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The Tail Spinner

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 Monday and Wednesday 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 Tim Lovett (817) 268-7797
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Treasurer John Graham..... (972) 255-4862
Newsletter Editor Roy Baker (817) 545-4031

President's Corner

Well the first month of the New Year is past. The new keys should be required for entry into the field at this posting. So, if you haven't gotten your renewal already, git 'er done!

We have been approached by Professor Bryan Huff of the University of Texas at Arlington about the possibility of hosting their UAV program at our field. This is a competition between several colleges and universities in the design and flying of what basically looks like a SIG Kadet Senior. The only difference is the UTA Kadets have about \$25,000.00 worth of telemetry and computers on board. Many of you have seen them at the field the last two Saturdays. They have not flown any flights in the "computer" mode, and will not until AMA gives us word that this is an approved activity.

The Professor will be at our February meeting to give a 15 minute presentation of the program to our members. This will be a good time to ask questions and voice concerns. Several members are excited about this, and some have expressed concerns about "uncontrolled flight". I think this is definitely something to look at closely. If it does fit within our activities it will be a great Leader Club program for recognition of GSWAM with AMA.

I have already sent a copy of the pro-

gram to AMA for evaluation and was told there was already a set of UAV guidelines in place. They will look at the paperwork provided by UTA and then determine if any changes need to be made.

Ok, now to the FUN stuff! Remember, if you haven't got that Long John, Ugly Stik, Twister, or Hots finished, you better hurry! The first Club Fun-fly will be upon us before you know it. And I figure I will need some practice. Start getting comfortable rolling, looping, flying upside down (No, Max, the airplane - not you!), spot landing for touch and go's, etc. I can hardly wait! Oh yeah, I still have to get an airplane!

The Mall Show is February 25-26 at NE Mall. John Graham and John Stanzak are in charge of getting this event together and need some help. Of course, we also need some of those beautiful hanger queens and pretty airplanes that you fly brought to the Mall so they can be seen.

The meeting will not be on the second Tuesday, as that is Valentine's Day! We will postpone it until the third, or the 21st. It will still be at the NRH Rec-center at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

I think this is going to be a fun year, please come to the field and join us!

Tim Lovett

Next Meeting:

February 21, 2006

7:00PM

NRH Building



Note the change of date for the meeting to the third Tuesday for this month only!!!

**February/March
Event Calendar**

FEB 04--Schertz, TX (UnSanc) Tri-City Flyers Swap Meet Site: Knights of Columbus Hall. Sponsor: Tri-City Flyers #850. CD: Marcost Vidal, . . Phone: 210-590-8152(day) 210-227-5081 ext 148(eve) E-Mail: marcosthedrummer@sbcglobal.net WebSite: <http://www.tricityflyers.com>/Located at 509 Schertz Parkway. \$7 per person, one table per seller and children under 12 get in fee. Entry is at the rear of the building. Door open at 8am until ??? Plenty of parking, Central Heat and A/C, food and beverages will be available from the snack bar. Directions: From Austin and North - take I 35 south towards San Antonio. Take exit 174B Schertz Parkway. Turn left at the stop sign. Go 2.5 miles. The KOC Hall will be on the right. From Houston and East - take I-10 west towards San Antonio. Take exit 591, FM 1518 Schertz and go 7.5 miles to FM 78 (FM 1518 ends @FM 78). Turn right at the light and go one mile to Schertz Parkway. Turn left and go ½ mile. The KOC Hall will be on the left.

FEB 04--Huffman, TX (A) Frozen Fickle Finger Of Fate Fun-Fly Site: Jetero RC, Inc.. Events: 705 (JSO) Sponsor: Jetero RC, Inc. #1218. CD: Horrace Cain, 31619 Bohlssen Road, New Caney, TX 77357. Phone: 281-399-5627(day) 281-399-5627(eve) E-Mail: cainhd@aol.com Competition Fun-Fly. Cash awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd plus 1st for round winners will be a percentage of total of the \$10.00 entry fees. Lunch will be available. Additional Club Information TX LogNumber:



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FEB 18-19--Pasadena, TX (A) Pasadena Pursuit Winter NATS Site: GCRCC Field. Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Gulf Coast Radio Control Club #611. CD: Pat Willcox, 1927 Running Springs Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339.

Phone: 281-358-1750(day) 281-358-1750 (eve) E-Mail: gpcwillcox@earthlink.net Web-Site: www.jetero.com Open B, SSC and Limited B. Waiver has been requested from RCCA to allow electric aircraft in SSC and Limited B.

