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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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The Greater Southwest Radio Control Club is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club rules. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located on the North side of Randol Mill Road, 0.4 miles East of Highway 820 at N 32°46.895' W 97° 12.361'. Visitors are welcome whenever the gate is unlocked. Free flight training instruction is available to members from 6:00 PM to dusk on Tuesday and Thursday while Daylight Savings Time is in effect. Regular Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Building, 6720 Northeast Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 (on the corner of Rufe Snow and NE820).

President's Corner

Mother nature has really shown her powers this month, with rain, hail, and even tornados. True grit and sometimes questionable sense, the dedicated hopped the puddles to fly.

Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to work at the field, things really are lookin' good!

One of our more exciting events is happening this month. Race Time! Come on out and fly anything, we never know what is going to be flying in this one. Great fun for all, flyers and spectators, there will be food available and with no shortage of entertainment! If you can help contact Craig Bevil or any officer.

There is an auction schedule for June, at this time we are going have this at the field, but if anyone has an idea of where we can have it indoors please contact any officer.

This month we will be taking nominations for officers and voting at the June meeting.

I am going to wrap this one up, pack, and head to the field and do some flyin', hope to see you there.

Remember, this is your club, contact any officer if you need anything or just let us know if you are happy with things.

Come to the meeting so you can have a say on the running of the club.

George Clark
trex1@flash.net

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new members for April:

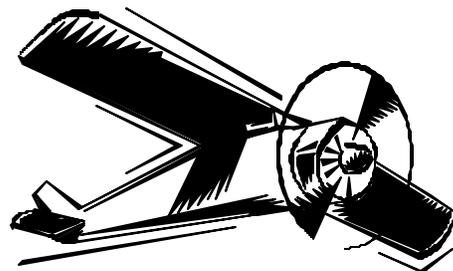
James Ford
Wayne Luck
Douglas McKeller
James Burke
Tony While
Michael Gibson
Jerry Cunningham
Michael Barbour
Ted Ingram
K.C. Hudson
Cory Carlton
Sean Edwards

We look forward to meeting each of you at the next meeting, which will be on May 14th at the NRH Rec. Center. As always, if there is anything you need, please feel free to contact me, or any of the club officers.
Again, Welcome, and Happy Flying.

Craig Bevil
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Next Meeting:

Tuesday
May 14, 2002
7:00PM



May Event Calendar

MAY 11--Fort Worth, TX (C) Bill Slatter Memorial Warbird Fly-In. Site: Thunderbird Field Woody Lake CD, 4800 Alicia Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133 Phone:817-294-8746(eve), 817-777-1452(day) Sponsor: Ft. Worth Thunderbirds # 1217 6th Annual Bill Slatter Memorial Warbird Fly-In. Open flying - WWI thru present - fixed or rotary wing. \$10 landing fee - Free pilot lunch and give-a-ways. Jets welcome! 480' concrete and grass runways. Safety briefing @ 9 a.m. CD: Woody Lake (817)294-8746. Email pilotat6@cs.com

MAY 11--Orange, TX (C) Open Fun-Fly Site: Club Field, Orange, TX Charles Watson CD, 840 Ohio Street, Vidor, TX 77662 Phone:409-767-6657(both) Sponsor: Orange County RC Club #2824 Any size plane welcome. Free Meal to registered pilots. Field located - Exit 873 off I-10, 1/2 mile East to "Eagle Point Sign". Come and enjoy a pleasant day of flying with pleasant people on a pleasant grass runway and have a pleasant noon day meal. Landing fee - \$10

MAY 18--Tyler, TX (Cr) Annual TMC Big Bird. Site: Northside Park Tyler, TX. Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. Contact: Jerry Truell, 2402 Pollard Dr., Tyler, TX 75701. Phone: (903)526-0781 e-mail: truell@juno.com. Landing Fee: \$10 Registration: 8:30am Fly 9am RV parking, Sanitary Facilities. Grass runway 600', Food/bev motels & restaurants within 1/2 mile. Map & directions on our website: www.tylermodelers.com

MAY 18--Branch, TX (C) Bratonia Combat -

7336 Grapevine Hwy.
Fort Worth, Texas 76118
(817) 589-2624

5720 Davis Blvd.
Fort Worth, Texas 76180
(817) 581-0553



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RRCC Site: Richardson Radio Control Club John Walker CD, 2701 Prairie Creek Drive West, Richardson, TX Phone:972-235-1430 (both) Sponsor: Richardson Radio Control Club #623 This is in a series of events (9 rounds) to be held. This year (2002). North Dallas, Mesquite, Paris, Ft. Worth & RRCC Clubs will be participating. Points will be accrued and top guns. (1 - 3 or 4) will split money at end of season.

