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Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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AMA Gold Leader Club

The Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Inc. is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club By-Laws. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located at 6903 Randol Mill Road, 1/4 mile east of exit 26 off of Loop 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 flying field during the summer months and 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) during the winter..

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President's Corner

The Toys for Tots fly in is coming up the December. Be sure to attend this event and bring an unwrapped, new toy for admission. We will enjoy flying, eating and good fellowship. We will get some exciting events together and look forward to seeing you there. We have had a very good turnout from club members in the past for this charity and look forward to another good season. Please remember this to bless someone less fortunate than yourself during Christmas!

The club members and their student guests were wowed by flights by club member, J.J. Jennings. J.J. is a member of the Texas Heat Wave Show Team, and he did put on quite a show. He also provided a Hobbyzone Firebird Freedom Electric RTF airplane, courtesy of Horizon Hobby for the raffle. The raffle was won by Andrew Robinson, so maybe we'll have a future club member! Much thanks, J.J. and my apologies for not getting this in the newsletter with the other TAG event info.

The Christmas party is December 8 at Mercado Juarez in Arlington at 7:00PM. Contact one of the club officers, Lawrence Harville, Max Ficken, Lewie Moore, John Stanzak for tickets. Tickets are \$20.00 a piece. If you are new to the club; you will find that many times you take more home in prizes than the cost of your ticket. And on top of that, you get a good meal and fun time, too! Plan to join us.

ON THE SAFE SIDE

Safety is Everybody's Business
by Jim Rice

If you are an AMA member, you need to be concerned with safety at your flying field. It is easier to take the heat from a fellow club member for correcting him or her for a safety violation than it is to take that same person to the hospital or the morgue.

I own a hobby shop and it used to worry me to stop people and correct them on safety issues but one day it dawned on me that if one person creates a serious enough safety incident it could cost us a field, which would really hurt my business. If that person maimed or killed another good customer/friend, I would be out a customer anyway. If they did any of that without me trying to intercede and make a difference, then I would probably never forgive myself.

So, the result has been that I take safety to heart every day at every field and I am as gentlemanly and tactful as I can possibly be so as not to aggravate a customer while at the same time fixing a problem at the field. Generally it is not

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*Tim Lovett
President*

Next Meeting:

December 8, 2007
7:00PM
Mercado Juarez
Christmas Party
(see map inside)

TAG Event Update

I left out some significant information about our October TAG (Take-off And Grow) event. Was certainly hit by the CRS syndrome last month, so here's some details that I wanted to add. All of the excellent pictures of the event were taken by Ed Perez, thanks very much Ed.

**Dec/Jan Event
Calendar**

DEC 08--Ft. Worth, TX (C) Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Club Toys for Tots Fly-In. Site: Club Field, 6903 Randol Mill Road. Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Club #1140. CD: Max Ficken, 8216 Hallmark Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180. Phone: 817-691-9630(day) 817-498-4744(eve) E-Mail: triplane@charter.net WebSite: www.flygsw.org Register @ 8a.m., Flying 9a.m. to 4p.m. Any size airplane. Fun Fly. No Turbines. 600' X 75' manicured grass runway. On site concessions. Raffles, Landing fee New unwrapped Toy to be donated to Toys for Tots program. Known Bad Channels; 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, 54. .4 miles East of E Loop 820 on Randol Mill Road.

JAN 18-19--Georgetown, TX (UnSanc) 11th Annual Swap Meet. Sponsor: Georgetown Aero Modelers Association. WebSite: www.gamarc.org The Georgetown Aero Modelers Association (GAMA) is hosting our 11th annual Swap Meet, Jan. 18 & 19 2008. This has become the largest Swap Meet in the Texas area. All the information and directions to the Swap Meet can be found on our club web site www.gamarc.org . If you need specific information contact Bob Petrinc at rbpetrinc@austin.rr.com. Please inform your club members. Thank you

JAN 26--Rio Hondo, TX (C) Flightfest 2008. Site: Club Field GPS: 26.22012, -97.5867.



