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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:**  
**October 10, 2006**  
**7:00PM**  
**At The Field**

<b>President</b> .....	Tim Lovett .....	(817) 268-7797
<b>Vice President(s)</b> .....	Lee Rice .....	(817) 431-5408
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Sonny Coleman.....	(817) 251-3940
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<b>Newsletter Editor</b> .....	Roy Baker .....	(817) 545-4031

### President's Corner

First things first, this month's meeting will be at the field. It is the last month it will be at the field and in the future we will be at the Recreation Center in North Richland Hills again.

Next, this meeting is nomination time for your officers. Please be aware of this and consider your nominations carefully.

I was just at the All Scale event and was very pleased to see the field in such wonderful shape! Please tell the people that keep the grass mowed, the field watered and generally picked up "Thank You". Without the support of this bunch our field would not look the way it does.

The upcoming events the next couple of months are mostly connected with service organizations. Please attend these events and bring your donations for the canned food drives and Toys for Tots. I am very proud to be involved with a club that supports such organizations.

Also, Max Ficken will be taking the responsibility of all sanctioning for GSW. If we are going to have an event the sanctioning paperwork will go through Max. He has kindly volunteered to do that paperwork, advertise the events in the hobby shops and with other clubs in District VIII. This does not mean he will be the CD at every event, just handling the AMA or IMAA paperwork. If you want to CD an event, see Max.

This month is also the month we begin

to flesh out the events for 2007. If you want to have sanctioned events, bring the ideas and dates to the meeting. If we get the sanctions into AMA before the end of 2006, the ads in Model Aviation will not cost additional monies.

You should have received your AMA ballot for District VII Vice-President. Please consider sending it in with Lawrence Harville's name checked for this position. I am certain he would represent our club and the District very well in the position.

'Nuff Said,  
Hope to see you at the field!

*Tim Lovett  
President*

### GSWAM Upcoming Events

November 4th. Can food Drive, This is a Fun-Fly, Your landing fee will be can goods and lunch is on me.....

December 2nd. Fun-Fly, Toys for Tots, Your landing fee will be unwrapped toy's.

December 3rd. Annual Christmas Banquet.

*Gary Stephens*

## October Event Calendar

OCT 07--Aubry, TX (C) NDRCC All Scale Fly-In Site: Club Field. Sponsor: North Dallas RC Club #1238. CD: Douglas Jones, 3106 Bellflower, Carrollton, TX 75007-3920. Phone: 972-461-6536(day) 972-394-4332(eve) E-Mail: aeroc@comcast.net WebSite: www.ndrcc.com Club Field - 1810 Brewer Road (NE of Brewer & Fishtrap off of FM2931) Come and enjoy a magnificent field and fellowship. All types of scale models welcome. Turbine waiver required. \$15 landing fee. No limit on the number of models brought. All power types welcome. Scale helicopters also welcome.

OCT 07-08--Dallas, TX (AA) Fall Stunt Clinic and Contest Site: Hobby Park, Dallas, TX. Events: 323-326 (JSO) Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Phillip Nickles, 6640 Champion, Midlothian, TX 76065. Phone: 972-223-2311(day) 972-723-2311(eve) E-Mail: debbienickles@aol.com WebSite: www.DMAA-1902.org Stunt Clinic on Saturday, Contest on Sunday.

OCT 07-08--Wheatland, TX (C) S.A.M. Regional Championships Site: Pyramid Acres. Sponsor: Ft Worth Planesmen #734. CD: Stephen Bennett, 431 Longworth, Duncanville, TX 75116. Phone: 972-709-1732(eve) SAM 2006 rules apply. Saturday events; Texaco(comb), A Texaco, 1/2A Texaco, Scale Texaco. Sunday events; A/B Ign, C Ign, A/B Glo, C Glo, Antique(comb), Ohlsson SP, Brown Jr, Electric(LMR). RV Parking, Food

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OCT 14--Lake Palestine, TX (C) Tyler Modelers Fall Float-Fly Site: Lake Palestine. Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. CD: Jack Hogan, 8642 CR3408, Chandler, TX 75758.

Phone: 903-849-4193(day) 903-849-4193 (eve) E-Mail: jack1@chandlertexas.com WebSite: www.tylermodelers.com Directions and Information on Club Web Site. 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.

