

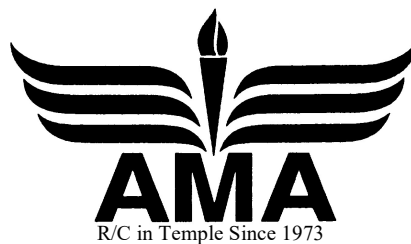
The Temple Aero Modeler

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

July 2026



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



*Night Fly:
July 24th*

*Night Fly:
August 14th*

CLUB INFO

*Club Meeting:
July 27th*

*E-Combat:
August 16th*

2026 Officers

President: Chris Boultinghouse
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Treasurer: Buster Hinkle (254)718-0243

Safety Officer: Marsha Hinkle (254)541-4231

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Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

Jul 24 Night Fly 6:00pm

Jul 27 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Aug 14 Night Fly 6:00pm

Aug 16 E-Combat 1:00pm

Aug 31 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Sep 11 Night Fly 6:00pm

Sep 13 Poker Fly 1:00pm

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

Sep 28 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

June 28th E-Combat Pilots and Crew! Left to Right: Ryan Benefield, Marsha Hinkle, Larry Macie, Mike DeWolf, Buster Hinkle, Paul Milton, Chris Boultinghouse.

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President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

Have you ever started a project, and been totally gung-ho for a while, and then for no apparent reason you just don't want to finish it? That's how I was with the scratch-built A-7 I started over three years ago. It came together pretty quickly, then when it came time to do all the detail work (landing gear, servos, etc) I lost motivation and it sat. And sat. And sat.

Fast forward to this year and I decided enough was enough. As I mentioned in last month's column, I took it down off the shelf and started working on it. Since then I have the fuselage fiberglassed and smoothed up (enough), finished up some details on the wings, and got some paint on it. It's starting to look good now! Then, I went back to finish up the landing gear installation and ended up spending about ten hours trying to get the main gear doors to open, close, and sequence properly without jamming or overloading the servo. I killed a servo, printed two different sets of control horns, two different servo mounts, and made six different pushrods before finally getting it to work! Meanwhile I learned how to use the Spektrum sequencer, and I think I learned some new curse words too. Let me just say: Gear doors suck!

I now have all the servos working, landing gear working, nose gear steering assigned to a separate channel (and tied into the sequencer so it doesn't steer when retracted) and it's down to the final wiring and battery mounting. I thought I might have it ready to fly by the coming weekend, then realized I need to extend the battery-side wires on the ESC! As you may or may not know, you typically do not want to do that. It's better to extend the motor wires, but in my case I've already done that and really can't move the ESC further forward. So, what does one do? One purchases a Castle Creations capacitor pack and solders it inline between the ESC and battery pack, so one can extend the wires! I've got one ordered, but it won't be here in time to fly it this

weekend. Oh well, it's been three years, what's another few days?

The goal is to have it flying and at least mostly detailed in time for the Greater Southwest Jet Rally, which will be held at the Waco field in September. Wish me luck!

Till next time. See you at the field

Chris Boultinghouse Club President
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Meeting Minutes (June 29, 2026 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chris Boultinghouse, our Club President. Buster Hinkle took over since Chris was taking notes.

New Members/Visitors – 8 in attendance.

Minutes – Minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Frank James, 2nded by Paul Horan.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept was made by Marsha, Paul Horan.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was given by Marsha Hinkle. Marsha reports everyone is doing great, but if anyone sees anything, let her know.

Field Marshal's Report – Larry Macie was not here. We discussed. Pilot stand fence was finished. Steve Meyer, Paul Milton and Larry did the last mowing. Paul took away the leftover fencing.

Paul brought up that Waco field just had their runway redone by Tim Ott from Waxahachie. Paul called him and sent photos. He estimated around \$8k to redo it right. Said he'd be glad to come down and look at it and see if that was accurate. What to do with the old tractor was discussed. Needs to be fixed up and sold. Motion was made by Chris to do just that, 2nd by Frank James and several nods of approval.

Announcements – None

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Old Business – Sanctioned Fun Fly on June 14th. Buster discussed the event, and it was discussed whether to allow non-club members to participate. General consensus was the more the merrier.

Night fly on June 19th. Decent turnout, good food. Mosquitos were bad, so not much flying was done after dark.

E-Combat blown out. It was super windy, but Larry and Chris showed up so they flew anyway.

Sanctioned Fun Fly - It was discussed to start the sanctioned fun fly at 12 (food at 12, event at 1).

New Business – E- Combat July 19th, 1pm. Night fly July 24th

Trip Reports – Frank James and Paul Milton went to the Waco Big Bird event. It was hot, but Frank took a couple of videos and posted them to his YouTube channel. Paul took Buster to the pancake breakfast at McGregor in the 150. Buster commented that Paul moving the seat back 3" really helps!

Blunder Award - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:06. Motion made by Chris, 2nd by Paul Milton.

Safety Officer's Report



Pilots, you are all doing great at keeping everyone safe!! The heat and humidity are in full swing! Just keep in mind when flying, drink plenty of water; electrolytes are your friend! Be extra careful when retrieving planes over the fence it is easy to get disoriented and the heat doesn't help so, remember to bring a phone for emergencies.

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle
Club Safety Officer

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$4,253.12

Deposits:

Dues: \$30.00

Total Deposits: \$30.00

Expenses:

Larry M. (Mower fuel): \$20.00

Larry M. (Mower tires): \$129.00

Fun Fly Trophies: \$38.00

Buster Fun Fly food: \$75.00

Buster Night Fly food: \$35.12

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$322.12

Balance June 29th 2026: \$3,961.00

Submitted by Buster Hinkle
Club Treasurer

June Combat Report

By Marsha Hinkle

The contest was a warm one for sure. We had 8mph wind with gusts up to 15 mph. It really showed how much our pilots are used to flying with higher winds speeds. It seemed everyone was having issues flying in one way or another. We had 4 pilots Ryan, Chris, Mike and Larry and by the last round we had 4 spotters as well. I strongly recommend that everyone get a mini tracker to attach to your plane for when it has an unplanned landing/crash.

The points are as follows:

- Ryan – 4 cuts + 0 midair with a total of 24 points
- Chris – 3 Cuts + 1 midair with a total of 26 points
- Larry – 1 Cuts + 0 midair with a total of 9 points
- Derek – Didn't fly July 19th with a total of 8 points
- Mike – 2 cuts + 1 midair total of 9 points
- Fred – Didn't fly on July 19th total of 4 points
- Frank James- Didn't fly on July 19th total of 4 points

See you next time, on August 16th for our next Combat contest.

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