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# The Tail Spinner

## Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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### AMA 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:

**Tuesday  
February 13, 2007  
NRH Rec Center  
7:00PM**

<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
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Tom Russell .....	(817) 457-3236
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> .....	Roy Baker .....	(817) 545-4031

### President's Corner

February, one of our coldest months! What are you building? This is the time to get those projects finished so you have a hangar-full for flying season. I haven't been able to go flying in way too long!

I have several projects I need to get finished and seemingly have run into snags that keep me out of the shop. I hope to get some time in the shop soon so I can come play when it warms up. We have several events coming up. Make sure you look at the events list and plan to play!

By the time you receive the newsletter the locks at the field will have been changed and only this year's key will work the locks. Old members discard last year's key. Member's keys will unlock the main and north gates and the gate into the concession area. Master keys will unlock all locks. If you are a person in need of a master key and have not been given one already; please contact Lee Rice or myself to get your key. By creating the regular/master key we have eliminated our maintenance workers having to keep up with multiple keys.

The new Coke machine has been installed at the field. This one holds more cans, is newer, and all the vending slots work! Exciting times!!!

Please come to the meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>. I will not be able to attend, but there is an important piece of business

that needs to be addressed. This one affects our flying site and I feel sometimes offense is better than defense. We need to take a pro-active stance and get business handled!

Hope to see you soon.

*Tim Lovett, President*

### And You Want to Know Why I Like Retirement ...

Q: How many days are in a week?  
A: Six Saturdays and one Sunday.

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?  
A: Three hours after he falls asleep on the sofa..

Q: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?  
A: One—but it might take all day.

Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?  
A: There's not enough time to get everything done.

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called seniors?  
A: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Q: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?  
A: Tied shoes.

Q: Why do retirees count pennies?  
A: They are the only ones who have the time.

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## February/March Event Calendar

FEB 10--Huffman, TX (A) 11th Annual Frozen Fickle Finger Of Fate Fun-Fly Site: Jetero RC Field, East of Huffman, TX on FM-686. Events: 705 (JSO) Sponsor: Jetero RC Inc. #1218. CD: Horrace Cain, 31619 Bohlssen Road, New Caney, TX 77357-7836. Phone: 1-281-399-5627(day) 1-281-399-5627(eve) E-Mail: [cainhd@aol.com](mailto:cainhd@aol.com) WebSite: [www.jetero.com](http://www.jetero.com) Competitive. Awards: % of entry fees. RB 705 can be done with Trainer. Electrics welcome. ROG req. Four rounds, 2 tasks each, selected from Rule Book Event 705 to be announced 30 days prior to event. Lunch available.

FEB 10-11--San Angelo, TX (C) Texas Indoor New Year Fly-In Site: San Angelo Coliseum, 50 East 43rd Street. Sponsor: Angelo R/C #2444. CD: Mark Greer, 3108 Orchard Drive, San Angelo, TX 76903. Phone: 325-450-0635(day) 325-227-8541(eve) E-Mail: [aeronot@gmail.com](mailto:aeronot@gmail.com) WebSite: [www.angelorc.com/tiny](http://www.angelorc.com/tiny) 100' X 200' floor and 65' ceiling. \$10 landing fee for weekend. Large pit area with plenty of electrical outlets.

FEB 17--Aubrey, TX (C) Operation Bodenplotte Site: NDRCC Field, 2060 Brewer Road. Sponsor: North Dallas RC Club #1238. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) E-Mail: [ed.kettler3@verizon.net](mailto:ed.kettler3@verizon.net) WebSite: [www.ndrcc.com/maps.htm](http://www.ndrcc.com/maps.htm) RC Scale Combat 2548 and Electric 3696. AMA Cards and hard hats required. Come fly with the hottest pilots to



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FEB 25--Dallas, TX (C) Not Presidents Day Contest. Site: Dallas Hobby Park. Events: P-40 Stunt (B)(I)(A)(E); Almost Ready to Fly (ARF) (B)(I)(A)(E) Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Mike Scott, 1111 Pack Dr., Hillsboro, TX 76645. Phone: 214-478-6263(day) 214-388-7025(eve) E-Mail: [MikSct@cs.com](mailto:MikSct@cs.com) WebSite: <http://www.DMAA-1902.org/> No appearance points in either event. Any ARF is welcome in the ARF event.