OCT 14--Seagoville, TX (C) Dallas R/C Scale Fly-In Site: 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 Any Scale airplane; gas or Electric. Any size. Just come fly and have a good time. 500' concrete runway, lots of grass. Landing fee: \$10 Check website for map to field. Additional Club Information

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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  
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) [rbaker19@comcast.net](mailto:rbaker19@comcast.net)

## September Secretary's Report

The September 2006 business meeting was called to order by Club President Tim Lovett at the club flying facility, the next meeting will be held at the North Richland Hills Community Center. [Note, according to Tim, the meeting will be at the field in October ...reb]

The August business meeting minutes were approved by the attending club members

New Members/Visitors: Bill Davis and Wes Beard

### Vice Presidents Field Report:

Lee Rice reported that the main runway will have pre-emergent applied this month. Runway mowing will be reduced from three times a week to two times a week due to late season growth.

### Treasurers Report:

Club Treasurer John Graham reported that the major expenditure for August was the water bill (\$356.00).

### Old Business:

IMAA Big Bird Meet: The IMAA Big Bird meet scheduled for October 21 & 22 has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts.

### New Business:

Sanctioned Events Coordinator: All future AMA sanctioned events are to be forwarded to Max Ficken in order to be processed and then forwarded on the AMA and District VIII events listing.

Club Raffle: This months raffle prize is Texas Rangers baseball tickets, donated by Steven Jeansonne. Steven donated four sets of two tickets with excellent seating in row eight, right down the first base line. Thanks Steven!

Model of the Month: This months winner is Lee Rice with his Horse-Fly electric biplane.

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*

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## September Training Report

Instruction has been going strong the past several weeks with the break in the heat. Tuesday and Thursday evenings have seen 3-4 students taking lessons and making progress toward becoming a pilot.

Thanks to those volunteers that are showing up and assisting with training on training evenings as well as other times during the week.

Max Ficken Coordinator.

*Max Ficken  
Instructor Coordinator*

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## October Safety Issues

Thank goodness we have made it through the extreme heat for the year 2006. I don't know about you, but this sure seemed like a long hot summer. Activity at the field should start to pick up with the cooler weather. As far as I know, we didn't have any heat related problems. Congratulations to all. As field activity increases, so does the risk of injury increase in direct portion to the activity increase.

One of the most common injuries we have at our flying site is a prop strike. With some extra prep on the work bench and some good habit development the risk of prop strike can be tremendously reduced.

How many of you balance a prop before installing it on your engine? Our Tech Site has some very good instructions on correctly balancing a prop. The purpose of balancing a prop is to eliminate unnecessary vibrations. A slightly flawed or nicked prop that is out of balance has the possibility of coming apart under the stress of high RPM. One bit of good advice, on the club Tech Site, is to use a reamer to enlarge the prop shaft hole instead of using a drill. The

drill has a good chance of getting the prop shaft hole off center. Reamers come in both standard and metric. You will need both.

If you nose over for some reason and the prop strikes the ground, carefully inspect the prop for damage before the engine is restarted. If the prop is damaged, in anyway, it should be replaced .

When revving your engine up, always stand behind the engine. Don't stand in front of the engine or by the side of the engine. A breaking up prop is like a guided missile and could cause a lot of injury.

A four stroke engine run with too lean of a fuel air mixture can back fire and throw a prop. This one I learned from experience.

In summary, Get yourself a good proper balancer and pay close attention to the condition of your prop and avoid injuries. **REMEMBER SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST.**

*Safe flying  
Lewie Moore*

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OCT 14-15--Austin, TX (C) HCAAM Annual Big Bird Site: Hill Country Aeromodelers Club Field. Sponsor: Hill Country Aeromodelers #1364. CD: Brian Mc Murray, 2707 Geronimo Trail, Austin, TX 78734. Phone: 512-608-8535(day) 512-494-4250(eve) WebSite: [www.hcamonline.org](http://www.hcamonline.org)80" Mono - 60" Biplanes or true quarter scale. Overnight camping Ok. No hook-ups. Landing fee \$15 with pilot meal provided. Awards will be given.

