hard drive. After three weeks of suffering with my computer problems I think the stitches sound better, I mean at least after three weeks your wound is healed, or it should be. But after three weeks my computer problems are still being a hassle.

Accidents can happen anytime and anywhere. It doesn't have to be a physical injury to cause pain and suffering. But it could have been minimized if only I had taken the time to back up my computer. Let my suffering be your warning siren. I urge you to back up your computer. We all have airplanes that we would rather not destroy right? Well, how do you prevent accidents with your models? We check them out every so often to make sure things are attached and nothing is loose or floppy, you change the oil in your car to prevent the engine from seizing up but why not your home computer? I still haven't found a good excuse for that yet.

I may have gotten off track a little with this article but hopefully it can still parallel the safety theme. Whether it's dumb thumbs, neglect or blissful ignorance, an accident will always bring you back to reality, the here and now. Take care of your mode of transportation, take care of your toys and take care of your computer.

On second thought I would rather not have to get stitches or go through the computer hassles, if you know what I mean. They can both leave a permanent scar. I feel like a deer in the headlights!

Don't get hurt having fun ...

*Don Mondrik, Club Safety Officer*

## Club 40 Pylon Racing

What is it? It's an entry level class for Radio Controlled Pylon Racing that is affordable, club friendly and a lot of Fun! The Club 40 Racing Class is set up to make it as even and fair as possible for all participants.

All participants use one of two allowed planes: either the **Sky Raider Mach II** or the **LA Racer**; both are made by 'World Models' and distributed in the USA by 'Airborne Models' at <http://www.airborne-models.com/index.asp>. They are sold or can be ordered in various local Hobby Shops, including the Waco Hobby Stop.

The planes are built **TOTALLY STOCK** and to the provided instructions, with no speed enhancing modifications such as lightening holes, streamlining, changing the landing gear, etc.

Two sub-classes can be run within the Club 40 Class, one for the novice pilot and the other for the more advanced pilots; the only difference is in the engine choices.

In the Novice Class any 40 size small frame bushing engines are allowed such as the OS LA 40, OS FP 40, Magnum 40, Tower 40, etc.

In the Advanced Class any 40 size ball bearing engines with a retail price of \$120 or less are allowed, with the Super Tiger 40 or the Thunder Tiger Pro 40 being recommended.

In either sub-class, all engines must be **STOCK** - no speed enhancements are allowed and must include the stock carburetor and muffler with the baffles.

Races consist of 4 planes running 10 laps around 2 Pylons placed 400 feet apart. The action is fast, furious and above all, a ton of fun.

For more information, complete rules and the 2008 race schedule contact me at [dstaines@vvm.com](mailto:dstaines@vvm.com) and I will forward this information to you, or visit our website at <http://www.templeaeromodelers.org/>, scroll down the menu on the left and click on Club 40 Racing.

If you want to come out and see a race in the very near future, you are in luck! A Practice and Demonstration Race will be held in Waco at the HOTMAC Facility on Saturday, March 1 from 10am to 3pm; visit their website at <http://www.hotmacrc.org/> for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Doug Staines*

**>>> Notice <<<**

Club 40 Pylon Racing Practice and Demonstration Race  
Saturday March 1, 10am to 3pm  
HOTMAC Field in Waco

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## 2008 Mall Show

The club will be holding its annual Mall Show at the Temple Mall on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>. The exact location for our display had not been determined by the deadline for this month's newsletter, so watch for it in next month's newsletter.

We'll set up our planes early Saturday morning (starting at 8am). We'll be handing out club information sheets and modeling magazines (start gathering your surplus magazines together now), and we'll also be selling raffle tickets for an RTF trainer as a fundraiser for the club. Spectators that stop by will be asked to vote for their favorite airplane - the builders getting the most votes will get recognition from the club and some well-deserved bragging rights!

We will have a couple of flight simulators available for spectators to try, which is always a big hit with the kids, and we'll be showing modeling-related videos.

I'll have a signup sheet at this month's meeting for volunteers to help run the show. If you can't make the meeting but have some spare time during the weekend, please come by and help us out.

Regards,  
Frank Sodek

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## >>>> For Sale <<<<

Complete Spektrum DX6 2.4G park flyer radio. Barely used (flown 6 times). Includes manual, charger, unused servos, receiver and transmitter. Call Mark Cullison at 773-9686 or email Mculison1@aol.com. Asking \$150.

More info on the radio can be found at:  
<http://www.spektrumrc.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1535>

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## Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup

On Super Bowl Sunday, Mother Nature blessed us with perfect weather for our annual Fly-In-The-Taco-Soup. Led by Head Chef Larry Macie, participants had a great afternoon of flying and an even better afternoon of eating. Larry dished up a great big delicious pot of taco soup for all participants and spectators that were in attendance. The weather was perfect for flying, so everyone present got lots of flights in. Thanks, Larry for volunteering to host this event - it was loads of fun for all!



Larry Macie is hard at work preparing the taco soup.



Larry's taco soup tasted even better than it looks!

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>>>> **For Sale** <<<<

Steve Meyer has the following items for sale:

1. MVVS .40 Racing engine (new) with tuned pipe and optional carb \$100
2. OS FS 1.20 (new) \$200
3. Enya 90-4C, TN type \$75
4. Magnum XL 15A \$20
5. Sullivan Model #4 Starter Motor (like new) \$75
6. Morris The Knife (The Yellow One that has had a lot of fun) with Irvine .53, less receiver \$100
7. Aspire EP with Vision Peak Dyn4045 Charger, Nicad battery and transmitter \$75
8. Aeroworks Edge 540T with Zenoah G61, less receiver \$600

**KITS:**

9. Big Bingo \$100
10. Sig KBRC-6 P51 Mustang \$100
11. Gremlin (combat) \$30
12. Stick Munk \$30
13. Vector \$30

For additional info call Steve: 760-1897

## District VIII Events

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| Feb 28 | IMAA Rally of Giants 2008 - Weslaco Airport, Weslaco, TX    |
| Mar 1  | Club 40 Pylon Racing Practice and Demo - HOTMAC Field, Waco |
| Mar 15 | Fort Bend RC Club Swap Meet & Fun Fly - Rosenberg           |
| Mar 21 | WAMS Swap Meet and Auction - Weatherford                    |
| Mar 22 | Alvin RC Big Bird and Swap Meet - Alvin                     |
| Mar 29 | Just Plane Fun Fly-in - Brazos Valley RC                    |

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*First Beginners' Night – Mar 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Mall Show – Mar 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>*

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