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FEB 19--Dallas, TX (AA) President's Day Contest Site: Hobby Park. Events: 319-321, 15 Profile Navy Carrier, Sportsman profile Navy Carrier; P40 Stunt (PAMPA classes, profile fuselage, .40 max disp), Flight Streak Stunt (ARFs allowed) (JSO) Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Tom Niebuhr, 7173 FM 1377, Blue Ridge, TX 75424. Phone: 972-736-3780(day) 972-736-3780(eve) E-Mail: blueskymodels@earthlink.net First flights start at 9:00 a.m.

MAR 03-05--Edinburg, TX (C) Tejas 14th

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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:

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

(e-mail) rbaker19@comcast.net

January Secretary's Report

The January 2006 business meeting was called to order by Club President Tim Lovett at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

Attending Members: 33

New Members/Visitors: Jerry Burton & Bill Oller

Treasurers Report: Club Treasurer John Graham reported that there were no major expenditures this month. Membership renewals are in full swing with over 90 new and renewing club members already signed up.

New Business:

Recognition of Past Club Officer: Walt Fisher received an award plaque from the GSWAM club for his outstanding services rendered as club president in 2005.

GSWAM Club Picnic & Fun-Fly: On July 8th 2006 we will have a club fun-fly and FREE picnic lunch, landing fees for the event \$10.00.

Combat Meet: The annual club combat meet "Battle on the Trinity" will be held September 1, 2 & 3.

National Combat Meet: The attending club members voted to host the "Lone Star Nationals" combat meet which had been previously held in Paris, TX. This is a very important meet for a combat pilot's national point standings, there will be many participants coming in from out of state. The event date is September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; there will be food available onsite from the concession stand.

Mall Show 2006: John Graham and John Stanzak are heading up the mall show committee, tentative mall show dates are February 25th & 26th pending North East Mall management approval.

Newly Created Club Position: (except for Safety Officer which we already have had)

1. Club Historian: The newly created position of Club Historian was filled by Newsletter Editor, Roy Baker. He will be scanning old

documents and pictures to be organized into a club history, some documents date back to 1972 when the GSWAM club was originally formed.

2. Concession Directors: Gary Stephens and Barry Ponder have accepted the position of Concession Directors.

3. Safety Officer: The club Safety Officer Job has been filled by Lewie Moore.

4. Field Marshall: Barry Ponder has filled the newly created position of Field Marshall

Housekeeping Topics:

1. No Parking on the starting stands
2. Please empty the trash barrels when they get full
3. The attending club members voted to let Tim Lovett negotiate the selling price of our older starting stands.
4. Be watchful of the drilling rig that will be at the Southeast corner of the club flying site.
5. The January work day will be on Saturday the 14th, on Friday the 13th the tables and starting stands will be pressure washed. On Saturday the tables will be repaired if needed and painted and the concession are will be cleaned up.

Christmas Party 2006: The 2006 Christmas Party committee will include Lawrence Harville, Walt Fisher and John Stanzak

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

Sonny Coleman - Secretary
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Sonny@flygsw.org

2006 Club Events

This year the club is going to have some FUN !!!!!!! FUN FLY'S that is. A fun -fly is where anyone can fly just about any plane they my have from a trainer on up. Check the web site and your newsletter for the dates.

This year the mall show will be on Feb. the 25th & 26th at northeast mall, show up Sat. at 8:00 a.m. or Sun. at 10:00 a. m. We need to make this the biggest one we have ever had, most of us know about the passing of Tony and we all know he lived for the mall show, so pick out something and let's make this year the biggest.

We need form trainers up to hanger queens, if you one in the bones, please bring it so the spectators can see what's on the inside. If you have a crashed plane bring it, we need all types. P.S. You will have great time at the mall show.....

On March the 24th - 26 GSW will host the Lone Star National combat meet. You can expect over 50 pilots at this event, at this time we have 20+ pilots from OH,CO,IN,MO,FL,OK & TX.

If you can help out with this event please show up and let's show them just how great GSW can be.

See you at the mall show.
Gary.....

LOCK/KEY CHANGE

On 31 January 2005 the locks to the main gate, vending machine area/food serving area and the gate at the extreme northwest corner of the field were changed. New keys are issued with the 2006 membership. If your key does not work please get your 2006 membership.

NAME BADGES

The following club members name badges are ready for pick. Some of these badges have been ready for pick up one year. The Vice President, Lee Rice, orders and distributes the name badges. Please pick up your name badges from him..Thank You

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GSWAM CHARTER MEMBERS

Bob Snyder

EMERITUS MEMBERS

Lewis Brachey

John Law

Frank Mobley

SAFETY ISSUES

When it comes to the issue of safety, two old cliches never run out of style, "SAFETY FIRST" and "SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY". This is the theme we will use as we address safety at the field for the 2006 flying season. During the January meeting I was appointed the GSW Safety Director for the year 2006. My first order of business was to appoint every member of GSW as Deputy Safety Directors. Therefore it is everyones responsibility to make sure that safety is always first and foremost in everyones minds. The whole idea is for everyone to enjoy themselves at the field and return home safe and sound.