MAY 18--Weatherford, TX (C) Semi-Annual Unlimited Float-Fly Site: Cartwright Park, Sunshine Lake, Weatherford, TX Verne Bell CD, 1805 Greenwood Cut Off Road, Weatherford, TX 76088 Phone:817-929-6042 (day), 817-599-9580(eve) Sponsor: Weatherford Aero Modeling Society #2267

MAY 18-19--Corsicana, TX (C) CORMAC First Annual Big Bird Fly-In Site: CORMAC Flying Site, Corsicana, TX David James CD, 534 Lazy Way, Fairfield, TX 75840 Phone:903-727-5610(day), 903-389-5995(eve) Sponsor: Corsicana Miniature Aircraft Club #2983 Large grass flying field. Concessions available both days. IMAA rules apply but not required.

MAY 25-26--Midland, TX (AA) IMAC Site: Club Field, Midland, TX Events: 411, 412, 413, 414 (JSO) A. J. Lee CD, 811 Stanolind, Midland, TX 79705 Phone:915-682-4142(both) Sponsor: Hi Sky R/C Cub #851

Tail Spinner Submissions

Items for the Tail Spinner are due by the 25th of the month. Remember that ads are free to members. Send them to:

Roy Baker
3303 Fox Glen
Colleyville, TX 76034
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) rbaker19@attbi.com

April Secretary's Notes

The meeting was called to order by George Clark.

There were 21 in attendance with 1 new member: **Ted Ingram**.

The motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Frank Mobley gave the Treasurer's report.

Dave Arnold gave the field report. The water erosion on the north end of the awning will be repaired and future erosion prevented with the addition of rock and improving the drainage there. The field has been fertilized and sand is being added to fill the low spots. The low spot at the south entrance to the runway will be filled with both dirt and sand and new grass will be added to get rid of the puddle that forms there when it rains. The addition of a flag pole at the field was started and tabled for 1 month. Frank Mobley has volunteered to bring out a flag for meets rather than have a permanent pole. Come to the meeting and put in your two cents.

Old Business:
Bob Mueller gave us a report on the San Antonio Float fly that he attended last month as well as discussed our float fly that was held on April 13th. (Our float fly was quite a success in spite of the weather which shut us down shortly after noon. More on this next month.)

Keith Sparks (Sparky) discussed the S. M.A.L.L. Steps fly-in that was held on

April 27th. Hope everyone had a chance to get out and see it. For those of you that didn't, there will be more info in next month's newsletter.

Craig Bevil discussed the pylon races that will be held on May 11th. Word has been spread around the local clubs and hopefully turn out will be good. More info in a separate article elsewhere in the newsletter. As always, volunteers are needed.

New Business:
Robert McGee has been made the Field Marshall for this year, and Ed Morin has been made a Safety Officer. If you get a chance, go say hi.

Procedural Note:
R/C cars are NOT allowed to be run on our property. If you see someone running a car, please ask them to stop.

If you bring a guest to our field, be aware that you are responsible for them. You must be present any time they are, and you are responsible for making sure that they know and follow our rules.

The discussion was started on a **bylaw change** that would require a club member and his guest use only one frequency at a time and that the frequency must be held using the club members club card.

The discussion was started on adding the roof stiffeners to the awning as needed. We will be getting prices and bids for club vote.

Remember, if you turn on the water for any reason, turn it off before you leave. We don't need a broken pipe running

the water bill through the roof.

Keith Sparks (Sparky) won the Model of the Month with his scratch built electric Curtis P-40 which weighs in at a whopping 3.5ozs.



The motion was made and passed to hold an auction on June 29th. It will be spearheaded by Lawrence Harville. More info as I get it.