OCT 20-22--Austin, TX (C) ARCA Fall Heli Fun-Fly Site: Lester Field, 8705 Lindell Lane. Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Robert Price, 206 Breakaway Road, Cedar Park, TX 78613. Phone: 512-259-9232(day) 512-259-9232(eve) E-Mail: [rjpmode@aol.com](mailto:rjpmode@aol.com) WebSite: [www.austinrc.org](http://www.austinrc.org)RV Parking & Camping. RV Electric - \$5 per night. Free Pizza Friday night for pilots. 1 free lunch for pilots. Fajita cookout Saturday night - \$6. Night flying Fri & Sat nights. Registration \$20.

OCT 21--Grand Prairie, TX (C) Big Bird Fly-In/Raffle Site: Fulton Field. Sponsor: Golden Triangle R/C #610. CD: Gary Pannell, 3181 Mesquite, Venus, TX 76084. Phone: 817-247-6280(day) 817-477-3545(eve) E-Mail: [garpannell@netzero.net](mailto:garpannell@netzero.net) All aircraft to meet the 60"Bipe/80" Monoplane rule. Flying to begin at 9a.m. - 4:30. Pilot's meal included in landing fee of \$20. Awards for pilot choice.

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# **GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO CLUB FOOD DRIVE**

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**MAX FICKEN CD**

**817-498-4744**

**triplane@charter.net**

**Collection regardless of Weather  
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## Toys for Tots Fun Fly and Canned Food Drive

I need input and volunteers to plan and conduct the Paint Ball shoot if we are going to hold that part of the Toys for Tots program. I can't CD the event and run the Paint Ball shoot as well. I need someone that will take this event and run with it. The Old Dog can be resurrected for another season but may not last very long. At least one backup plane is needed. I need someone that can coordinate the paint guns, Air tanks and supplies as well as be responsible for the flight line and safety, dispensing the paint balls, collecting Fees and making change. This is a team effort that will involve a pilot, spotter, safety officer, and two people responsible for firing line safety and one or two on duty at all times to administer the event. If you are interested please contact me and I will set a time for a meeting to plan and set up the event. We normally conduct the event for a couple of hours in the late morning and a couple of hours after lunch.

For new members, we have held this event for several years and have collected as many as 160 toys each year to donate to the toys for tots program. Any airplane is eligible to fly. Entry fee is a new unwrapped toy. We try to accommodate everyone and have a good time and good food. More information forthcoming as we get close to the event which is the first Saturday of December.

Also in this newsletter is the flier for the food drive which will be held November 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is also a fun fly for any airplane with entry being canned or other nonperishable foods that are to be donated to a local food bank. Last year we collected 600 pounds of food stuffs that went to the Fort Worth Women's shelter. The wind was so bad that Saturday that nobody wanted to fly but still showed up with goods to donate to this worthy cause. Mark your calendar and attend and show that you care about those in need.

*Max Ficken*

## Instructors

**Please contact the instructors to schedule times for instruction. Additional information on club website [www.flygsw.org](http://www.flygsw.org) Students must be AMA and GSW members to participate in GSW Training program.**

### Airplane training & Inspections

Darryl Abby	Aircraft inspections	817-571-3258 dnabby@comcast.net
Barry Ponder	melissamelparis@sbcglobal.net	817-581-6413
Harold Davis	Harold_69@yahoo.com	817-680-2998
David Horton	dave01@sv1.net	817-313-8025
Duke Kimbrough	dukekimbrough@yahoo.com	817-692-1805
Joel Jarabek	jrkerabek@sbcglobal.net	817-545-0945
Russ Watson	Thursday and Friday	817-723-5050
Walt Fisher	Weekdays by appointment	Cell 817-368-6619 Home 817-540-5921 Wlfisher@comcast.net
Frank Rowell	Sunday and Tues and Thurs PM	817 265 2471 Frowell3@comcast.net
Tim Lovett	crashdynamics@charter.net	817-239-6401
Max Ficken	Tuesday and Thursday evenings	Home 817-498-4744 cell 817-691-9630 triplane@charter.net

### Helicopter Training

John Stanzak	Call and Schedule times	817-688-0327
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Please call instructors to schedule times. During hot and windy periods do not expect to find an instructor at the field. Please call to schedule times. Tuesday and Thursday training nights are scheduled to give students a less hectic time to learn but please contact an instructor so that everyone can be accommodated.

Raffle of donations.

