

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

August 2026



**This month's meeting will be
held Monday, August 31st
at the Ronald McDonald House
in Temple (2415 S. 47th)
beginning at 7:30pm.**



*Club Meeting:
August 31st*

*Night Fly:
September 11th*

*Poker Fly:
September 13th*

CLUB INFO

*Fall Picnic
+ E-Combat:
September 27th*

*Club Meeting:
September 28th*

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On The Cover

Participants in the August 16th Combat event are shown with some of the resulting carnage (damaged planes). See Marsha Hinkle's report on page 4 of this newsletter.

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

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

Oct 4 Fall Fun Fly 11:00am
Oct 9 Night Fly 6:00pm
Oct 18 E-Combat 1:00pm
Oct 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Nov 4 Final Wednesday
Training Session 5:00pm

Nov 8 Fall Fun Fly #2 11:00am

Nov 13 Night Fly 6:00pm

Nov 15 E-Combat 1:00pm

Nov 30 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).

Frank Sodek – Editor
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President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

I have a question: Do you use checklists? If you are a pilot of full scale aircraft, checklists should be second nature. They help to eliminate the brain farts we all have, and serve a vital role in safety of flight. Written checklists are most common, but

verbal or mnemonic checklists have their place as well.

As modelers, we should get into the habit of using checklists too. How many times have you arrived at the field, only to realize you left a wing tube, wing, or the battery box at home? A checklist will help that! I don't have a written checklist for packing the car, but before closing the hatch I stand and say out loud as I point to each item: "Wing. Fuselage. Wing tube. Radio box. Battery box. Tool box. Charger box."

These verbal checklists should be continued for field operations as well, starting with assembling the plane and culminating before each flight with a verbal check of control directions (and gyro correction directions, if so equipped). Even your transmitter can help with this by alerting you if your arming switch or other important switches are in the wrong position on power up. If you don't have this set up on your radio, I encourage it. If you're not sure how, get with me and I can help.

By using some simple checks, we can all be safer pilots, and have more fun because you'll actually have all the items you need for a day of flying when you get there.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse Club President
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Meeting Minutes (July 27, 2026 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chris Boultinghouse, our Club President. Buster Hinkle took over the meeting since Chris was taking notes.

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes – Minutes from the June meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Larry and 2nd by Frank James.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept Frank James, 2nd Larry M.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was given by Marsha Hinkle. Marsha indicated that no violations have been brought to her attention. She reiterated that one should stay hydrated, and be sure when crossing the fence looking for a downed airplane to take your phone with you in case you fall or have another emergency.

Field Maintenance Coordinator's Report – Larry mentioned that we need to keep up with the grass, because when it gets tall it takes a lot of extra time to mow it.

The condition of the runway was brought up again. We don't have the funds to get it re-paved (\$8k+), but we should probably try to at least patch up the cracks. Mark brought up that it is in our charter that we could assess a "runway fund" to pay for it. Buster mentioned there are only 9 out of 40 members who pay the full \$60, the rest pay only \$30.

Larry will make a materials list to fix the roof issue where it leaks and where the rafters are rotten. Buster authorized the purchase of the materials.

Frank James brought up that the outhouse was very full after all the rain, and we should take a look at it. Probably just the ground water level was high?

Announcements – None

Old Business – Combat was eventful. First round was a travesty! Ryan flew the wrong plane (losing his), Larry lost orientation and crashed, and Chris and Mike (the last two flying) had a mid-air! Amazingly, they found Ryan's plane virtually intact. The rest of the event was pretty normal (and fun).

Night fly was well-attended, and Marsha's pasta and broccoli was delicious.

New Business – None

Trip Reports – None

Blunder Award - Ryan took it, even though technically his issue was during a contest. But it was too good to not award it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm. Minutes recorded and submitted by Chris Boultinghouse.

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Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3961.00

Deposits: None

Expenses:

Night Fly food: \$15.00

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$40.00

Balance July 27th 2026: \$3,921.00

Submitted by Buster Hinkle
Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Pilots, we are officially in a burn ban and we're having heat advisories issued daily. We need to make sure we are opening the Connex and have access to the fire extinguisher and that everyone knows how to use it. The area right behind the runway as we all know is a wildfire waiting to happen. If you plan to

charge batteries make sure the sand is nearby as well!

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle
Club Safety Officer

August Combat Report

By Marsha Hinkle

It was a very toasty day with temperature of 96 degrees and 10 mph wind and no gusts. All four participating pilots broke at least one plane.

The current points are as follows:

- Ryan - 8 cuts + 3 midairs, with a total of 36 points
- Chris – 7 Cuts + 1 midair, with a total of 35 points
- Mike – 1 cuts + 2 midairs, with a total of 13 points
- Derek- 2 cuts + 0 midairs, with a total of 11 points

- Larry – Didn't fly Aug 16th, with total of 9 points
- Fred – Didn't fly on Aug 16th, with a total of 4 points
- Frank James - Didn't fly on Aug 16th, with a total of 4 points
- Kenny Malcik - 0 cuts + 0 midair's with a total of 1 point.

See you next time (at the Fall Picnic on September 27th), for our next Combat contest.

Thanks, Mark!

I want to thank Mark Cullison for the great help he provided to me in getting the June and July newsletters generated and distributed while I was out on vacation. I really appreciate you covering for me!

Frank Sodek



Our Club President is shown with his newly finished A-7 before its initial flight. Chris scratch built it from mostly pink insulation board and some 3D printed parts. It has an 80mm EDF, retracts and flaps, and weighs about 9 pounds.

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