

# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

November 2022



*Happy Holidays*



This month's meeting will be held  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the  
Ronald McDonald House in Temple  
(2415 S. 47<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 7:30pm.



*Club Meeting:  
November 28<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Don Cullison  
Memorial Toy Fly:  
December 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas Banquet:  
December 12<sup>th</sup>*

## 2022 Officers

President: Chris Boultinghouse  
(512)632-6920

Vice President: Open

Secretary: Frank Sodek (254)295-6204

Treasurer: Buster Hinkle (254)718-0243

Safety Officer: Larry Macie (254)291-4590

Field Marshal: Larry Macie (254)291-4590

## Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Event Schedule

Nov 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Dec 11 Don Cullison Memorial  
Toy Fly 1:00pm

Dec 12 Christmas Banquet  
6:30pm

Club business meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of October (pulled up one week because of Halloween) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

## Instructors

Paul Milton (254)493-1339

Frank Sodek (254)295-6204

Larry Macie (254)291-4590



## On The Cover

Steve Meyer is preparing his new  
Flex RV-8 for its first flight.  
It flew great!

*Photo by Joe Svacina*

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## President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

I think I will title this column "Confessions of a Dummy". Why? Well that's because I'm a big dummy, and did something stupid that could have injured me or someone else! You may have seen the latest addition to my fleet, a Flightline brand Grumman F-7F3 Tigercat. I've had it out twice now, with four flights on it. It flies great, but it also bears the scars of my stupidity. If you're not familiar, it is a foam model, with very little assembly to do. You glue on the back half of the fuselage, run a few wires, assemble the props (more on that later) and set up your radio. It comes with a basic decal set, but I've ordered a set from Callie Graphics and will doll it up a bit.

Now, about those props... They are scale-looking props, with individual blades that are attached to a hub, then bolted to the motor. The blade roots have 3 molded in holes, and the hub has a locking pin for the holes to keep them at the proper pitch. I briefly wondered why there were three holes and only one locking pin, but the way it went together seemed pretty obvious. The front and back halves of the hub are screwed together and voila! Nice looking props. And look, they even included extra screws in case I dropped any! Queue the foreshadowing music....

So I got it all assembled, and decided to run up the motors and make sure the ESC calibration worked properly. As it got beyond half throttle, there was a mighty BANG and all six prop blades departed the hubs and banged off the garage door, floor, and other items. WTH!! was my first thought, then I had to check myself for holes. Nope, no holes. Staying out of the prop arc is a good idea, folks! I gathered my wits, and proceeded to try and figure out what happened. This model gets great reviews, so I figured it must be something I'd done wrong and I was right! Upon closer examination of the instructions (which I did read, but obviously not well), those locking pins I mentioned are not there to retain the blades, they are only there to set the pitch. Those "extra" holes? That's where two screws go through the each of the blade roots into the hub, THEN you bolt the front of the hub to the back with six more screws. DOH! Luckily, the only damage was to my pride, and some dents on the fuselage where the blades hit it. Oh, and damage to my wallet of course to buy a new set of props.

The lesson here is obvious: Read the instructions carefully, and if something makes you go "hmm" maybe read the instructions two or three more times until it makes sense. Just because you've been doing something as long as I have (40+ years of playing with these toys) it doesn't mean you're immune to doing stupid things.

And finally, as I sit down to write this column, my thoughts are on recent events. As you may have heard, last weekend was a tragic one for the aviation community, losing six souls and two vintage aircraft at the Wings Over Dallas Airshow. I didn't personally know anyone who perished, but I do know someone who was participating in the event and witnessed it all. I cannot imagine how gut wrenching that must have been for her, and my thoughts are with her and everyone affected by the accident.

Chris Boultinghouse

Club President [caboultinghouse@yahoo.com](mailto:caboultinghouse@yahoo.com)

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## Meeting Minutes (October 24, 2022 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by our Club President, Chris Boultinghouse.

**New Members/Visitors** – Donald Foulk joined the club at the meeting.

**Minutes** – Minutes from the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Steve Sanders and seconded by Mark Cullison.

**Treasurer's Report** – Was given by Buster Hinkle; motion to accept was made by Paul Milton and seconded by Larry Macie.

