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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 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 9, 2006
7:00PM
At The Field

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President's Corner

The drilling rig has been able to work most every hour it has been in place! That is a very good thing for their timeline. I will be talking to the drilling supervisor the first week of May to get an update on their expectations for movement. I am still hoping we can open the field by our next meeting. I will see you at the field for the meeting.

The work day on Saturday, April 22nd, accomplished quite a bit of work on the field. Several came out and placed concrete forms for a pad in the middle of the control line circle. Tommy Ezell came out to take measurements for Limbo poles and slots for the runway. The main work day was Sunday the 23rd. The area of the center taxiway was tilled, raked and a 4'x8' concrete pad was poured for the startup stand for larger planes. The rack will be mounted after the concrete cures. Also, the hard packed dirt areas of the pits were tilled, raked and seeded with grass. The main sprinkler has been run down the middle of the pits to get the moisture for the grass seed. The tables have been washed. Now, a little bit of sun and it should look wonderful!!!

Don't forget there are two events this month. The airshow at the JRB (Carswell) is May 13-14. Chuck Rovell is in charge of this event and he needs help both days with pilots and workers. Call him at 817-307-9053 for the details if you can either fly or work.

The second event is also on May 13 and is the Boy Scout Jamboree in Fort

Worth. This is kind of like an outdoor Mall show. The Garys are in charge of this event and still could use some planes and people to show our hobby to the kids and families. Call Gary Stephens at 817-913-8282 for details if you can help with this project to help the Scouts get a merit badge.

Lee Rice and Ed Newman are going to Top Gun the last week of April. There won't be a column from Lee this month. Hope they enjoy Florida!

Also, Sandy Frank is not going to run again for District VIII Vice President this year. Several of us were talking and Lawrence Harville wants to run for this slot. At least with Lawrence in the spot we will see events within our own district covered in Model Aviation and not events in Illinois, Iowa and other Districts! Seriously, show your support for Lawrence in his bid for this position. You would be hard pressed to find someone with a more positive attitude and love for this hobby.

May 27-28 is an AMA Big Bird Event at our field. Come on out and at least eat!

June 3 is a Fun Scale contest! Again, come compete, have a good meal and enjoy!

See you at the meeting!

Tim Lovett,
President

May Event Calendar

MAY 05-07--Waco, TX (C) War Birds Over Waco Site: Speegleville II Park. Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Model Aircraft Club #613. CD: Brad Record, 265 Fern Valley, Waco, TX 76708. Phone: 254-379-1304(day) 254-836-0667(eve) E-Mail: brecord@ctwp.com All sizes of War Birds . Turbines welcome. Hook-ups available. Hotels: www.wacocvb.com 800 X 80 foot paved runway.

MAY 06--Lake Palestine, TX (C) Tyler Modelers 6th Annual Float-Fly Site: Lake Palestine. Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. CD: Jack Hogan, 8642 CR3126, Chandler, TX 75758. Phone: 903-849-4193(day) 903-849-4193(eve) E-Mail: jack1@chandler-texas.com WebSite: www.tylermodelers.com This is a beautiful float flying site, see pictures on www.FLOATFLY.com, with shade trees, easy access to the flying area, you fly where you park. Landing fee \$10 with reservation received 10 days prior to event, \$20 all others.

MAY 06--Seagoville, TX (C) Bob Almes Memorial Electric Fly-In Site: DCRC Club Field. Sponsor: Dallas R/C Club #609. CD: Monty Rorie, 8328 Barbaree Blvd., Dallas, TX 75228. Phone: 469-387-4419(day) 214-324-0689(eve) E-Mail: mdrorie@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.dallasrcclub.org All proceeds from the fly-in to benefit the American Heart Association. Any electric welcome. 500' concrete runway and grass on side. Will be electric combat throughout the day. Landing fee: \$10 Food available. Vendors welcome. Map

to field on website.