MAR 16-18--Fort Worth, TX (A) Lone Star Nationals - RC Combat Site: Club Field, 6903 Randol Mill Road. Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aero Modelers #1140. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75924. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) 972-618-2989(eve) E-Mail: ed.

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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@tx.rr.com](mailto:rbaker19@tx.rr.com)

## January Secretary's Report

The January 2007 business meeting was called to order by Club Vice-President Lee Rice at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

The Minutes of the November meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved. (We did not have a December business meeting due to the club's Christmas Party)

**Visitors/New Members:** Harold Staats & Bob McClure

### Old Business:

**Field Report:** Club V.P. Lee Rice totalized the 2006 flying field expenditures and reported the following: Field Maintenance (includes fertilizer, grass seed etc...): \$1,176.00  
Gas & oil for the mowers and weed eaters: \$289.98  
Cold drinks for coke machine: \$992.91

**Mall Show:** The Mall show coordinators are to meet with the Northeast Mall management on Saturday, January 20, 2007, to schedule the date for the Mall Show.

### New Business:

**Flight Instructors Report:** Frank Rowell is our new Lead Flight Instructor, welcome aboard Frank! Those interested in becoming a club flight instructor should contact Frank via email at [frowell3@tx.rr.com](mailto:frowell3@tx.rr.com). The club flight training program is free of charge and held at the club flying facility on Mondays & Wednesdays (after things thaw out). If you are already a flight instructor and your name is not listed on the club web site's instructor list, please contact Frank.

**Club Leaders of 2007:** Field Marshal : Barry Ponder, Safety Officer: Lewie Moore, Events Director: Gary Stephens, Concessions Directors: Barry Ponder & Gary Stephens. Our Sanctioned Events Coordinator is Max Ficken, all sanction events scheduled at the club flying facility must be approved by Max.

**Club Membership Application and Fee Changes:** Senior membership dues have changed from \$30.50 to \$31.00,

and the fee for club name badges was \$3.00 and is now \$5.00. Membership applications available for download on the club web site have been modified to reflect the price changes.

**Frequency Board Changes:** The new Spektrum radios no longer require pilots to use any of the normal radio frequencies listed on the frequency board, but in order to keep up with who is actively flying, the bottom card tray on the board will be labeled as the spot for those flying with Spektrum radios to put their club membership cards.

**Model of the Month:** We had three excellent aircraft on display for the January 2007 Model of the Month award, and they were: Barry Ponder's stop-sign looking "Round-Tooit" (which, by the way, is a great flying aircraft), Dave Ek's electric Zero fighter (the one he won at the 2006 Christmas Party Raffle), and John D. Stanzak's heavily modified Raptor 50 which is actually a camera platform that John flies and wife Theresa operates the remote camera. John has some in-flight videos taken while flying the Raptor posted on his web site @: <http://www.tashelishots.com>. And the winner is..... John's Raptor 50!

Sonny Coleman - Secretary  
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Q: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

A: Nuts!

Q: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic, and garage?

A: They know that as soon as they do, one of the adult kids will want to store their stuff there.

Q: What do retirees call a long lunch? A: Normal. Q: What is the best way to describe retirement?

A: The never ending coffee break.

Q: What is the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Q: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work but he misses the people he used to work with?

A: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Q: What do you do all week?

A: Monday through Friday, nothing and on Saturday and Sunday I rest!

From The Transmitter, Baltimore,



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RC Combat: Scale 2548 Friday, Open B Saturday, SSC Sunday. Hard Hats required. Power and food available at the field. For additional information contact Max Ficken @ 817-691-9632. The Lone Star Nationals is one of the largest combat contests in the world, drawing the top pilots from all over the country. Prizes will be given for all classes. Banned frequencies are 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, 54. Are unusable. Concessions Saturday & Sunday.