**Safety Officer's Report** – Larry reminded everyone to not taxi back to the pit area. The club safety rules are a bit outdated and could use an update; Larry will check into it.

**Field Marshal's Report** – Frank Sodek mentioned that the next Corps of Engineers inspection of our flying field is scheduled for Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

Larry mentioned the next field maintenance day will be this upcoming Saturday (October 29<sup>th</sup>).

**Announcements** – Frank mentioned that Fritz Pratt has also soloed!

The final Wednesday evening New Pilot Training sessions will end on October 26<sup>th</sup> due to loss of Daylight Saving Time.

**Old Business** – Buster gave a report on the Fall Fun Fly. Eight members attended.

Larry gave a report on the Night Fly held on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business** – Officer nominations for next year's officers are being taken; the election is held at the Christmas Banquet (if more than one nomination per office is received).

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Paul Milton and Bobby Zikes will check on the availability of potential sites for our annual Christmas Banquet (Paul will check on the Meeting Room at Northside Church of Christ, Bobby will check on Western Hills Church of Christ.

**Trip Reports** – Buster and Paul attended the full scale fly-in at REKLAW.

**Blunder Awards** – Steve Delgado attempted to fly his A-10 with the gyro reversed. Steve Sanders got disoriented while flying at the North end of the runway and crashed.

Steve Delgado won this month’s Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by *Frank Sodek*  
Club Secretary [fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

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**Treasurer’s Report**



**Beginning Balance:** \$3,915.13

**Deposits:** None

**Expenses:**

Fire extinguishers inspection: \$95.15

Ronald McDonald House Donation: \$25.00

**Total expenses:** \$120.15

**Balance November 2022:** \$3,794.98

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*  
Club Treasurer

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**Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly**

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> our club will be holding our annual Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly beginning at 1PM. Entry fee for the event is one unwrapped toy (in prior years several pilots have brought more than one toy) which Mark will distribute to local toy collections for needy children. This event is for a really good cause, so come on out with some toys even if Mother Nature isn’t cooperating for us with good flying conditions.

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*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." Oprah Winfrey*

**TAM Christmas Banquet**

The final event for this year will be our Christmas Banquet, to be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM. This year our banquet will be held at the Northside Church of Christ located at 3401 North 3<sup>rd</sup> street (take exit 304 if you’re heading north on IH35, as if you’re going to Buc-ees; the church is on the IH35 service road just past the Convention Center). This is the same location that we used last year.

The party starts with a pot-luck meal, which is always full of delicious-tasting goodies (the club will provide drinks, plates and utensils). After the meal we’ll have a very brief business meeting (which typically includes officer elections for next year), then Buster will lead us in the always-popular Chinese Gift Exchange. Anyone wanting to participate in the gift exchange (which should be everyone attending the party – it’s loads of fun!) should bring a wrapped gift (normally in the \$10-\$15 cost range) to join in the fun of opening/exchanging/stealing the gifts.

This is our premier family event – it is an evening of great fellowship and fun for all, so please bring all your family and friends to join in the fun!

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**Important Note from your Newsletter Editor**

This is the final newsletter for 2021. Your next club newsletter will arrive during the fourth week of January. I hope you all have a terrific Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



*Merry Christmas!*

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**Chris Boultinghouse is preparing his F7F Tigercat for flight (this is the plane that's the subject of Chris's newsletter article this month).**



**Here's a nice shot of Chris's F7F in the air.**



**Chris and Larry Macie showing off their A-10s.**



**Larry brought this EDF jet out to the field recently.**



**Here is Steve Meyers Flex RV-8 in the air.**

*All photos on this page taken by Joe Svacina.*

**2022 Club Dues**

Club dues for next year are coming due. The following form can be mailed to Buster, or else bring it with your check to the next meeting or event.

**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 or event)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA#: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*
Adult member dues (18 and over) .....	\$60.00 _____
Additional family member .....	\$30.00 _____
Senior member dues (over 65) .....	\$30.00 _____
Junior member dues (under 18) .....	\$10.00 _____
Associate member .....	\$30.00 _____

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.

Frank Sodek  
6124 Modena Drive  
Temple, TX 76502

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