

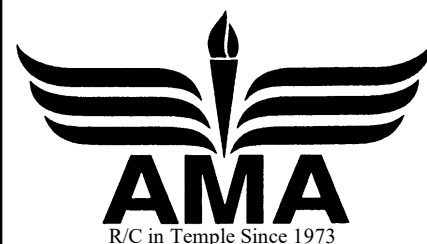
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

September 2025



This month's meeting will be held Monday, September 29th at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple (2415 S. 47th) beginning at 7:30pm.



CLUB INFO

*Fall Picnic
+ E-Combat
September 28th*

*Club Meeting
September 29th*

*Fall Fun Fly
October 5th*

*E-Combat
October 19th*

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On The Cover

Blake Mahowald (our newest Club member) is shown with his really nice FMS Pitts Biplane (1400mm, V2).

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

Sep 28	Fall Picnic + e-Combat	1:00pm
Sep 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 5	Fall Fun Fly	1:00pm
Oct 19	E-Combat	1:00pm
Oct 24	Night Fly	6:00pm
Oct 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 9	Fall Fun Fly #2	1:00pm
Nov 16	E-Combat	1:00pm
Nov 21	Night Fly	6:00pm
Nov 24	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Dec 7	Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly	1:00pm
Dec 8	Christmas Banquet	6:30pm

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

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President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

This month I'd like to chat about participation in the club.

It seems like we are seeing fewer folks at the field, as well as at the meetings. I know for myself, the hot weather puts a damper on outdoor activities. I tend to spend more time in

the workshop during the hot summer months than I do at the field. However, we're also seeing fewer folks at the monthly meetings. And the ones that do attend are usually the same core group of people that we see at the field. So... where is everyone else? What can we do to boost participation?

One thought I had about the meetings is to possibly move to quarterly meetings instead of monthly. This newsletter would also follow that shift, and become quarterly instead of monthly. I know Frank puts a lot of time into this newsletter each month, and based on conversations I've had at the field, it seems a lot of our members don't even read it! Or maybe they just don't read my column, because it seems my recent tech series wasn't read by many.

What can we do to boost attendance at the field? Should we have more "social" events, where we serve food and just fly for fun? Do we need to have more contests? What is it that's reducing attendance?

I know this has been more questions than answers, but the reason(s) for the decline are not clear to me. I'd like to do what I can as President to make this a better club, but honestly I'm not sure how to proceed. So please come to the next meeting and let's discuss these topics! If you cannot attend, send me or Frank an email and let's chat.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse
Club President caboultinghouse@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3,969.85

Deposits:

Dues: \$1,060.00

Total Deposits: \$1,060.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$25.00

Balance August 2025: \$5,004.85

Submitted by Buster Hinkle
Club Treasurer

Meeting Minutes (August 25, 2025 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors - Returning member Jim Fulton

Minutes - Minutes from the July meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Frank James and seconded by Larry Macie.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle and accepted. Motion to accept was made by Paul Milton, seconded by Marsha Hinkle. Buster noted that a donation of \$1,000 was made by Ron Norman to "catch up on old dues" and have a lifetime membership.

Safety Officer's Report - Ryan Benefield presented the safety report: One incident to report happened during the combat event. A pilot was almost hit by another pilot's plane after a midair and the subsequent crash. None of the spotters that were there called out or tried to move the pilot that was almost hit. It's easy to get tunnel vision on your plane and not pay attention to what is going on around you in the heat of battle. If you lose control of your plane the first thing you should do is cut power and try to guide the plane with any control surfaces you have remaining. Do NOT let go of controls until the plane is on the ground regardless of your ability to fly.

Field Marshal's Report - TK discussed which gas to use for the mowers, and requested that if you mow,

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please use the blower to clean off the mowers before returning them to the conex.

Announcements - None.

Old Business - The previous combat event was discussed.

Marsha provided the following report: It was a very hot and toasty day. It was 95 degrees with a wind that started out around noon at 5 mph then it reached 10mph with some gusts to 16 mph but, by the time of the last round the wind had settled down. The points and standings are as follows:

- Ryan: 9 cuts+ 2 midairs 47 points total
- Chris: 7 cuts + 2 midairs 45 points total
- Andrew: 4 cuts + 1 midair 23 points total
- Derek: 6 cuts + 3 midairs 21 points total
- George: 2 cuts + 2 midairs 12 points total
- Larry: 5 cuts + 2 midairs 11 points total
- Mike: 0 cuts + 2 midairs 9 points total
- John C.: 5 points total
- Bob: 2 cuts + 1 midair 4 points total
- Frank: 2 points total
- Bill: 2 points total
- Doug: 1 point total

New Business - Upcoming Night Fly September 19th, Marsha will do chili if the weather is cool. Our next Combat will be at our Fall Picnic on September 28th. Poker fly rules were discussed. \$5 pot, 4 planes at once. Larry will coordinate the event. Date is September 14th, from 1pm to 4pm.

Trip Reports - Larry saw planes, did things.

Blunder Award - Frank James, for crashing his Tiger 60 into the trees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Chris Boultinghouse for Frank Sodek (Club Secretary), who was not present.

Safety Officer’s Report



As Fall is now upon us, we need to be aware of Hunting season along with our flying. If you happen to have a controlled or uncontrolled crash on the other side of the fence, it would be in your best interest to wear an orange vest and there should be some in the small conex if you don’t have one.

Submitted by Ryan Benefield
Club Safety Officer

Poker Fly Report

The Club’s annual Poker Fly competition was held on Saturday, September 14th. Nine pilots signed up for the event, which was directed by Larry Macie. Buster and Marsha handled the signup sheet and dealt the cards to the pilots. Each pilot initially put up a \$5 ante and drew five cards from the stack, then got to draw another card after each flight that was made. One of the six cards was then discarded. The best five-card hand at the end of the event won the entire pot. The lucky winner of the \$45 pot was Kenny Malcik, who won with a full house after making only two flights! And then to top it off, Kenny most graciously donated his winnings back to the Club!

Fall Club Picnic / Combat Session

The club’s upcoming Fall Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 28th. Lunch will be potluck and begin at 1pm – please bring a dish of your choice to add to the food table. We tend to have a nice variety of delicious foods that make for an enjoyable meal. The club will provide drinks, plates and utensils.

This event is all about having fun and fellowship with club members and their families. A special attraction for this year’s Fall Picnic will be a session of combat flying for everyone’s enjoyment, which is always exciting to watch. And after the combat flying ends, the field will be open to all for flying, so don’t forget to also bring your aircraft so that you can enjoy a nice afternoon of flying.



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Fall Fun Fly

The club's annual Fall Fun Fly will be held on Sunday, October 5th beginning at 1:00pm. Buster Hinkle will direct this event again, which always proves to be a fun event. The Fall Fun Fly is quite a bit different from the Sanctioned Fun Fly that's held in June – it relies more on "luck of the draw" instead of piloting skills and aircraft performance. You won't be at a disadvantage if you're a new pilot with a trainer, so everyone should come out and participate in the fun!



Kenny Malcik is shown with his brand new E-flite Night Timber which he flew in the Poker Fly (with Ryan Benefield's assistance).



Larry and Marsha are shown after the completion of the Poker Fly.



Marsha cooked up a delicious meal consisting of chicken enchiladas, Mexican rice and Mexican corn for our Night Fly that was held on September 19th.

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