

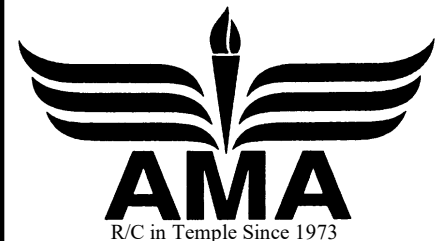
# The Temple Aero Modeler

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

October 2025



This month's meeting will be held on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple (2415 S. 47<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 7:30pm.



# CLUB INFO

*Night Fly*  
*October 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Club Meeting*  
*October 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Fall Fun Fly #2*  
*November 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Field Work Day*  
*November 15<sup>th</sup>*

*E-Combat*  
*November 16<sup>th</sup>*

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## Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

Oct 24	Night Fly	6:00pm
Oct 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 9	Fall Fun Fly #2	1:00pm
Nov 15	Field Work Day	9:00am
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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## On The Cover

Winners of the Fall Fun Fly competition were (L-R front row) Chris Boultinghouse (3<sup>rd</sup> place), Ryan Benefield (1<sup>st</sup>) and Derek Hinkle (2<sup>nd</sup>). Buster and Marsha Hinkle (back row) ran the event.

*Photo by Frank Sodek*

Happy  
  
Halloween

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## President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!  
 It's almost time for good flying weather again! You know what I'm talking about, the kind of weather where sweat doesn't run into your eyes or down the crack of your... umm... Yeah. Cooler weather! I know in other parts of the country that

means "building season" but for me, it means flying! I'd much rather put on thermal underwear and fly in the cold than stand there melting along with the electronics in the plane.

Along those lines, did you know the one part of your electric plane's equipment that doesn't enjoy cold weather is the battery? Yep, they are picky little things. They don't like to be too hot, and they don't like to be too cold. Maybe we should call them Goldilocks devices? Battery packs need to reach a certain temperature before they will put out their usual amount of power. Capacity also suffers when they are cold, which is why you hear stories of electric cars having such short range in cold areas. Same issue, and it's why some cars have heated battery packs! We can accomplish the same thing by keeping our packs warm before flying. Keep them in the car, or even in your pocket. If you can't do that, expect reduced power and adjust your flight time accordingly to avoid hurting the packs.

I also made an interesting discovery recently with my new Timber. I bought a pair of HRB 2200 4s packs from Amazon and started flying the plane. Power was good, but after a couple of minutes I was getting low voltage alerts at full throttle as the voltage dipped under load. That's pretty normal, so I just tweaked the alert a bit to avoid too many false alerts. Then I ordered a pair of SMC Racing packs to try, and holy moly! Power was noticeably better, and the low voltage alerts were basically gone until very near the 4 minute mark. They also came down cooler than the HRB packs. Recharge data shows the reason: The internal resistance (IR) of the HRB packs is nearly double that of the SMC packs! Generally I've been happy with the larger HRB packs I bought, but I'm sold on SMC packs now. They aren't much more expensive and really put out the power. Check them out at [www.smc-racing.com](http://www.smc-racing.com) next time you need packs. No, I'm not sponsored by them, I just like their packs. :-)

And I will finish off this month with a limerick:

There once was a club president,  
 His time was often mis-spent.  
 His column deadline appeared,  
 A lack of content he feared,  
 And the result wasn't worth a red cent.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse

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

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## Treasurer's Report



**Beginning Balance:** \$5,004.85

### **Deposits:**

Kenny Malcik (Poker Fly Donation):  
\$45.00

**Total Deposits:** \$45.00

### **Expenses:**

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00  
 Larry Macie (mower bearings): \$37.00  
 T.K. Krisi (mower fuel): \$55.00  
 T.K. Krisi (paint for runway and shelf): \$70.00  
 T.K. Krisi (fire extinguisher inspection): \$47.00  
 T.K. Krisi (Orthene and storage bucket): \$83.00

**Total Expenses:** \$317.00

**Balance September 2025:** \$4,732.85

Submitted by Buster Hinkle

Club Treasurer

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## Meeting Minutes (September 29, 2025 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – Bill Schneider was present

Minutes - Minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Marsha Hinkle and seconded by Frank James.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle and accepted. Motion to accept was made by Frank Jmes and seconded by T.K. Krisi.

