

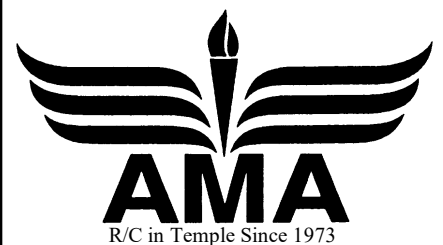
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

February 2026



This month's meeting will be held Monday, February 23rd at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple (2415 S. 47th) beginning at 7:30pm.



*Night Fly:
February 21st*

*Club Meeting:
February 23rd*

CLUB INFO

*E-Combat:
March 8th*

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On The Cover

Our newest Club member, Derric Wilson, was out at the field recently with his Hobby Zone Aero Scout. Welcome to the Club, Derric!

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

Feb 21	Night Fly	6:00pm
Feb 23	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 8	E-Combat	1:00pm
Mar 11	Begin Wednesday Evening Training Sessions	5:00pm
Mar 20	Night Fly	6:00pm
Mar 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 17	Night Fly	6:00pm
Apr 26	Spring Picnic + E-Combat	1:00pm
Apr 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 15	Night Fly	6:00pm
May 17	E-Combat	1:00pm
May 18	Club Meeting	7:30pm

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!

Last month I hinted that I might add a few more liquid-fueled planes to the fleet, but said I didn't think I'd get back into the nitro engines because of the hassle of getting fuel. I guess I need to eat my words, because at the Georgetown swap meet I bought not one, but TWO nitro engines and 2 gallons of fuel! To be fair, they are of a type I've always wanted (twin cylinder 4-strokes) but I'm once again back into the nitro world. I also picked up another gas engine at the swap meet (Saito FG-14C), so now I've got to get them set up with good airframes.

One of the twin engines is a Saito FA-90T, and it was on an older Hangar 9 80" Cub. I actually flew it a few times before crashing it (for which I got the Blunder Award last month), so now that airframe is undergoing restoration. The other Saito also came on a Hangar 9 80" Cub, but that airframe is just donating its wings, to be clipped 7" so they can be swapped out on the other airframe for when I want sporty flying. The engine will find a new home, eventually. The fuselage will probably just go to the attic in case I need it.

The other engine I picked up is a new in box first generation OS FT-120 Gemini twin. I've wanted one of those since I was a teenager, and never found a good deal on one till now. Not sure what airframe it will go in, but it will be flown as its designers intended! I'm not one to just put something on a shelf and look at it, despite the rarity and value of this engine.

As part of fixing up the Cub, I've picked up a few tricks when working with older airframes. The first involves removing old covering material. Heat, of course, is your friend. Getting the covering hot with a heat gun makes it come off easily. Inevitably though, some adhesive (and color) will be left behind. If you rub down some packing tape, then hit that tape with heat and remove it, the adhesive left behind will lift right off with the tape. Neat trick!

Another involves degreasing areas where fuel has soaked into the wood. In years past, I used a spot remover called K2R, but wasn't really impressed with the results. So this time, I tried a mixture of isopropyl alcohol and

baking soda mixed to a paste. I spread it on the wood and let it dry, then used a stiff brush to remove it. It took a couple of applications on some areas, but it did a good job of soaking out the oil.

And the final trick I learned was when I took apart the FA-90T to replace the bearings. I've heard that putting engine parts in an old crock pot full of anti-freeze and heating overnight will clean it up, but... ewww. I decided to try a much less toxic mixture of Dawn dishwashing soap, isopropyl alcohol, and baking soda. I brushed it on the parts and let it sit for a while, then scrubbed it off under hot water with a toothbrush (using a strainer in the sink to catch any parts I dropped) and the parts looked nearly new again! The engine went back together looking and feeling great, now I just need to get it on the test stand and make sure it still runs.