Frank Mobley won the gallon of fuel donated by Airport Pawn and Hobby.

The meeting was adjourned by George Clark.

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NOTE: Elsewhere in the newsletter there is the final by-law revision for submission to the AMA. Please take a minute to review them for discussion at the next meeting.



Wanted to Buy

Ray Horsley wants to buy .60 size carburetors for O.S. and Super Tigre engines. If you have anything you'd like to part with, give Ray a call at 817-428-8030

THE RACES ARE COMING!!!

As everybody surely knows by now, the annual Fun-fly pylon races will be on May 11th. Anyone interested in racing should either go to the club website or contact me for a copy of the rules. The rules are almost exactly the same as they have been every year, the main difference being that the rules are written in the hopes of getting a monthly league started. Rule #1 remains simply: "Have fun and go fast."

HELP IS NEEDED:

In order to make this event run smoothly, we need volunteers to help in the following areas:

Judges, Crowd Control, Registration, Radio Impound, Callers, Concessions (maybe), Aircraft Inspection, and Point Tallying.

If you can help in any of these areas, Please let me know asap or just show up on race day. I am expecting pilots from several clubs other than our own and turnout should be high.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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From The Instructor Coordinator:

Training season has officially begun, and I think that in the last month there have been 1 or 2 days where it isn't either raining or so windy that you have to tie a string to your plane to get it back to the runway. The bad news in all of this is that we have students piling up waiting for lessons, so when the weather clears we could use all the instructors we can get at the field.

I haven't had time yet to get the new instructor list out, but I should have it out by the time this newsletter gets out.

So if you have asked to be removed from the list and still get a call, be patient, I'm working on it.

Finally to all the members: Please remember that Tuesday and Thursday nights during Daylight Saving Time is dedicated to training from 7pm to dusk. This means that on these nights, students that are on buddy cords have priority both on the frequency board and on the runway. If you are out to fly on these nights (and with the weather the way it has been, any chance to fly has to be taken advantage of), please avoid doing high speed fly-bys and maneuvers over the runway. It's tough enough learning to land these things without having to dodge other planes. Thanks for your cooperation.

As always, if there is anything that I can do, just let me know.

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GREATER SOUTHWEST **FORT WORTH, TEXAS** **SECOND ANNUAL**



AMA SANCTIONED **BIG BIRD FLY-IN**

JUNE 8, 2002

9:00AM-5:00PM

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

LANDING FEE \$15.00

AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

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By-Laws

Greater Southwest Aeromodelers Ft. Worth, Texas

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this club shall be **Greater Southwest Aeromodelers Ft. Worth, Texas.** (hereinafter referred to as the CLUB).

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the CLUB shall be to aid, assist and encourage the building and flying of model aircraft.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

A: Qualifications:

Membership in the CLUB is open to anyone interested in radio control model aircraft who is a member in good standing of the AMA, and who has paid his dues in accordance with Article 3B of the BY-LAWS. Persons under 18 years shall be junior members.

B: Dues:

Dues for this organization for senior members shall be \$61 per year, payable December 31 of each year regardless of date of application. New members joining during the first year shall pay a \$20 initiation fee plus the amount equal to \$5 for each month remaining in the year, any partial month will be counted as a whole month. Renewing member shall pay full year dues. Dues for a senior member shall include members of his immediate household (living with said member) as long as that family member is a current member of AMA. Dues for members who have attained the age of 62 years shall be half the regular annual fee. Dues shall be waived for the year following an officer's term in office. Newsletter Editors shall also receive a full year membership provided they have held that position for twelve (12) consecutive months. There shall be no special assessments levied upon the membership at any time except by vote and approval of 75 percent of the quorum set forth in ARTICLE V of the CONSTITUTION. Those fees necessary to obtain AMA charter club papers shall be taken from the treasury as necessary. A special fee was approved by a vote of 75% majority at the March 14, 2000 meeting, an assessment of \$15 to be paid by all members at the time of annual renewal and will be placed into the Club savings. This assessment is included in the annual dues, it is for the purpose of new flying site acquisition and/or to maintain and improve the current flying site.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

