

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

May 2026



This month's meeting will be held Monday, May 18th at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple (2415 S. 47th) beginning at 7:30pm.



*Night Fly/
Scout Hosting
May 15th
-(postponed)*

*E-Combat:
May 17th*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting:
May 18th*

*Sanctioned Fun Fly
June 14th*

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Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

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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On The Cover

Charles Cehand (L) and Kenny Malcik are shown with their new eFlite Night Timbers out at the flying field recently.

Photo by Larry Macie

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President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

Isn't it weird how when things start to go wrong they just seem to attract other things that go wrong? Last Sunday was like that for me. It seemed like everything I touched turned to poop. The day started out

OK, feeling relieved to not wake up with a headache (which I'd had for the previous 3 days). I was looking forward to getting some flying in, so I started prepping things to bring. I picked up one of my radio cases, only to realize it wasn't closed. Yep, transmitter on the floor. Luckily(?) it landed on the bottom corner and didn't break any switches, but it's got a nice scratch now. <sigh>.

Then I get to the field and nobody is there! Well, I guess it was Mother's Day, but that's no excuse is it? I put the planes together and get in a flight. The wind is blowing straight from the East, so it's a direct cross wind. No worries, I like practicing slips and crabs. My fingers aren't listening to my brain, so the little Pitts gets a few new scratches on the wingtips as I fight with the wind. I cycle through the planes, having charged 2 packs for each before leaving home. Things just aren't quite right with my flying, and the headache from the prior days is returning. I should have listened to the little voice and just gone home, but no, let's ignore that voice. I finished the packs for two of the planes and set up my charger, only to find that my Ecoflow had been left powered on and it was stone dead. No charging for me! One pack left, for the 70" Slick 3D plane. By this point the wind had really kicked up, and I botched a landing bad enough to get a prop strike. Well, crud! That's \$30 gone in an instant. Time to pack it in.

And the final insult of the day was when packing up, the wind blew the Slick fuselage partly off the table, jamming the rudder into the stabilizer and poking a hole in the covering. Yep, I should have just stayed at home!

As mentioned last month, I was in the process of converting my Stik to taildragger and installing the Saito FG-14C engine. That's complete and it's been flown. I broke a wheel on a landing, but that's fixed and it's ready to do some more flying this summer. Now if only I can figure out why one cylinder on the Cub's Saito keeps dropping out, I'll have two fuel-powered birds to play with!

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse Club President
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Meeting Minutes (April 26, 2026 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – James Shelton

Minutes – Minutes from the March 30th meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept was made by Larry Macie, seconded by Kenny Maddux.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was read by Marsha Hinkle. She reported that there were no issues to report.

Field Marshal's Report – Larry Macie reported that the field needs mowing again. He mentioned that the mower decks should be set to its lowest setting.

Larry mentioned that the new safety fence will require new poles and caps. The fence will have three openings. There was more discussion about the need for spraying the field to control grassburrs. Fred's tractor and Frank's sprayer will be used. Hopefully we'll be able to get water from the Park Host.

Announcements –Reminder that the May Club meeting is pulled up one week (to May 18th) due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Old Business – It was windy for the Night Fly held on April 17th.

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The Club’s annual Spring Picnic and an E-Combat session was held on April 26th. Seventeen folks came for the delicious potluck lunch and to watch five combat flyers compete.

New Business – The next Night Fly will be held on Friday, May 15th. Marsha will prepare enchiladas and rice.

The next Combat session of the year will be held on Sunday, May -18th.

Richard Musick donated two transmitters to the Club.

Trip Reports – None

Blunder Awards – Fred had his plane go down past the fence and it took a couple of attempts to locate it. Fred won the Blunder Award. There was discussion regarding the benefit of using lost plane finders on our models.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

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

Treasurer’s Report



Beginning Balance: \$5,139.12

Deposits:

- Dues: \$30.00
- Donation from Steve Sanders’ plane that Mark sold at Swap Meet: \$150.00
- Total Deposits:** \$180.00

Expenses:

- Larry M. (Mower tubes): \$17.00
- Chris B. (Web host): \$179.00
- Producers (2.5 gal MSMA): \$120.00
- Marsha H. (15 rolls combat ribbon): \$16.00
- Marsha H. (April Night Fly food): \$22.00
- Marsha H. (Sodas and teas): \$77.00
- Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00
- Total Expenses:** \$456.00

Balance April 27th 2026: \$4,863.12

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. On a side of caution, the other side of the fence is the worst it has ever been. There are overgrown briars and it’s just a jungle out there. It would be in your best

interest to put the location device on your plane for whenever an uncontrolled landing happens. It will help locate it. Chris sent to the “Whatsapp” where you can buy it and how it works. Dad suggested that we purchase a machete or hedge clippers, to put in the Connex to help you get around and to retrieve your plane

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle
Club Safety Officer

April Combat Report

By Marsha Hinkle

We had a windy combat contest with wind speeds of about 12-15 mph and a temperature of 80 degrees. We had 5 pilots flying 4 rounds, each round being 4 minutes long. Our Spring picnic was the same day and we had a total of 15 people who joined us at the picnic and two more showed up later. We had great food and great comradery. The desserts were sensational!

Great Job guys!!

The points are as follows:

- Ryan - 5 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 12 points
- Chris – 3 Cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 15 points
- Larry – didn’t fly 4/26; has a total of 3 points overall
- Mike – 2 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 3 points
- Fred – 3 cuts + 0 midairs with a total of 4 points
- Frank James - 0 cuts+ 0 midairs with a total of 4 points

See you next time (on May 17th) for our next Combat contest.

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Night Fly / Scout Troop Hosting - Postponed

The Night Fly event that was scheduled for Friday, May 15th has been postponed to a later date (TBD at our Monday night meeting). We were planning to host a Scout Troop being led by Club member John Garrison and a few parents, however the weather forecast of strong, gusty winds has caused us to move the event to an evening that's more favorable to buddy box flying on our Club trainers.



A flock of buzzards were having their own fly-in at our field recently. *Photo by JR Hester*



Mike DeWolf brought out his Twisted Hobbys Crack Yak XL for some flying fun. *Photo by Frank Sodek*

CEN-TEX MODELERS
SWAP N' FLY
MAY 30th, 2026

All Planes FLY!
Swap Meet!
50/50 Raffle!

- Field Registration open at 8am
- Pilots Meeting 8am
- \$20 Pilot Fee (\$25 to include lunch ticket)
- All planes welcome to fly (AMA required)
- 300 FT. C&G Tax Runway
- Bring any RC Aircraft products to sell
- Food will be on site (\$10 for additional lunches)
- Spectators welcome and FREE!

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FYI, The Killeen Club is having their Annual SWAP N' FLY on MAY 30th. From their FB page:

This is a FUN FLY for all PLANES AND HELIS! The fun fly is accompanied by a Swap Meet. Bring any RC Aircraft products you would like to sell - no vendor fee. We have had a great history with this event so far, hope to make it another great year! See you there!

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