

The Temple Aero Modeler

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

September 2026



**This month's meeting will be
held Monday, September 28th
at the Ronald McDonald House
in Temple (2415 S. 47th)
beginning at 7:30pm.**



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

**Club Meeting:
September 28th**

CLUB INFO

**Fall Fun Fly:
October 4th**

**Night Fly:
October 9th**

**E-Combat:
October 18th**

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On The Cover

The top three finishers of the Club's annual Poker Fly are shown (L-R): Larry Macie (3rd Place), Chris Boultinghouse (2nd) and Steve Delgado (1st). Steve's winning hand was a Full House (Aces over Kings).

Photo by Buster Hinkle

Temple Aero Modelers Upcoming Events Schedule

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

Sep 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Oct 4 Fall Fun Fly 1:00pm

Oct 9 Night Fly 6:00pm

Oct 18 E-Combat 1:00pm

Oct 26 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Nov 4 Final Wednesday
Training Session 5:00pm

Nov 8 Fall Fun Fly #2 1:00pm

Nov 13 Night Fly 6:00pm

Nov 15 E-Combat 1:00pm

Nov 30 Club Meeting 7:30pm

Dec 13 Don Cullison Memorial
Toy Fly 1:00pm

Dec 14 Christmas Banquet 6:30pm

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!

This month's column is about participation. Or more accurately, the LACK of participation. The weekend before last was our annual Poker Fly. It's a fun event, very relaxed. No special skills or plane required, you

just show up, fly, and collect cards towards a poker hand for each flight. Guess how many pilots showed up to participate?

THREE!

Yep, three out of thirty seven members showed up to participate. The attendance at the last few meetings has been similarly low. Not counting the club officers, I think there were only three other members in attendance. It's usually the same three or four guys I see at the field every time I go too. And, not that I don't like those guys or anything, but I'd love to see some different faces at the field!

So the question I have to ask is, where is everyone? Are you just not flying anymore? Are you flying at a different club? Is it just too hot to go out and fly? (That, I do understand!). If there's some other reason, like you need assistance with your models, then reach out! I know I'd be glad to help you with model repairs or setup, or getting it trimmed out for flying.

It just saddens me to observe what appears to be the club shrinking, with fewer and fewer people showing up to fly or participate in the meetings. If you have ideas to get folks involved again, give me a shout and we'll see what we can do.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse
Club President

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Meeting Minutes (August 31, 2026 meeting)

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

New Members/Visitors – None

Minutes – Minutes from the July meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Larry Macie, seconded by Marsha Hinkle.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read by Buster Hinkle and approved.

Safety Officer's Report – The Safety Officer's report was given by Marsha Hinkle. Marsha stated that Bell County is still under a burn ban. The small conex should be opened so that the fire extinguisher can be easily accessed. She reiterated that one should stay hydrated.

Field Maintenance Coordinator's Report – Larry mentioned that we need to keep mowing the grass to keep up with the grassburs.

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.

Still need the materials to fix the pavilion roof where it leaks and replace the rotten rafters.

Larry fixed the plane retrieval hook.

Announcements – Several upcoming events in the area will be held: Killeen Big Bird, Waco Jet Rally, and Bomber Field B-17/Big Bird.

Old Business – Reports were given on the Night Fly and Combat events. There was discussion regarding the collisions that happen during combat. The earliest our club rules would be changed in regards to not awarding points for midairs is next year.

We still plan on selling the tractor. Gas needs to be drained and replaced and get it running.

New Business – The Club will be hosting John Garrison's scout troop during the Night Fly on September 11th. We will fly the scouts (and parents) on our club trainers and also feed them hot dogs. Larry donated two Spektrum DX6i transmitters to the club.

Our annual Poker Fly will be held on September 13th, Larry will be the Director.

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(Meeting Minutes continued from prior page)

Our Fall Picnic will be held on September 27th. Combat sessions will also be flown, then the field will be open for general flying. Lunch will be potluck, and family members will be encouraged to attend.

Discussion occurred regarding charging to participate in events (such as \$5 for combat). A motion was made and passed to increase senior (over 65) dues from 30 dollars to 50 dollars.

Trip Reports – None

Blunder Award – Larry got his Ugly Stik stuck in a tree.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Frank Sodek.

Club Secretary fsodek@aol.com

Treasurer's Report



Beginning Balance: \$3921.00

Deposits:

Dues: \$90.00

Donation (Bill Kunz): \$20.00

Total Deposits: \$110.00

Expenses:

Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00

Total Expenses: \$25.00

Balance August 31st 2026: \$4,006.00

Submitted by Buster Hinkle

Club Treasurer

Safety Officer's Report



Pilots, the heat seems to be getting worse and is a lot hotter than normal. I believe it was Chris who sent out the article about a man who didn't make it because he was searching for his plane parts (refer to his articles for the details). Make sure it's absolutely

necessary that you go and retrieve those parts. It is very important that you take your phone and let someone know that's what you are doing and can keep track of you and how long you are gone. **ESPECIALLY** if you are out there flying alone (which by the way is not

recommended). Lastly staying hydrated is really important. Bring water/electrolytes, or another fun choice is watermelon.

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle Club Safety Officer

Fall Club Picnic / Combat Session

The club's upcoming Fall Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27th. Lunch will be potluck and begin at 1pm – please bring a dish of your choice to add to the food table. We tend to have a nice variety of delicious foods that make for an enjoyable meal. The club will provide drinks, plates and utensils.

This event is all about having fun and fellowship with club members and their families. A special attraction for this year's Fall Picnic will be another session of combat flying for everyone's enjoyment, which is always exciting to watch. And after the combat flying ends, the field will be open to all for flying, so don't forget to also bring your aircraft so that you can enjoy a nice afternoon of flying.

Night Fly / Scout Hosting Event

On Friday, September 11th during a scheduled Night Fly our Club hosted a Scout Troop led by Club member John Garrison. This was the second attempt to get the Scouts out to the field; the initial attempt had to be cancelled due to strong winds. There was some concern due to light precipitation falling before the start of this event, but it stopped in time to allow the event to proceed.

Seven Scouts and most of the eight parents/grandparents with them got to fly on the buddy box after a bit of ground school led by Buster. Chris used one of our Club trainers and Mark used his glow-powered trainer.

We fed hotdogs (thanks to Ryan running the grill), chips and drinks to everyone present. Several demo flights were made during daylight to show off the capabilities of our aircraft (fixed and rotary wing), and then we flew a few flights after it got dark using our Night Flyers.

The Scouts and their parents expressed their gratitude for the Club taking the time and making the effort to expose them to our wonderful hobby.

Here are some photos taken at the Scouting event on September 11th.



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Fall Fun Fly October 4th

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