MAY 13--Fort Worth, TX (C) Thunderbird Memorial Warbird Fly-In Site: Thunderbird Field. Sponsor: Ft. Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Woody Lake, 4800 Alicia Drive,

Ft. Worth, TX 76133. Phone: 817-294-8746 (day) 817-294-8746(eve) E-Mail: at6pilot@charter.net WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org 10th Annual Warbird Fly-In. Open to all warbirds WW1 thru present; turbine waiver required. \$10 landing fee includes free pilot lunch, give-a-ways, and promotions. 450' concrete and adjacent grass runways. Celebrate our 10th anniversary.

MAY 13--Grand Prairie, TX (C) Fun-Fly/Swap Meet Site: Fulton Field. Sponsor: Golden Triangle R/C #610. CD: Gary Pannell, 3181 Mesquite, Venus, TX. Phone: 817-247-6280 (day) 817-477-3545(eve) E-Mail: garypannell@netzero.net WebSite: www.gtrcc.org All modelers welcome. \$10 pilot/vendor fee. Family free. Spectators \$2. AMA to fly. 8a.m. - 4p.m. Awards for pilots choice/sport/scale/military/free style.

MAY 14--Weatherford, TX (C) Unlimited Float
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Fort Worth, Texas 76118
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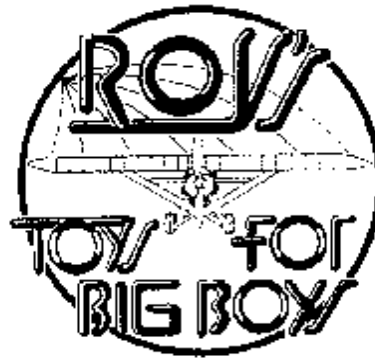
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Items for the Tail Spinner are due by the 25th of the month. Remember that ads are free to members. Send them to:

Roy Baker
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) rbaker19@comcast.net

April Secretary's Report

The April 2006 business meeting was called to order by Club President Tim Lovett at the club flying facility. This meeting is also the annual club auction, minimal club business was discussed.

The minutes of the August meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved.

Visitors/New Members: Russ Andrews

New Business:

Temporary Closure of the Club Flying Field: The attending club members all agreed that the possibility of someone hitting the drilling rig with an aircraft was too great of a safety issue for the club. Therefore, a motion was proposed to temporarily close the field, it was second, and a 99% passing vote in favor of temporarily closing the field.

It is estimated the drilling rig will be in place for 4 to 6 weeks. Tim Lovett will be announcing the available alternative airfields soon.

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
817-251-3940
Sonny@flygsw.org

GSWAM CHARTER MEMBERS

Bob Snyder

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Lewis Brachey
John Law
Frank Mobley

PILOTS NEEDED!!!

Needed, Pilots for the NAS GRB Airshow on the 13th and 14th of May. We still need pilots to have enough to put on a decent show. As of this time, less than half of those needed have signed up. Please sign up for Saturday, Sunday or both. I know that this entails a great commitment to get up early in the morning to arrive at the meeting point on 820 North at 0630 and then stay at the airshow until the flying is over at around 1400.

One of the main benefits, besides getting to fly and represent GSWAM at the show, is to have a front row seat to see the Blue Angels fly their great program. Also, other pilots (civilian and military) will be putting their aircraft through exciting maximum performance maneuvers and also making simulated strafing and bombing runs. Many other displays will also be available to us as we will have our own private gate into the show from our up front taxiway area parking.

Please call me at 817-282-8081 and leave a message or send an E-mail to carovell@sbcglobal.net. I will need a final headcount by 11 may so that special gate passes can be obtained. If you can fly either day, please sign up.

Chuck Rovell

May Instructor's Report

Since training has been suspended because of the closure of the field I don't have much to report. Training will resume as soon as the field reopens. I will be out of town for training nights till the end of May but when the field opens but I am sure that some of the instructors will be available on training nights. Good time to go over everything in your trainer to be sure that all is in good repair and ready when the field opens. Charge your batteries every couple of weeks during down times for 15 hours using the wall charger intended for your battery packs. Max

Texas Scale Championships-Scale Masters Qualifier

The Scale competition season is fast approaching and there has been one SMALL change that has BIG consequences for almost everyone in our club that flies airplanes. This year at the Texas Scale Championships scheduled for June 10-11 in Fort Worth, a new class has been put in place. It is called OPEN CLASS and the winner in this class will be given an AIRTRONICS 8 Channel radio. Now before you say I don't fly scale, I don't have a scale airplane, I don't know what to do. In the Open Class the rules are very close to FUN Scale-little or no documentation required-just fly. I have seen many of you at the field with just this type of SCALE plane-now you can come and compete and stand a very good chance of winning the radio—Last year in there were only two entries in the class that won the radio.

