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Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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2005 AMA Gold Leader Club

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).

Next Meeting:

**May 10, 2005
7:00PM**

At the Field

President Mark Fuess.....(817) 909-6065
Vice President(s) Walt Fisher.....(817) 540-5921
Secretary Sonny Coleman.....(817) 251-3940
Treasurer James McGuinness(817) 282-3509
Newsletter Editor..... Roy Baker(817) 545-4031

President's Corner



The NAS JRB Texas Thunder Airshow was fantastic! Since we are now on their permanent invitation list, we need to plan next years show. I'd like to see more attendees and include the Control-Line guys as well. A collection of giant scale WARBIRDS would top of the show for sure! Let's be thinking about this! Just like the first year, we have been offered a hanger to display our airplanes similar to the NE Mall Show. This could be a worthy EVENT!

FIELD CLEANLINESS

It's everyone's responsibility to pick up after you are done flying for the day. Put away the chairs, and pick up the mess around the pit area. Should you have to collect up the remains of your airplane please get all the parts. IE: broken props, wing & fuselage parts. This debris damages the mower blades and it

is very difficult for a mower operator to see, especially broken props.

Our monthly club meetings will be held at the airfield until the time changes again. This is a prime opportunity for you to get some flying in and have your plane there for the Model of the Month. Having the meetings at the field will also give everyone a first-hand look at the field condition. We'll all be on the same page as to what can be done, should be done, and needs to be done. I look forward to seeing you there!

CLUB EVENTS

It is my personal belief that a CD (Contest Director) is completely charge of the event from start to finish. The CD is responsible for recruiting assistance as needed for all aspects of the event. I believe that a CD checklist would be beneficial in assisting you in keeping the event well organized, especially if you haven't performed this task before. Walt is gathering information from Max Ficken and other sources to create an event checklist. Once it's completed, I believe that Gary Stephens (the Event Coordinator) should be able to provide some sort of an Events Kit for those needing some guidance.

The annual GSW Auction has been moved from May 8th (Mothers Day) to the following Sunday, May 15th. This is a prime opportunity to get some goodies, and purge your garage! I will be bringing all of the RC remains Jim Jones donated to the club last year.

Club Members to the Rescue!
Richard Rakes mis-calculated an ap-

**May
Event Calendar**

MAY 07–Sherman, TX (C) Sherman SSC Combat Challenge Site: Pete Darter Flying Field. Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: Daniel Powell, 887 CR 174, Gainesville, TX 76240. Phone: 972-965-8309(day) 972-965-8309(eve) E-Mail: dan.powell@okmetic.com WebSite: www.texomarc.org See map to field at website. 6 to 8 rounds of RCCA Provisional rules SSC. Registration from 9am to 10am. \$15 landing fee includes lunch. Awards for 1st thru 3rd place.

MAY 07-08–Monaville, TX (C) Float Fly Site: Bomber Field. Sponsor: Bomber Field, Inc. #2307. CD: Nick Stratos, 10003 Rocky Hollow, LaPorte, TX 77671. Phone: 718-857-4108(day) 281-471-6762(eve) E-Mail: nls@houston.rr.com WebSite: www.bomberfieldusa.com Come fly off the water. Any size or type of float plane. Nice pond. Hamburgers and cold drinks for pilots. RV's welcome, no hook-ups. \$10 landing fee.

MAY 14–Granbury, TX (UnSanc) Outdoor Tailgate Swap Meet Site: Eastridge Church parking lot, 1950 Acton Hwy. Sponsor: Brazos Buzzards R/C Club #1531. CD: John Thompson, 2711 Shadow Wood Dr., Arlington, TX 76006. Phone: 817.573.2320(day) WebSite: http://www.brazosbuzzards.org 9am til 3pm. Admission \$10 per vehicle. Includes trailer and all you can load in. Bring your own table and/or chairs. Restroom facilities available. Rainout date May 21, 2005

MAY 14–Lake Benbrook, TX (C) Thunderbirds Memorial Warbird Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Fort Worth Thunderbirds #1217.



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CD: Elwood C. Lake, 4800 Alicia Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Phone: 817-294-8746(day) 817-294-8746(eve) E-Mail: at6pilot@charter.net WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org 9th Annual Thunderbird Memorial Warbird Fly-In.

Open Flying all warbirds WWI thru present, Jets welcome. 450' paved runway or adjacent grass runway. Free lunch, give-aways, and promotions to pilots. Landing fee still only \$10. No pressure flying; come and enjoy the day.