Its everyones responsibility to know the rules. The rules are posted at the field on top of the frequency board and are also on our website. The AMA rules are posted at the enclosed area of the shelter.

When you observe someone not adhering to the rules, I would appreciate it if you would approach that member in a very nice manner and discuss the infraction. Normally that solves the problem and everybody is happy. If that doesn't work get in touch with me and I will address the problem. Keep in mind that we all go to the field to fly and have a lot of fun. Safety at GSW is really everyone looking out for everybody, plain and simple. No one wants to see anyone get hurt.

There has been some chatter on our website about injuries caused by sticking your fingers in a prop. This is probably the most common injury we have at GSW. We have taken measures to help reduce the risk of prop strike by building starting stands. Steve Rogers has designed a new stand that is even safer than our original starting stands. If you all will notice we have added **NO PARKING SIGNS** to each starting stand. The signs mean what they say!!!! The stands are for STARTING ONLY. The primary use of these stands has really been abused. Therefore, for the purpose of safety the **NO PARKING SIGNS** need to be honored. This means at all times, whether the field is crowded or not. It is important that we all practice good safety habits all the time not just some of the times. I will be strictly enforcing this.

We are going to make four more new

starting stands and dispose of the original starting stands as most are getting in rough shape. This will leave a total of six newly designed stands for starting your plane. When you have completed a flight set your plane on the ground or on a table and move your field box out of the way for the next pilot.

A couple of items before I close. Use the field calls when at the flight line and always fly at a numbered station. Don't fly over and beyond Randol Mill Road. No taxiing in the pits. If you see someone who needs assistance, get right up and offer them a hand. Remember safety always comes first.

You can get in touch with me by email @ lfmooret@x@aol.com or by phone @ 682-553-2806. Until next month. Safety First in the "Spirit of GSW"
Lewie Moore

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**Baker, David
Bissell, Tony
Brady, Bill
Burke, Jim
Burton, Jerry
Cox, Jeff
Daily, Corky
Davis, Scott
de Leon, Albin
Englenhart, Stephen
Foster, Mark
Gunzel, Jonathan
Haney, Bill
Hayes, Leon
Hayslip, Gerald
Horwath, Stephen
Humphreys, Carl
Luper, Dan
Lynch, Richard
Mack, Dave
Marsalis, Tony
Nailon, Roger
Oller, Bill
Patrick, Gene
Pierce, Dana
Ringhausen, Ron
Shaylor, Gorrell
Thompson, Jim
Turner, Chance
Vinh, Michael
Web, Tinney**

Spring Air Show Site: Edinburg Airport. Sponsor: Tejas RC #2227. CD: Gary Dye, 1310 Pamela Drive, Mission, TX 78572. Phone: 956-581-4340(day) E-Mail: garysjp@rgv.rr.com WebSite: www.tejasrc.org All size and type of models. Primitive camping. Water available. Paved runway; 150' x 4000'. Landing fee - \$10. Concessions on site.

MAR 11-12--Crosby, TX (AA) Crosby IMAC Challenge Site: Club Field. Events: 411-415 (JSO) Sponsor: Propnuts RC Club #1770. CD: Allan Smith, 16146 Bollard, Crosby, TX 77532. Phone: 713-978-2898(day) 281-328-5770(eve) E-Mail: eas1030@ev1.net WebSite: www.propnuts.com \$30 entry fee. Lunch for pilots. Contestant judging. Field open Friday for practice. No practice Saturday morning. Registration at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Awards for 1st thru 3rd each class, JSO combined. Freestyle Sunday, RVs OK; No hook-ups.

MAR 18--San Antonio, TX (A) RES/S400 Site: Heart of Texas Soaring Society Club Field. Events: 460 & 610 (JSO) Sponsor: Heart of Texas Soaring Society #2203. CD: John Barton, 3618 Windy Ridge Court, San Antonio, TX 78259. Phone: 210-481-9792 (day) 210-481-9792(eve) E-Mail: jasbarton@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.hotss-rc.org RES (460) Thermal Duration winch launch with landing task. Speed 400 (610) LMR seven cell brushed.