A: Duties of Officers

- 1: **President** shall preside at all meetings of the CLUB and shall act as spokesman in all matters pertaining to the CLUB.
- 2: **The Vice-President** shall act in place of the President when the President is unable to serve and shall be in charge of field safety and maintenance.
- 3: **The Secretary** shall take minutes at all meetings of the CLUB. He shall keep an up-to-date membership roster and register members with the AMA. He shall notify the membership of all meetings and shall handle the CLUB correspondence. He shall keep membership applications and keys available in all hobby shops that handle membership and shall be responsible for the padlock and keys each year.
- 3: **The Treasurer** shall collect all moneys due the CLUB (dues, special assessments, donations, contest entry fees, auctions, raffles, etc.). He shall pay the CLUB debts and shall keep accurate records of all moneys received and disbursed. He shall present current reports of the Club's financial status at the monthly meetings. At the end of the year, a general accounting will be given showing income from all sources, expenditures and moneys on hand.
- 4: **The Newsletter Editor** shall assemble, edit, and print the final draft of the Newsletter on a monthly basis. He shall also have a sufficient number of copies made that he will mail to all current members to arrive in a timely manner before the next scheduled meeting.

B: Term of Office

All officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year from the date of taking office.

C: Special elections

In the event that an elected officer of the CLUB finds it necessary to terminate his association with the CLUB or resign, a special election shall be held at the earliest opportunity to select a replacement.

D: Quorum

A quorum, which shall consist of 50 percent of the paid-up membership or 15 such members, whichever is smaller, shall be required to conduct items of business. It was voted upon by majority vote in the October 1999 meeting to change from 9 members to 15.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on a monthly basis at a time and place to be determined by the membership. Special meetings may be called at any time deemed necessary by the Club's elected officers, or by 50 percent of the active membership, provided that notice of the meeting is in the hands of the membership at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting date and the time and place of the meeting is furnished in the notice.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint committees for the following named functions as it becomes necessary. A: Entertainment B: Publicity C: Field Maintenance D: Fun Fly E: Training.

The Officers of the CLUB shall be standing members on all committees that pertain to CLUB policies in their area of responsibility.

ARTICLE 7: FLYING FIELD

The flying field shall be open for the use of all members in good standing. Each pilot must be a current AMA member. In addition, any pilot operating a transmitter on a HAM frequency must hold a valid FCC license for HAM operation. Expenditures required for the maintenance of a flying field must be approved by the membership as described in ARTICLE V of the CONSTITUTION. At the February 1, 1984 CLUB, meeting an amendment was passed that allowed the expenditure of up to \$150 for the care and maintenance of the flying field, provided that two (2) elected officers of the Club have approved the expenditure. At the October 1999 meeting, it was voted upon by majority vote to change the above expenditure amount from \$150 to \$300.

ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS

The BY-LAWS may be amended at any general meeting of the CLUB membership, provided the members shall have been notified at least three (3) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to any member who requests it. It was voted upon by majority vote in the October 1999 meeting to require a 2/3rds majority vote to make any amendments to the BY-LAWS of the CLUB.

ARTICLE 9: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1st warning: 3 witnessing members sign the violation form listing rule violation and have violator sign

2nd warning: 3 witnessing members sign the violation form listing rule violation and have violator sign. Present to an officer. 1-month suspension of all flight privileges and club benefits.

3rd warning: 3 witnessing members sign the violation form listing rule violation and have violator sign. Present to an officer. Violator's membership is then revoked until next meeting when violator will have a chance to argue his case. Final membership revocation to be determined by vote of club members present at meeting.

***NOTE:** If violating member refuses to sign violation form, a copy of the form shall be sent to them by certified letter.

All violations will be erased from the record on December 31st of each year.



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- April 27 th** - SMALL STEPS fly-in – AMA Sanctioned
- May 11 th** - Fun-fly Pylon races
- June 8th** - Big Bird fly-in – AMA Sanctioned
- July 13 th** - Warbird fly-in
- August 17th-18th** - 2 day Combat meet – AMA and RCCA sanctioned
Part of "North Texas Combat Series"
- Sept 28 th** - All Scale Fly-in – AMA Sanctioned
- Nov 16 th** – Combat-AMA-RCCA sanctioned "North Texas Combat Series"