MAY 14-15–Sherman, TX (C) 1st Annual Sherman Heli Fly-In Site: Pete Darter Field. Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: Raymond Fulerchek, 101 West Beldon, Sherman, TX 75092. Phone: 405-245-8984 (day) 903-891-3233(eve) E-Mail: dan.powell@okmetic.com WebSite: http://www.texoma.org \$25 Landing fee; includes Dinner Saturday night. Field available for open flying on Friday. RV's welcome; No hook-ups Beginner thru expert. All helicopters welcome to attend. Multiple Fun-Fly type events. A fun time will be had by all.

MAY 20-22–Waco, TX (C) Warbirds Over

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7336 Grapevine Hwy.
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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@comcast.net

April Meeting Minutes

The April 2005 meeting was called to order by Club President Mark Fuess at the club flying field.

The minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved by the attending club members.

Visitors: Don Hutchison

Treasurers Report: James McGuinness gave the treasurers report. This month there were no major expenses. The club's AMA Charter has been renewed for 2005.

Flight Instructor Coordinator: A Solo Certificate was given out to Darrell Davis, the latest pilot to complete their solo flight through the GSWAM training program. Way to go Darrell!

Events: Gary Stephens gave the events report. The Warbirds event will be held on April 16th, 2005 Big Bird event is June 25th and 26th and the IMAA meet will be in October. A Float Fly is tentatively scheduled for July 23rd, pending Yacht Club approval.

Field Report: Walt Fisher - Be sure to pick up prop and other debris on the runway, the mower reel can be damaged if it picks up non-grass items. There was a discussion about building a concrete foundation for a Tuff Shed building for mower storage. There will be no work day this Saturday due to the Warbird event.

Old Business:

Club Auction: The Annual Auction will be held at the flying field on May 15th at 1:00PM. Be sure to bring out your planes, engines, radio gear that you no longer need and auction them off for some extra cash. The club retains 10% of the selling price of each item sold.

New Business:

At the April 12th 2005 club meeting a motion was made and carried by the attending club members to amend our current membership rules by adding a "Junior Membership" level for a trial period of one (1) year, until April 15th of 2006. After the trial period expires the

membership will decide weather or not to retain the Junior membership level on a permanent basis. To qualify for a Junior Membership a child must be 16 years of age or younger and have a current AMA membership status. A Junior Member must also have an adult club member sponsor present while at the flying field. The Junior Membership fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

Club Web Site: Be sure to visit the Greater Southwest Aero Modeler's web site at: <http://www.flygsw.org>. There is a current membership roster in the "Members" area, contact any club officer to get the "Members" area password. While you are there be sure to check out the "Tech" site, there's an abundance of useful information available.

Sonny Coleman - Secretary
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President's Corner, con't

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proach for a northward landing and planted one of his giant scale airplane on the very top of a tree. The prop got wound up with tree branches and the plane was tightly secured. Several attempts were made to simply push the plane out of the tree, but it was there to stay. The tree was also too small and flimsy to climb. We ultimately cut the tree down. The airplane was recovered in very good condition! The RESCUE TEAM was, Paul Doucet, John Graham, Roy Baker, Vaughn Hamblin, Mark Fuess and Richard Rakes. Walt Fisher was bringing out a chainsaw but the Rescue Team powered with a Bow Saw and raw muscle prevailed... This is what Spirit of GSW is all about, my friends! Members helping members.

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A new Proposition was brought to the floor (actually the grass) whereby any person 16 years of age or younger can have a limited GSW membership for ONE DOLLAR. It was unanimously passed. See the club minutes for all the details. Personally, I believe this is a very good thing in helping our youngsters get involved in modeling. I must say our GSW Control Line Guys are 100% First Class people! Their involvement in the "younger" community is second to no one, and hopefully they will pry those little fingers away

from the Nintendo's and TV's! RC Modeling is an interactive hobby promoting fellowship, and social manners. The future of RC is in the hands of today.

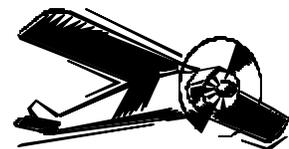
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Special Recognition and Awards!

We had a couple of SPIRIT of GSW AWARDS this month. Unfortunately, one member wasn't there to receive it. Tony Trimarchi was the first award for his continuous promotion of the North East Mall Show year after year. Not only does he spearhead it every year, he also works the show with extreme vigor! The next SPIRIT of GSW AWARD was presented to Sonny Coleman. Sonny has invested countless hours in providing us with a "First Class" website. He's continuously upgrading, and improving it to keep our website Top Of The Line. This is a massive job! Next Month, Mr. Roy Baker will be a recipient of the SPIRIT of GSW AWARD. Roy has been our Newsletter editor and provider month after month since 1995, and Roy does a magnificent job! It to is a massive undertaking! On the Solo Flight Proficiency Awards, Mr. Darrell Davis received his "official" release to burn up the skies! Interestingly, Darrell hasn't crashed "YET". And we all know there's only two types of RC Modelers... those the HAVE CRASHED, and those that WILL CRASH. We're waiting Darrell...