OCT 21--Aubrey, TX (C) RC Combat - Aubrey, TX Site: NDRC Eagle Field, East of Denton. Sponsor: North Dallas RC Club #1238. 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. Scale World War 2 fighters (2548) and Slow Survivable Combat (SSC) classes will be flown. AMA and hard hats are required. Camping and Power available. Map: <http://www.ndrcc.com/maps.htm>

OCT 28--Dallas, TX (AA) DMAA Fall Finale. Site: Sauell Hobby Park, Dallas, TX. Events: 301-309; Sport Jet (JSO) - Record Ratio all speed classes & Sport Jet. Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Patrick

Hempel, 304 Becky Lane, Rockwall, TX 75087. Phone: 972-841-8766(day) E-Mail: phempel@dataconninc.com WebSite: [www.DMAA-1902.org](http://www.DMAA-1902.org)

OCT 28--Mansfield, TX (C) 2nd Annual Tailgate Swapmeet & Fly-In Site: Club Field on Hwy 917. Sponsor: Hawk Field Flyers of Texas #3369. CD: Ronald Colyer, 2106 Avalon Lane, Arlington, TX 76014. Phone: 817-680-6227(day) 817-680-6227(eve) E-Mail: rcloyer@sbcglobal.net WebSite: [www.hawkfield.org](http://www.hawkfield.org) Time is 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Vendors and pilots \$10. Spectators \$2 a car. Fee includes lunch for pilot and vendor only. E-Combat demo's during the day. Pilots & vendors wives and children free if non participants, but lunch is extra. Additional Club Information



## NOTES FROM THE AMA

### Security Advisory

*Jay Mealy, Programs Director*

Because of questions directed to the Academy of Model Aeronautics from various sources, we are reprinting two previously published advisories regarding dealing with law enforcement agencies and the news media when asked about model-aviation activities and our national security. We feel it is important to remind our members, clubs, and industry partners how to best represent our sport under such circumstances so the following are provided for your review.

### Security Advisory

The most important thing to do is to cooperate. Once the representatives have established their identity—and any legitimate officer or investigator will do this—cooperate by answering their questions honestly, politely, and with care. Please take these inquiries seriously and don't forget the impact your answers and attitude could have on your flying privileges not only locally but nationally.

These are the times to give factual information and not the time to brag on your "modeling exploits." Although you are answering questions to determine the security risk model airplanes may pose, you may also be answering questions asked by people who have never before experienced our sport. You may be teaching them about the activity they are investigating. If that is the case, you want them to be well informed so they can fully appreciate our activity.

Always remember to direct them to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, your national organization, for any additional information they may need. We have a good rapport with the agencies responsible and are glad to assist at any level necessary.

Establishing a good working relationship with such agencies is important not only to our national security but to the efforts put forth to maintain our privilege to continue participating in the sport we all cherish.

A copy of the Media Advisory, which AMA issued in April 2003, suggests how to respond should members of the media approach you. Please keep the points made in mind.

### Media Advisory

This advisory is a result of events involving the news media making contact with AMA chartered clubs or individuals.

In today's tense atmosphere of terrorist threats, possible military actions, etc., there appears to be exuberance on the part of news agencies and individual reporters to gather information concerning the use of model aircraft as possible security risks. Often, in an effort to take advantage of the opportunity to garner some public exposure for their local flying activities, the members are surprised when the news release does not resemble what they had assumed would be published. This results in negative press for the sport and local participants, and may spread misinformation.

As a service to all AMA chartered clubs, we are suggesting that if you or your club are contacted by TV, radio, newspaper, or Internet reporters for interviews (other than coverage of such activities as fly-ins, mall shows, airport awareness days, etc.) you direct them to the AMA Headquarters for information. If in doubt, please err on the side of caution.

Our main purpose for the "Advisory" was to bring the matter to the attention of our members and remind them of how important it is to be cautious when giving interviews during these times. We are all aware of how communications can be misunderstood or misinterpreted and how reporters can sometimes inject their own perceptions. All we can ask is that anyone speaking on behalf of our modeling activities be aware of what the consequences of their words might be.

At any time please contact Jay Mealy at AMA Headquarters with questions, comments, or concerns.