As you can see, I've not been doing a lot of flying, but I'm having fun anyway tinkering with these old planes and engines.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse

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

Meeting Minutes (February 2, 2025 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by our Club President, Chris Boultinghouse. Note that this meeting was originally scheduled for January 26th but was delayed a week due to icy weather.

New Members/Visitors - None

Minutes – Minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept the report was approved.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was read by Marsha Hinkle. She stressed the need for everyone to follow our Club safety rules so that our pilots and spectators are kept safe.

Field Marshal's Report – Larry Macie reported that he has observed the rotten wood on the main pavilion that needs replacing.

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Announcements – New member Derric Wilson has joined the Club.

We have a new Park Host at the entrance to the Park. It's time to pay your dues!

Old Business – Our annual Christmas Banquet was held on December 8th at the Northside Church of Christ. We had a tasty pot luck meal followed by a short business meeting and a gift exchange.

Frank mentioned that a final document (Annual Plan of Operation and Maintenance) was provided to the Corps to complete the 10 year lease/sub-lease renewal process.

New Business – Frank submitted the information and payment for the Club's annual AMA recharter.

Club members created a tentative calendar of events for this year.

Paul will deliver a check from the Club for payment of the Fellowship Hall that was used for our annual Christmas Party.

Trip Reports – Several members attended the Georgetown Swap Meet and got some really good deals.

Blunder Awards – Steve Delgado lost the wing on his Stik due to the dowels being too short. Chris stalled his Cub and damaged it. Chris won the Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Frank Sodek
Club Secretary fsodek@aol.com

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,147.12

Deposits:

Dues: \$1,170.00

Expenses:

Hilliard (Combat trophies): \$65.00

Carbon Cub Donation : \$395.00

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$485.00

Balance February 2nd 2026: \$4,832.12

Submitted by Buster Hinkle
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



No safety issues to report this month. As we are enjoying this nice weather and becoming more active in flying, we have some upcoming events including our night fly's, Taco Soup fly and our first combat next month. Let's make sure we dust off the planes and do a thorough preflight check and test flight before we fly.

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle
Club Safety Officer



Bobby Zikes is holding a really nice looking Compensator, which was a pattern plane designed in 1970. Bobby found this beauty at the Georgetown Swap Meet. It has an O.S. .65 AX engine and it flies great!
Photo by Mark Cullison

Note: our flying field will be closed on Friday, February 20th to allow the Temple Police Department to perform another drone training session.

Temple Aero Modelers 2026 Calendar of Events

Jan 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Feb 15 Taco Soup Fly-in 1:00pm

Feb 21 Night Fly 6:00pm

Feb 23 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Mar 8 E-Combat 1:00pm

Mar 11 Begin Wednesday Evening Training Sessions 5:00pm

Mar 20 Night Fly 6:00pm

Mar 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Apr 17 Night Fly 6:00pm

Apr 26 Spring Picnic + E-Combat 1:00pm

Apr 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm

May 15 Night Fly 6:00pm

May 17 E-Combat 1:00pm

May 18 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Jun 14 Sanctioned Fun Fly 11:00am

Jun 19 Night Fly 6:00pm

Jun 28 E-Combat 1:00 pm

Jun 29 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Jul 19 E-Combat 1:00 pm

Jul 24 Night Fly 6:00pm

Jul 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Aug 14 Night Fly 6:00pm

Aug 16 E-Combat 1:00 pm

Aug 31 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Sep 11 Night Fly 6:00pm

Sep 13 Poker Fly 1:00 pm

Sep 27 Fall Picnic + E-Combat 1:00pm

Sep 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Oct 4 Fall Fun Fly 11:00am

Oct 9 Night Fly 6:00pm

Oct 18 E-Combat 1:00 pm

Oct 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Nov 4 Final Wednesday Evening Training Sessions 5:00pm

Nov 8 Fall Fun Fly #2 11:00am

Nov 13 Night Fly 6:00pm

Nov 15 E-Combat 1:00 pm

Nov 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Dec 13 Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly 1:00pm

Dec 14 Christmas Banquet 6:30pm

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