I'll see ya'll at the field!

Mark



GSWAM Charter Members

The club wants to recognize our two charter members still active:

Bob Snyder
Tony Trimarchi

Thanks ~ ~

May Training Report

We have had some training occurring but the wind has been winning most of the time. New pilots need to contact one of the instructors to set up times for training if the Monday/Wednesday training times do not work for you. Contact numbers are posted at the field, the Newsletter and on the Web Site flygsw.org. See you at the field.

Max

May Event Coordinator Report

If you didn't make the 'warbird you need to plan on making the Big Bird on June 25th & 26th. We will have a BBQ dinner on Saturday night at this fly-in.

The GSW Club Auction will be on May the 15th at the field at 1:00 p.m. We first planned to have it on the 8th but we had some mother's say "not on my day" so we moved it to the 15th.

This is a NO charge auction, so get out to the field and sell some of your old stuff and buy some new stuff at the same time.....

See you at the field.....

Gary R. Stephens

Secure All Nuts and Bolts

If you are new to large aircraft and motors, you are soon to learn that vibration is one of your worst enemies. Things that you think can't possibly come loose, oftentimes do.

Check all nuts and bolts frequently! You will do yourself a big favor if you make sure that all screws, nuts, and bolts are securely fastened--not securely tightened--but fastened. This is especially true when a metal screw or bolt is threaded into a metal nut or fixture.

Fastening involves using compounds or adhesives (LOCTITE, RPV, PFM, CyA, etc.) on screw and bolt threads or using special locking nuts, such as those with nylon inserts. In extreme environments, or when resonance is just right, safety wire may be required. High-temp RTV (silicone rubber) works well in high temperature areas.

from <http://www.gsal.org>
via *DCRC Newsletter*, Andy Kane, editor
305 Natick Court
Silver Spring MD 20905-5875



The second annual GSW-NAS JRB Texas Thunder Airshow has come and gone. I only attended Saturday but I'm told the Sunday gang had a great time as well. I do know we had a blast! And, we are on the permanent invitee list for future shows!

We were well organized and put on an excellent R/C show for the spectators. Jerry Stagner really smoked up the skies with his Giant Rookie. He performed some excellent aerobatic maneuvers with a massive trail of smoke following, what a sight! I had my Wagstaff with open headers on it, and it was screaming! We all flew extra high so we could be seen from the public tour area, which attracted lots of attention.

With the coordinated cooperation of the NAS control tower & our Flightline Officer, Chuck Rovell we had maximum flight time and no issues! Thanks Chuck for a job well done! I'm already looking forward to next year's Texas Thunder Airshow!

Mark

Warbird Fly-In 2005

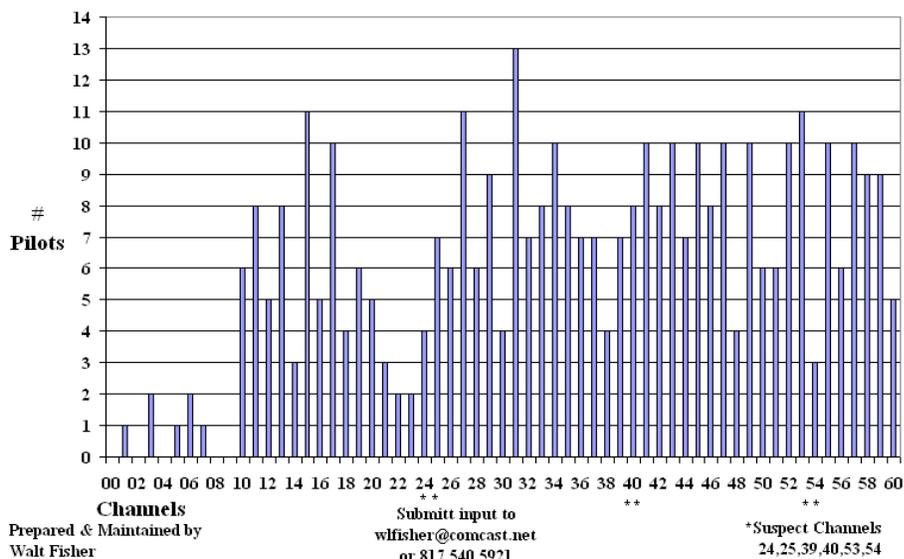


Warbird Flyin

Saturday April 16th we had a great day of Warbird flying, sharing ideas, and eating hamburgers, hot dogs and Brauts. Weather was great, wind down the runway and everyone when home with merchandise. Ken spears received Best -WW2 with his great flying Corsair, Gary Boothe Won Best WW1 with a very good looking Fokker Triplane, and Bret Bowling Received pilots choice with his gorgeous and well piloted B17. If you missed this event you missed a great time. Don't miss it next year.