I have seen you guys fly, I have seen your airplanes. I can tell you 99% of you would do very well at this event. So come, play and have some fun—Someone has to win the radio why not you.

Here are the rules in the event-

1. Factory built or modeler built---means you can fly the ARF's or go buy a plane.
2. Static not required
3. If you want to do static worth 25 points →a photograph or artist rendering---Means the photo on the box is good enough.
4. Additional 5 point if you have a 3 view and color/markings/finish documentation.
5. Required flight maneuvers are Take off-, Fly By-, Figure 8-, and Landing-, plus 5 maneuvers that you get to pick

The top 30% will also earn a spot to the U S Scalemasters finals in October-You do not have to attend if you win-that is up to you.

Almost everyone can meet these re-

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quirements and I know all you can fly the required flight maneuvers even a beginner can do those.

If you ever thought about entering a scale contest, plan on entering this one. We will have someone to help guide you through the contest, We can even have someone on a buddy box , if you would feel better like that.

Now if you have never entered but you are an experienced pilot with a drop dead airplane you too can enter this class if you like. It is open to everyone.

Also at the contest are other events like Scale Master's Expert Class, Sportsman Class, Team Scale and we will be selecting the TEXAS SCALE CHAMPION for 2006. There will be something for all levels of pilots

If you don't or can't fly come out an watch, there will be some of the best Scale Planes and pilots in the 4 state area in the top levels of this contest. Saturday and Sunday starting 9 a.m. and ending 4 p.m. each day

If you need additional information on anything to do with entering flying or just scale in general give me a call Lawrence Harville 817-284-5567 email is Lawharv@yahoo.com.



If you haven't had a chance to drive by the field lately, here is a picture of the drilling rig that's the reason for our field shutdown. When we first heard that there was going to be a drilling rig next to our field, I didn't have a clue about how big that sucker was going to be. I called the rig boss to get some stats just to see how big it is. The rig itself is 137' tall and it sets on top of a platform that is about 20' tall. Each one of those pipe sections that you see on the left side of the picture are 94' long!

May Safety Issues

As I write this column, GSW has been closed for two weeks. I would assume that most of you have found one or more of the flying fields in our Metroplex area and have enjoyed some flight time compliments of the hosting club. We want to thank the other clubs for inviting us to fly at their fields during our down time.

Now I have been told, when you are handed a lemon make lemonade. Having the opportunity to fly at other field and learn their rules should be a positive experience. It's always nice to know how the other flying clubs handle safety issues. This will give you a chance to see how GSW, safety wise, matches up to the other clubs. I suspect that you will find when it comes to field safety, GSW is hard to beat. I don't know

about the rest of you, but I feel much safer standing behind a safety fence while standing at a flight station. If anyone picks up a good safety idea that would benefit GSW, don't hesitate to bring your suggestion to the next meeting. We are always looking at ways to improve our field and flying safety.

The April issue of Model Aviation has another excellent article covering safety in model flight operations. This is included in Donald Brooks' From The Ground Up Section. I highly recommend that everyone read this article. The article covers safety issues and rules pertaining to where we fly and what we fly. Again you will see how GSW complied with the AMA Safety code when reconstructing GSW in the late 1990's.