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**Safety Officer's Report** - Ryan Benefield presented the safety report, which was printed in the September newsletter: "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 conex if you don't have one. And as always drink water and stay hydrated".

**Field Marshal's Report** - TK asked if the club wanted to have one or two weed eaters (T.K. has already purchased the first one). Buster made the motion to only purchase one weed eater for now. The motion passed.

T.K. asked for a monthly Field Work Day (on the third Saturday of every month) to be placed on the events calendar.

**Announcements** – Frank mentioned that the annual Clay Shoot fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House was happening on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at Weber’s Guns range, and they were asking for volunteers to help.

Chris has been contacted by the Temple Police Department asking if they could use our field for drone training sessions on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** - The results of the Poker Fly that was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Kenny Malcik won the event and donated his winnings (\$45) to the Club.

The Night Fly that was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> had good flying conditions and a decent turnout. Marsha Hinkle cooked a nice meal for the event.

Our Fall picnic was held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We had a special guest, Mr. Lawrence Harville, who is our AMA District 8 Vice President. It was enjoyable interacting with him. He was impressed with our facility, gave us several compliments. After the tasty potluck lunch was concluded, several rounds of combat were flown.

**New Business** – There was discussion regarding the lack of participation by Club members in meetings and events. There were proposals presented for reducing the frequency of meetings and events but no motions were made due to some objections to making any changes. There will be additional discussions regarding this topic in future meetings.

Our Fall Fun Fly will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Buster will bring drinks, Frank and T.J. will bring watermelons. The next E-Combat event will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The next Night Fly event will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Marsha will make food for the event.

**Trip Reports** – Frank James attended the Waco Jet Rally and the Killeen’s Club Swap and Fly.

Frank Sodek visited the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field in Houston with his grandson.

**Blunder Award** – Larry Macie crashed several of his combat planes when making test flights.

Frank James, crashed his Night Timber and Tiger 60. Frank won the Blunder Award

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Frank Sodek (Club Secretary).

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## **Safety Officer’s Report**



We had a fun fly and a E-combat Event along with a Ronald McDonald Clay Shoot that three club members volunteered at this month. Thankfully this month we had no safety issues. But we need to make sure that

when we are working on gas engines, that whenever you start the engine you are on a pilot stand or beyond the Spectator fence. Also, we need to make sure when we are flying we are in a flight box if possible, or standing that far back if a box isn’t available. And as always drink water and stay hydrated.

Submitted by Ryan Benefield

Club Safety Officer

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## **Field Work Day November 15<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a field work day on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 1pm. The target for this day is organizing the large conex and also some light mowing. This work is in preparation for our annual field inspection by the Corps of Engineers that will be held on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Fall Fun Fly Report

*By Buster and Marsha Hinkle*

The weather wasn't too bad, it was 85 degrees with an 8 MPH crosswind. We had seven pilots sign up for the three events / two rounds contest. The first event was "Texas Duo". This event is basically the same as the Las Vegas Shuffle, but Marsha wanted to spice it up a little, so instead of the pilot rolling the dice, a partner did the rolling for the pilot. Roll two dice then do the number of loops that appeared on the dice. Then the pilot lands and when the wheels stop rolling, the partner must roll the same number. Fastest time wins. Ryan won this event with 3,160 points. Frank was his partner, rolling a 5 and a 6. The pilot and partner stay the same each round and then Ryan has to roll for Frank. Frank was 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 6 and an 8, scoring 2,890 points. Derek was third with 2,750. His wife Anna rolled for him because we had an odd number of pilots. She rolled a 9 and another 9. Steve Meyer was 4<sup>th</sup> with Larry as his partner. Larry was 5<sup>th</sup>. Frank James finished 6<sup>th</sup> and Chris was his partner and as luck would have it, Chris was last.