Jay Mealy  
Programs Director  
(765) 287-1256, ext. 270 office  
(765) 749-4841 cell  
jmealy@modelaircraft.org

## Working With Carbon Fiber or Fiberglass

You may have noticed that your tools do not last very long when sanding or filing carbon fiber or fiberglass. Even the best hardened tools will lose their edges when working with these materials. One trick I have found is to use a metal cut-off bit in my high-speed motor tool, but instead of using it at high speeds, I use it at low speed. I do not want to melt the resin as it will just wreck the bit. High-speed tools are great for many tasks, but when it comes to carbon fiber or fiberglass, I prefer to use these tools in the slowest setting possible.

Carbon fiber and fiberglass are great lightweight products used throughout our hobby. Sometime we may not even realize that we are working with these products since many airplanes are made of balsa and have a shrink-like covering, such as MonoKote or UltraKote.

Many of the airplane's motor mounts are made of a plastic material which in many cases is carbon fiber. Carbon fiber and fiberglass can be deadly if inhaled. These materials cannot be dissolved by the body and will remain in your lungs. The body will try to rid itself of this foreign material and can cause respiratory problems and possible death.

When drilling, filing, or sanding anything that looks as though it is made of plastic, carbon fiber, or fiberglass, it is always best to wear a good mask that will filter out the very small particles you will be producing. The best mask you can buy and one that uses a carbon filter and has a good, tight fit is the one you should use.

You should also wear some sort of eye protection because removing fiberglass dust or particles from your eyes will not be a pleasant or easy task.

*—from the Batavia RC Flying Club Website, Batavia NY*

### **GSWAM CHARTER MEMBERS**

Bob Snyder

### **EMERITUS MEMBERS**

Lewis Brachey

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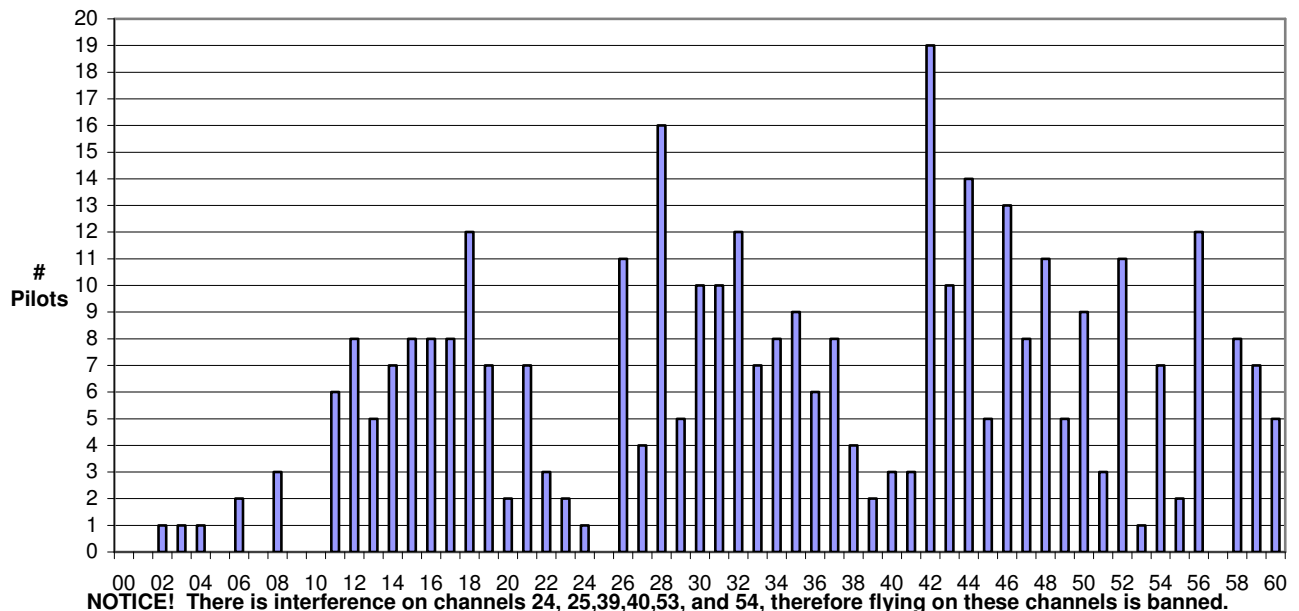
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