MAR 24--Tyler, TX (C) 1st Annual TMC Helicopter Event Site: North Side Park. Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. CD: Jerry Truell, 2402 Pollard Drive, Tyler, TX 75701. Phone: 903-316-9169(day) 903-316-9169(eve) E-Mail: [truelljerry@aol.com](mailto:truelljerry@aol.com) WebSite: [www.tylermodelers.com](http://www.tylermodelers.com) Landing Fee: \$15.00 AMA required, helicopters only, must fly to be eligible for prizes. Best of Show, pilot's choice and spectators choice. Lunch, and raffle tickets will be for sale. Grass strip, electricity. Check web site for additional information and map to field.

MAR 24--Odessa, TX (C) Gatebuster Charity Fly-In Site: Propbuster Field. Sponsor: Odessa Propbusters #618. CD: Glen Tabor, 4506 Meredith Pl., Midland, TX 79707. Phone: 432-553-2022(day) 432-689-3732 (eve) E-Mail: [gtabor23@grandecom.net](mailto:gtabor23@grandecom.net) WebSite: [www.prop-busters.com](http://www.prop-busters.com) Charity Fly-In benefiting a grandson of Maurice Alfred, hurt in a motorcycle accident. Everyone come. Everything flies. \$20 Landing fee goes for hospital expenses.

MAR 31-APR 01--Seguin, TX (AA) Centex Championships. Site: Randolph Aux. AFB, Seguin, TX. Events: 323-326 (JSO); Old Time Stunt; Classic Stunt. Sponsor: Tri-City Flyers #850. CD: John Hess, 131 Fantasia, San Antonio, TX 78216. Phone: 210-797-3353 (day) 210-342-8029(eve) E-Mail: [jphess@satx.rr.com](mailto:jphess@satx.rr.com) WebSite: [www.tricityflyers.com](http://www.tricityflyers.com) For info: Gaylord Elling [lordelling@earthlink.net](mailto:lordelling@earthlink.net) Phone: 210-269-7180(day) 210-561-7996(eve)



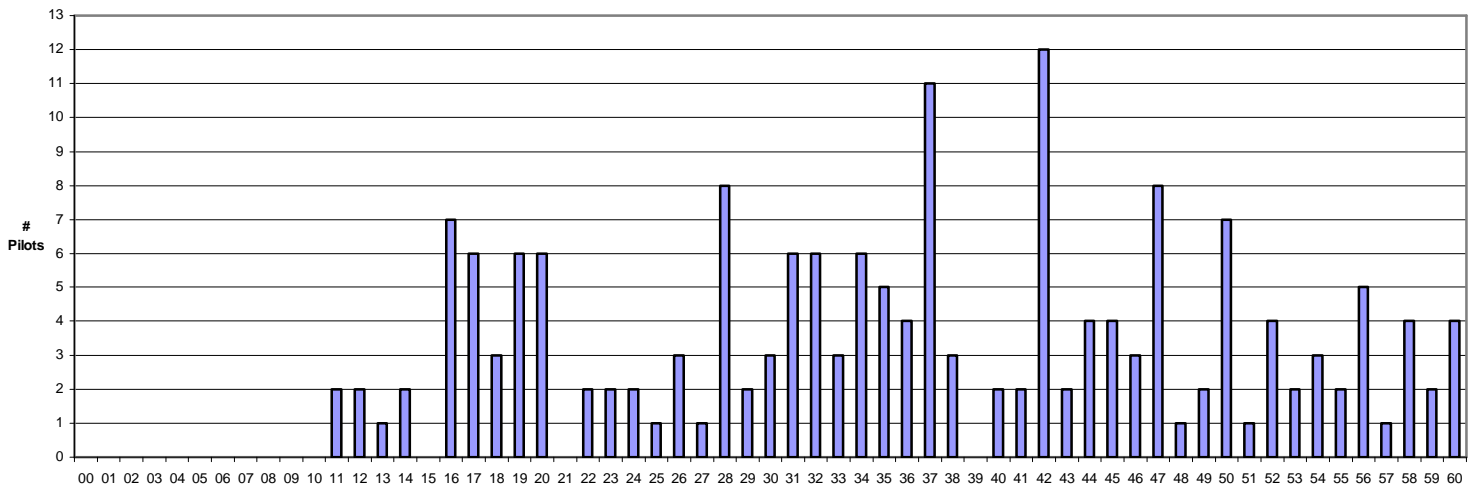
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 Frequency/Channel Usage



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