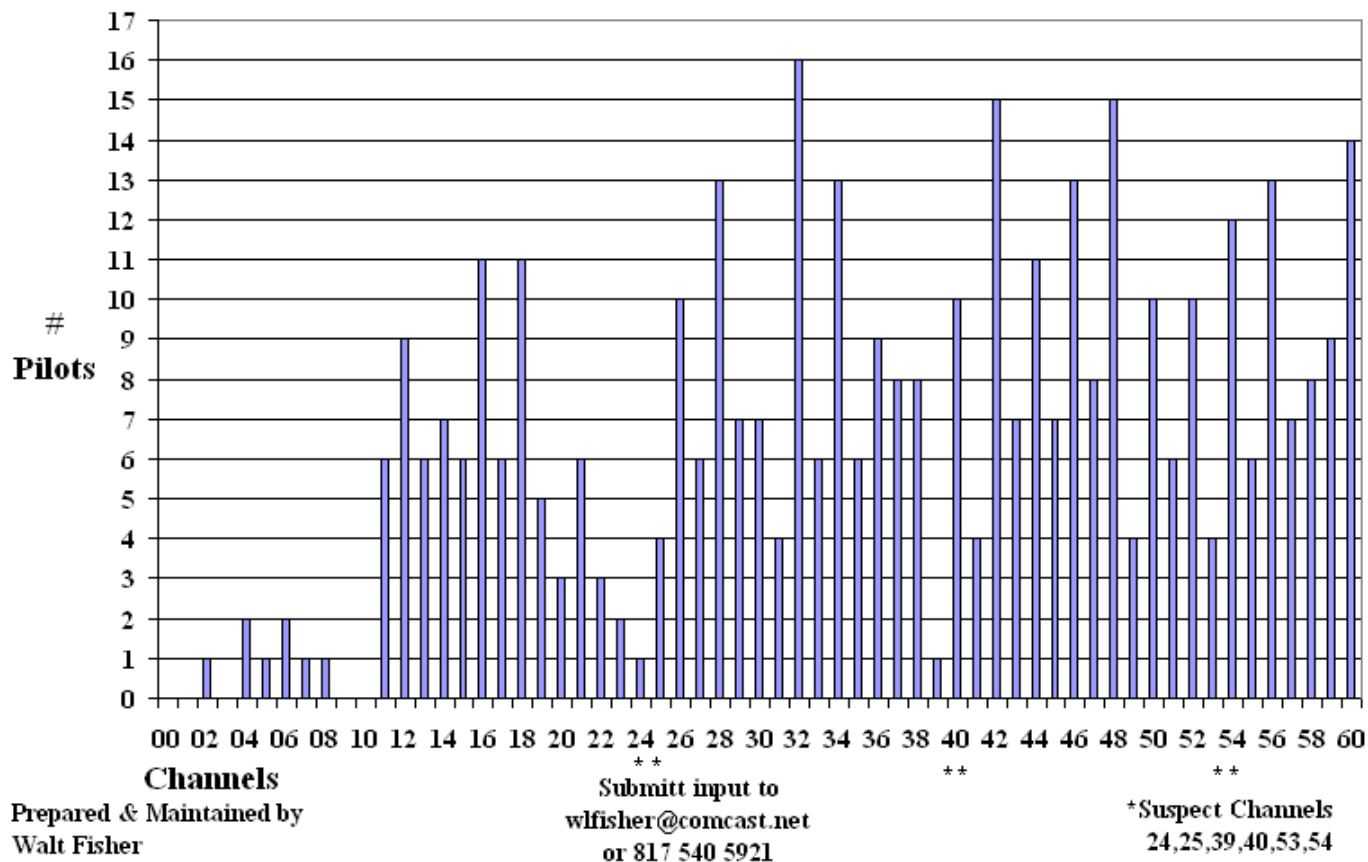
The May issue of Model Aviation's From

The Ground Up section, is a continuation of the April safety issues at the field and covers how we fly. All members need to know the club flight rules as well as the AMA Safety Code. The Club rules are posted on the frequency board and also can be obtained on the GSW website (www.flygsw.org). The AMA Safety Code is posted at the cage and can be obtained at the AMA website (modelaircraft.org).

Again as I bring this column to a close I would like to emphasize that **SAFETY COMES FIRST AND THAT SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY.**

Lewie Moore
GSW Safety Officer

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Hawk Field Event

Hawk Field Flyers of Texas invites you come and have a fun day of flying at our Big-Bird event scheduled for Saturday June 17, 2006 at Hawk Field.