Max

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Waco Site: HOTMAC Field. Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Miniature Aircraft Club #613. CD: Brad Record, 3730 Franklin Avenue, Waco, TX 76703. Phone: 254-752-0376(day) 254-379-1304(eve) E-Mail: brecord@ctwp.com WebSite: www.hotmacrc.com Any size warbird. Trophies for Pre WWII, WWII, and Post WWII. Jets are welcome. 800 x 80 ft paved runway. Electrical hookups available on site. \$5 per night. \$20 Landing fee includes pilot lunch and dinner Saturday evening.

MAY 21--Bullard, TX (C) Tyler Modelers 5th Annual Float-Fly Site: Lake Palestine. Sponsor: Tyler Modelers #960. CD: Jack Hogan, 8642 CR 3408, Chandler, TX 75758. Phone: 903-849-4139(day) 903-849-4139(eve) E-Mail: jack@chandlertexas.com WebSite: www.tylermodelers.com On the shores of Lake Palestine. RV hook-ups, shade trees, and unbelievable flying area. Check Web Site for map and details. Landing fee - \$10, food available.

MAY 21--Seagoville, TX (C) Big Bird Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Dallas RC Club #609. CD: Michael Sandling, 548 West Rea, Lancaster, TX 7514. Phone: 214-683-1994(day) 972-227-2023(eve) E-Mail: mhsandling@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.dallasrcclub.org Monoplanes are limited to a minimum of 80" wings, Bi-planes 60" wings. Come fly off our new extended runway; 500' x 40' concrete, lots of grass. Concessions at field. \$10 landing fee. Y'all come!!

MAY 21--Midland, TX (C) Midland Fajita Fun Fly Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Hi-Sky RC Club #851. CD: A.J. Lee, 811 Stanolind, Midland, TX 79705. Phone: 432-687-4142(day) E-Mail: a.j.lee@cox.net

MAY 21--Weatherford, TX (C) Spring Unlimited Float Fly Site: Cartwright Park. Sponsor: Weatherford Aero Modeling Society #2267. CD: Verne Bell, 1805 Greenwood Cut-off Road, Weatherford, TX 76088-8613. Phone: 817-599-9580(day) 817-599-9580(eve) E-Mail: vernebell2@netscape.net Great spectator location. North of Weatherford court house on US-51 to FM920. 2 miles to Cartwright Park Road. \$10 landing fee. Food and restrooms available. 9 a. m. - 4 p.m.

MAY 21--Bratonia Park, TX (A) North Texas Round Robin RC Combat Site: Club Field. Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Richardson RC Club #623. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) 972-618-2989(eve) E-Mail: ed.kettler@comcast.net WebSite: www.rccombat.com/events/index.asp RC Combat for AMA 755 (JSO), 2458 Scale WW2 Fighters, and SSC using RCCA rules. Hard hats and AMA membership required.

MAY 21--Keller, TX (C) Indoor RC Float Fly Site: Keller ISD Natatorium. Sponsor: DFW Indoor R/C Club #4522. CD: Bob Wilder, 1005 Hidden Oaks Court, Colleyville, TX 76034. Phone: 817-498-6316(day) 817-498-6316(eve) E-Mail: rjwmaw5@comcast.net Keller ISD Natatorium is located at 1000 Bear Creek Parkway, Keller, TX Landing fee: \$8, spectators

free. Flying to be under AMA NIRAC guidelines, and from 5pm till 9pm. A completely ready to fly aircraft will be raffled at \$1 per ticket, or 6 for \$5. This event hosted by the Lockheed/Martin Recreational Association Aeromodelers (LMRA). All raffle proceeds will be given to the Keller Natatorium for drownproofing of children sponsored by the American Red Cross. For more information contact Ed Couch 817-777-6478 or Tom Blakely at 817-777-1241.

MAY 28-29--Temple, TX (AA) Temple Aeromodelers Pattern Contest Site: Club Field. Events: 401 thru 404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: Temple Aeromodelers #1053. CD: Bobby Zikes, 3306 Deer Trail, Temple, TX. Phone: 254-773-3773(day) 254-773-3773(eve) E-Mail: rzikes@hotmail.com Field open Friday afternoon for practice.

MAY 28-29--Ft. Worth, TX (AA) Texas Scale Championships/Scalemaster Qualifier Site: Thunderbird Field. Events: 511, 512, 520, 522 (JSO) Sponsor: Ft. Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Lawrence Harville, 932 Calloway, Hurst, TX 76053. Phone: 817-399-2008(day) 817-284-5537(eve) E-Mail: lawharv@yahoo.com Texas Champion will be total of all scores. Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event.