MAR 18-19--Big Spring, TX (C) Indoor Electric Fun-Fly Site: Howard College Coliseum. Sponsor: Big Spring Model Aircraft Association #1526. CD: Robert Williams, 1721 Yale Avenue, Big Spring, TX 79720. Phone: 432-816-9470(day) 432-816-9470(eve) E-Mail: rdw772001@yahoo.com Weight limit; 16 oz. max. Three lipoly max. \$10 landing fee.

MAR 24-26--Fort Worth, TX (A) Lone Star Combat Nationals 2006 Site: GSAM Club Field. Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aero Modelers #1140. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7961(day) 972-618-2989 (eve) E-Mail: ed.kettler@comcast.net WebSite: www.flygs.org One of the largest and best RC Combat meets in the world! Friday: 2548 Scale WW2 Fighters. Saturday: SSC. Sunday: Open B. New location this year. AMA Membership and Hard Hats required. Spectators welcome. Overnight camping OK. Contact Bob Leone 817-907-5432 for additional information. Plenty of fun, parking, and hotels; two hobby shops within 10 minute drive. Power, water, and overnight parking at the field.

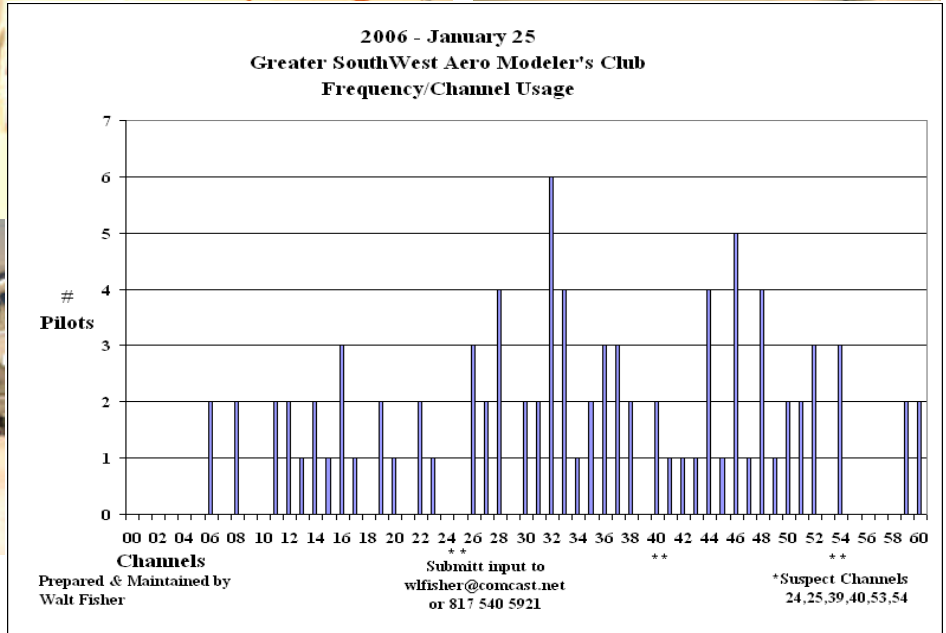
MAR 25--Huffman, TX (C) Jetero 10th Anniversary Fly-In Site: Jetero Field. Sponsor: Jetero #1218. CD: Jim Sterner, 2322 Kings Forest Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339. Phone: 281-360-6147(day) 281-360-6147(eve) E-Mail: thekids@kingwoodcable.com WebSite: www.jetero.com No Landing Fee. Free lunch to pilots. Come out and help us celebrate our 10th year at this field. Pilot give-a-ways Aircraft raffle. 9am - 4pm.

Lone Star Flight Museum

If any of you are planning a trip to Galveston to take a cruise, or just to spend some time on the beach, make sure to leave some time to visit the Lone Star Flight Museum. To quote from their promo material, "this rare collection of historically significant aircraft is the largest of its type under one roof in the Southern United States, and is unique in that the planes are restored to flying condition. National awards have earned the aircraft collection the title of "best of type" and includes WWII Fighters, Bombers, Liaison Trainers and Executive planes. Acting as Goodwill Ambassador for the great State of Texas, the aircraft appear at airshows throughout the nation and perform at their home base at flying events held each April and November." The museum also holds the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame that's certainly worth a visit in itself.

The museum is located on Galveston Island, next to Moody Gardens and the Schlitterbahn Water Park, so there are some good excuses to take the family along too. Here are a few pictures from my trip there in January and I'll try to remember to bring the rest to the next meeting.

Roy Baker



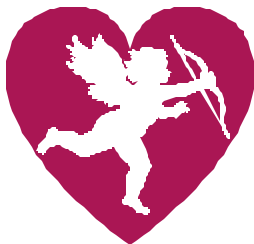


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