

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

April 2026



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



CLUB INFO

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

*Club Meeting:
April 27th*

*Night Fly:
May 15th*

*E-Combat:
May 17th*

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On The Cover

Paul Milton is shown with a couple of his planes out at the flying field recently.

Photo by Mark Cullison

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

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!

Hard to believe we're approaching the 33% point of another year! It seems like the year has been a blur of construction projects, both of the fun (RC) kind and the not so fun (home improvement) kind. But luckily, some of those projects have reached a conclusion. I'm especially glad our home improvement project (all new flooring) is done so we can finally put the house back together. Living out of boxes and not knowing where anything is takes a toll.

As mentioned last month, the Hangar 9 swap meet Cub has been on the bench for quite a while now, and I'm happy to report that it is finished and has flown again! I'm still having the occasional cylinder drop-out, even with onboard glow. I think I need to reset the needles and do a baseline tune using a tachometer instead of doing it by ear to fix that. Otherwise, it flies like a Cub!

I can tell you it doesn't like flying in 20+ mph wind, at least not without a gyro. I think a new receiver with a gyro may be in its future so I can enjoy it on not-so-calm days.

Since I can't seem to go more than two days without a project, I've also torn apart the Stik. I removed the 9cc gas 2-stroke engine and will replace it with a Saito FG-14C gas 4-stroke. It's also being converted to a tail dragger for more prop clearance. Besides needing the prop clearance, tail draggers are just cooler.

Combat events have started up again, so if you want to have a great time at very little cost, build yourself a foam combat wing and join in the fun!

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse Club President
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Meeting Minutes (March 30, 2026 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chris Boultinghouse, our Club President.

New Members/Visitors – Ray Knieriem and Paul Horan

Minutes – Minutes from the February 23rd meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. After a correction requested by Larry Macie to include a \$200 donation that he made, motion to accept was made by Marsha Hinkle, seconded by Paul Milton.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was read by Marsha Hinkle. She reported that everyone's doing OK.

Field Marshal's Report – Larry Macie reported that Saturday March 21st was a field work day. There was a good turnout. Mowers had low batteries and there was a flat tire that needed a new tube.

There was more discussion about the need for spraying the field to control grassburs. Fred's tractor and Frank's sprayer will be used.

Announcements – The April Club meeting will be held in the dining area of Ronald McDonald House (Our normal meeting room won't be available).

Old Business – Reports on the Combat session held on March 8th and the Night Fly on March 20th were given. Marsha brought a delicious lasagna dish along with a green salad and garlic bread for the Night Fly.

New Business – There will be a Night Fly held on Friday, April 17th. Marsha will prepare a pasta salad. The next Combat session of the year will be held during the Spring Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, April 26th. Food will be pot luck, Buster will bring drinks.

A decision was made to add a chain link safety barrier fence in front of the pilot stations. There will be at least one opening to allow quicker access to the runway.

Trip Reports –

Blunder Awards – Frank Sodek was flying his night flyer when it pitched straight down out of his control and damaged the plane's nose.

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Derric Wilson flew his Aero Scout through the sun, got confused and the plane went behind the parking area.

Larry flew his big night flyer into a tree.

Derric won the Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Frank Sodek
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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,057.12

Deposits:

Dues: \$210.00

Expenses:

Larry M. (Taco Soup Fly-in): \$35.00

Buster H. (Fun Fly Sanction): \$35.00

Buster H. (Night Fly Food/Plates/Forks): \$33.00

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$128.00

Balance March 30th 2026: \$5,139.12

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

Spring Picnic – Sunday, April 26th

The Club's Spring Picnic will be held on Sunday, April 26th beginning at 1pm. It will be a potluck lunch as usual, so bring your favorite dish for everyone to enjoy. The club will furnish drinks, plates and utensils. There will be an electric combat session after lunch, followed by open flying during the rest of the afternoon. Bring your family and friends out for the fun!



Chris Boultinghouse has his Hangar 9 Cub (which he obtained at a swap meet) flying again. Its twin-cylinder four-cycle engine needs a bit of tweaking, however Chris reports that it "Flies like a Cub!".

Photo by Chris Boultinghouse



Larry Macie is shown laying out the location of our new safety fence.

Photo by Mark Cullison

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Club Meeting: April 27th*

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