The second event was timed touch and go's. The pilot rolls one dice and does the number of touch and go's that appear on the dice. Time starts when wheels roll and stops when wheels stop. 125 points bonus for every time you touch in the circle. Ryan won this event, he rolled a 3 and a 2 and hit the circle all 5 times scoring 4,005 points. Derek was 2<sup>nd</sup>, he rolled a 4 and a 2 and hit the circle 5 times, scoring 3,865 points. Chris was 3<sup>rd</sup>, he rolled a 3 and 5 and hit the circle 5 times scoring 3,605 points. Frank was 4<sup>th</sup>, Steve was 5<sup>th</sup>, Larry was 6<sup>th</sup> and Frank James was 7<sup>th</sup>.

The last event was Staggered Balloon Bust. Marsha came up with the idea of having 3 balloons to bust. The pilot has to take off and land before he can bust a balloon; the fastest times wins. Ryan won this event with a 60 second round and a 41 second round, scoring 3,990 points. Derek was 2<sup>nd</sup> with an 82 and 88, scoring 3,300 points. Larry finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 108 sec and 82 sec scoring 3,100. Chris was 4<sup>th</sup> with a 96 and a 120 scoring 2,840. Frank James finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Steve was 6<sup>th</sup> and Frank had issues and crashed in the first round.

Ryan won the contest, Derek was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris 3<sup>rd</sup>, Larry 4<sup>th</sup>, Steve 5<sup>th</sup>, Frank James 6<sup>th</sup> and Frank Sodek 7<sup>th</sup>.

Marsha ran the scoreboard. Fred helped some with the balloons and Mark Cullison blew up the balloons while I

anchored them. The contest was fun for the pilots and spectators.

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## Fall Fun Fly #2

*By Buster and Marsha Hinkle*

Fall Fun Fly #2 is scheduled for Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00pm. Buster Hinkle will direct this event. There will only be a single event - a combined spot landing / balloon bust. You take off and then come back and attempt to land in the circle painted on the runway (to get the maximum landing points awarded). Extra points are awarded if you also pop a balloon that is tied down in the center of the circle.

This is a non-timed event. There will be three rounds of four landing attempts each round, for a total of 12 landing attempts. The only aircraft restriction is that the battery capacity used must be at least 2,200 mAH. If there happens to be a tie, the two winners will fly another round of four attempts to break the tie. Everyone should come out and participate in the fun!

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## October 19<sup>th</sup> Combat Report

*By Marsha Hinkle*

We had a very windy combat with wind speeds of about 7 MPH with gusts of 23 MPH with a temperature of 84 degrees. We had 8 pilots and 2 heats and 4 rounds. The points are as follows:

- 1) Ryan – 8 cuts + 2 midairs with a total of 69 points
- 2) Chris – 9 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 61 points
- 3) Derek – 7 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 36 points
- 4) Andrew- 6 Cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 30 points
- 5) Larry – 2 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 17 points
- 6) Bob – 8 cuts + 2 midairs with a total of 15 points
- 7) Mike – 1 cut + 0 midairs with a total of 13 points
- 8) George - with a total of 12 points
- 9) John C. - with a total of 5 points
- 10) Frank- with a total of 2 points
- 11) Bill with a total of 2 points
- 12) Doug with a total of 1 point

See you next time, on November 16<sup>th</sup> for our Last Combat of the season!

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Ryan Benefield is ready for Combat with four planes ready to go. It's always a good plan to have several backup planes when flying Combat!



A visitor with a couple of really nice EDF jets came to visit us after our Fall Fun Fly, and put on quite an impressive show for us!



Preparing the table of goodies at our Fall Picnic.



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***Club Meeting: October 27<sup>th</sup>***



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