

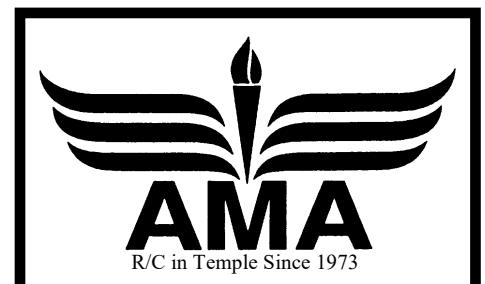
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

March 2026



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



*Club Meeting:
March 30th*

*Night Fly:
April 17th*

CLUB INFO

*Spring Picnic
+ E-Combat:
April 26th*

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On The Cover

Buster Hinkle is demonstrating the perfect form for hand launching a combat plane during the first E-Combat competition of this year.

Photo by Frank Sodek

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

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	1:00pm
Jun 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 19	E-Combat	1:00pm
Jul 24	Night Fly	6:00pm
Jul 27	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!

As the time rolled around to write this month's column, I was totally out of ideas so I decided to look back at what I was writing this month since becoming club president. Call it a "clip show", if you will.

2022: I'd just finished a 4-axis CNC hot wire foam cutter, and was excited to try it. Any of you who've seen my yellow Ugly Stik will know that it is so far the only plane to be built with that machine, which now languishes on a shelf. I'd also purchased a used OS glow 4-stroke, which ended up on that Stik for a while, but has since been replaced with a gasoline 2-stroke. Perhaps it's time to dust off that CNC machine and make something new!

2023: I shared chili and cornbread recipes! Guess I wasn't feeling very creative that month. Hmm... must just be a March thing, because here I am doing a clip show 3 years later.

2024: I discussed using a watt meter to be sure you're not over-amping your power system, and also discussed the crash of my OMP Hobby 60" Edge 3D plane. That really stung, but its servos and motor live on in the Great Planes CAP-21 that I rebuilt and converted to electric. The replacement Edge that BuddyRC graciously sent is still in the box on a shelf! Someday I'll pull it out and assemble it, but for now it's there as a backup in case I get bored with the current fleet.

2025: I mused over some mechanical and electronic failures I'd had with helicopters, and encouraged everyone to give the fleet a good inspection as Spring flying gets going to be sure there are no pending failures about to happen. Good advice, and I encourage you to do so periodically.

Hopefully before next month I will think of something to write about! Meanwhile, I'm pecking away at projects, including but not limited to:

I'm still working on the crashed Hangar 9 J-3 Cub. It has the Saito FA-90T twin 4 stroke, and will also be sporting some new wheels that I designed and 3D printed, including the tires which were printed from foaming TPU! Of course, all new covering, a new custom front

fuel tank hatch, and a 3D printed then fiberglassed cowling. As usual, what started out as a quick fix of crash damage turned into a full strip-down and resto-mod. Oh, and the second Cub I got at the swap meet has donated its wings to be clipped for a second set of "sport" wings to fly when I feel the need. I just can't help myself.

I'm (very) slowly getting the scratch-built A-7 Corsair closer to flying status. All the servos are now installed, and it's down to "body work" and paint. Next to wiring the electronics, body work and paint is my least favorite part of any build! Hence the dragging of the feet. Oh well, it will eventually get done.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse Club President
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Meeting Minutes (February 23, 2026 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Buster Hinkle, our Club Treasurer.

New Members/Visitors - None

Minutes – Minutes from the February 2nd meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Larry Macie, seconded by Frank James.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept the report was made by Frank James and Marsha Hinkle and was approved.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was read by Marsha Hinkle. She reported that there was nothing unsafe and that members should be getting their combat planes ready to fly.

Field Marshal's Report – Larry Macie reported that the new name for his position will be "Field Maintenance Coordinator". He has designated Saturday March 21st beginning at 8am as a field work day.

There was discussion about the need for spraying the field to control grassburs.

Announcements –None

Old Business – Frank mentioned that the complete Events Calendar for 2026 has been posted in the newsletter and on the Club's website.

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Marsha Hinkle has updated the Events Calendar to show menu items that will be served at our Night Fly events.

The Taco Soup Fly-in held on February 15 had seven participants. It was cold and windy but Marsha brought a pot of good soup and cornbread.

A Night Fly was held on February 21st. It was cold and windy. There were eight participants that enjoyed some good food thanks to Marsha.

New Business – The first Combat session of the year will be held on March 8th.

The start of Daylight Savings Time allows for the start of New Pilot Training sessions on Wednesday evenings.

There will be a Night Fly held on Friday March 20th.

The Club received a nice letter from the Ronald McDonald House for the \$25 we donate for the use of their meeting room. Marsha corrected the address, the letter has been being mailed to B.W. Ponder.

Trip Reports – ARCA and San Antonio Swap meets are coming up.

Blunder Awards – Larry took off on the maiden flight of his Bloody Wonder with the bottom support bars missing, causing the plane to crash. Larry won the Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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

Treasurer’s Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,832.12

Deposits:
 Dues: \$510.00

Expenses:
 Northside Church of Christ: \$100.00
 AMA (Club Charter): \$135.00
 Night Fly Food: \$25.00
 Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00
Total Expenses: \$285.00

Balance February 23rd 2026: \$5,057.12

Submitted by Buster Hinkle Club Treasurer

Safety Officer’s Report



All the pilots are doing a great job of following the safety rules and guidelines. As a result, we have no issues to report this month.

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle
 Club Safety Officer



Buster Hinkle is serving himself a tasty plate of lasagna, salad and breadsticks that Marsha Hinkle made for our March 20th Night Fly event.



Chris B. decided to go proplless during a recent flying session.

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