Maps/Directions available on our web-site at www.HawkField.org

Gary Smith
HFFT Secretary

GSW UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 Fun-fly \$ 10.00 for landing fee & lunch

May 13 & 14 Fort worth Air Show at NAS, **NO LANDING FEE.**

May 27 & 28 AMA Big Bird

June 3 AMA Funscale Contest

July 8 **NO LANDING FEE (FAMILY BBQ PICNIC & FUN-FLY) Yes no landing fee, it's free to all club members and their family.**

Fly Site: Cartwright Park, Sunshine Lake.
 Sponsor: Weatherford Aero Modelers #2267.
 CD: Verne Bell, 1805 Greenwood Cut Off Road, Weatherford, TX 76088. Phone: 817-599-9580(day) 817-599-9580(eve) E-Mail: vernebell2@netscape.net WebSite: www.wamsrc.com Great Location, great spectator location. North of Weatherford courthouse on Hwy US-51 to FM-920, Go 2 miles to Cartwright Park Road. \$10 landing fee. Food and restrooms available. 9a.m. to 4p.m.

MAY 19-21--Austin, TX (A) Red Flag Over Austin Site: Ralph Declairmont Field. Events: 512, 520, 522 (JSO) Sponsor: Hill Country Aeromodelers #1364. CD: Jerry Deluyck, 385 Yorks Crossing, Driftwood, TX 78619. Phone: 512-276-5052(day) 512-276-5052(eve) E-Mail: jdeluyck@austin.rr.com WebSite: www.hcamonline.org Scale Masters and AMA Scale Competition. Prizes for top three places in each class. Classes include Expert, Team, and Fun Scale.

MAY 20--Seagoville, TX (C) Big Bird Site: Dallas R.C. Club Field. Sponsor: Dallas R.C. Club #609. CD: Michael Sandling, 548 West



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Rea, Lancaster, TX 75146. Phone: 214-683-1994(day) 972-227-2023(eve) E-Mail: mhsandling@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.dallasrcclub.org Come fly off our 40x500ft. concrete runway. Lots of grass. Minimum wingspan; Mono - 80", Bi-plane 60" Concessions at field. See our web site for directions: dallasrcclub.org

MAY 20--Lucas, TX (C) RC Combat - Richardson, TX Site: Bratonia Park. 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 Join the country's top combat pilots for some of the most exciting flying you will ever enjoy. 2548 scale World War II fighters and slow Survivable Combat (SSC) class will be flown. AMA and hard hats are required. No camping or power available.

MAY 20-21--Haslet, TX (AAA) 59th Regional Free Flight Championship Site: Sendera Ranch, Haslet, TX. Events: Cat II: 101-103, (102-103C), (104-105C), 120, 124, 150-155, 501-504(JSO); 140, 142 (J)(SO). 1/2A & A NOS; SML FLD COMBO; Jr.COMBO(Any

AMA Model); (NFFS One DZN any 04 thru 06); FAC Events; Sponsor: Texas Cloud Climbers #606. CD: Mike Fedor, 2500 San Diego Dr., Arlington, TX 76015. Phone: 817-277-1829(day) E-Mail: mmfedor@aol.com Chase bike spark arrestor required, no DT fuses allowed.

MAY 20-21--Temple, TX (AA) Temple Aeromodelers Pattern Contest Site: Club Field. Events: 401-404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: Temple Aeromodelers #1059. CD: Bobby Zikes, 3306 Deer Trail, Temple, TX 76504. Phone: 254-773-3773(day) 254-773-3773(eve) E-Mail: bzpostal@hotmail.com Plaques or trophies through at least 3rd place in each numbered event.

MAY 27-28--Ft. Worth, TX (C) Annual GSW Big Bird Fly-In Site: 6903 Randol Mill Road. Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aeromodelers #1140. CD: Tim Lovett, 536 Holder Drive, Hurst, TX 76053. Phone: 817-268-7797(day) 817-268-7797(eve) E-Mail: crashdynamics@netzero.net WebSite: www.flygsw.org Manicured grass runway, \$10 landing fee includes lunch. Multiple classes for plaques. Bad Freqs 23, 24, 39, 40, 53, 54