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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:

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November Secretary's Report

The November 2007 business meeting was called to order by club President Tim Lovett at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

The October business meeting minutes were approved by the attending club members as they were written.

2008 Club Officers: President - Tim Lovett, Vice President - Lee Rice, Secretary - Sonny Coleman, Treasurer - Tom Russell, and Newsletter Editor - Roy Baker.

Other Official Duties: Flight Instruction Coordinator: Frank Rowell, Mowing Boss: Lewie Moore, Safety Officer: Joel Jarabek, and Barry Ponder will return as our Field Marshall.

Work Day: Saturday, November 17th @ 9:00 A.M.

Old Business:

Christmas Party Update: The 2007 Christmas Party will again be at Mercado Juarez in Arlington on December 8th [at 7:00PM]. The address is 2222 Miller Road in Arlington, TX, and the cost is \$20.00 per person.

Canned Food Drive: The canned food drive was a great success, there were many pilots and planes present for the event, but best of all, there were enough donated canned goods to nearly fill the back of Tim Lovett's Suburban! Providing food for the needy is defiantly a good endeavor for the club to participate in, and we do so each and every year.

New Business:

2007 Mall Show: The 2007 Mal Show will again be held at the Northeast Mall Location. Harold Staats will be coordinating this year's Mall Show. No date has been set as of yet, but February or March is preferable, depending on what dates are made available for the event.

H.O.R. Fun-fly: Time to dust-off that old H.O.R. (Heck on Rails), a date some time in February has been discussed, stay tuned for more information.

Model of the Month: Harold Staats III won the November Model of the Month

Award with his Extra 330, powered by a 1.20 four-stroke engine.

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, where there is an abundance of useful information available.

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necessary to scream at or humiliate a person who is violating safety rules, a gentle reminder can usually do the trick.

However, if it is really serious and a nudge doesn't do the trick, it may be necessary to take a more forceful approach or even call in assistance from your club's board of directors.

It is important that we all have the opportunity to fly in a safe environment. I have seen pilots land, pack, and go home to avoid flying with or being around a pilot who is dangerous or drinking and flying. That only allows the standard to be lowered.

I worked for a really smart Major General once who drilled into all of us the fact that if you walked past a problem and didn't correct it, you set a new standard and it was lower.

That same philosophy applies to our flying fields. If any of us observes a problem and doesn't try to fix it, we have told the perpetrator that what they are doing is okay with us.

Complaining to each other about the problem without confronting it only aggravates you and your friends while appearing to condone the activity. Find a way to bring it up or get someone else to do it but don't wait until the next club meeting or tattle to the Safety Officer. It really needs to be fixed at the time of occurrence so it can be discussed, if necessary, between all parties present at the time.

Every accident involving safety should be drilled into your mind and reviewed from every aspect to ensure that you know what caused it, what should have been done to avoid it and what you will do in the future to prevent recurrence.

I had a friend hit in the face with a Taurus and it buried the Enya .60 in his

cheek all the way to the carburetor. As it turned out, the injured guy had gone dead stick and was walking across the runway to retrieve his airplane and the other guy was making a low, fast flyby. He was turned toward his airplane and could not see the first guy walking onto the runway behind him. He saw him only as his airplane collided with him.

It was all avoidable! Simple communication between pilots would have prevented the incident. I make sure I loudly call out "On the field" and make sure everyone in the air at the time acknowledges before I walk across the dead line and then yell "Clear" when they can use the runway again.

A second incident involved a man starting a G-62 with a starter and the assistant holding the large aircraft by standing in front of the horizontal stabilizer. As the starter was pressed against the spinner, the airplane moved backward between the holder's feet and simultaneously the engine started. As the man with the starter looked down to put the starter down, the airplane at a high idle moved back forward until it came to rest on the holder's ankles.

The man starting the engine just saw the airplane moving and thought his friend had released the airplane so he tried to reach over the propeller and grab the fuselage to stop the airplane. In the process, he got his forearm in the propeller and got several deep cuts in his arm requiring a trip to the emergency room and several stitches.

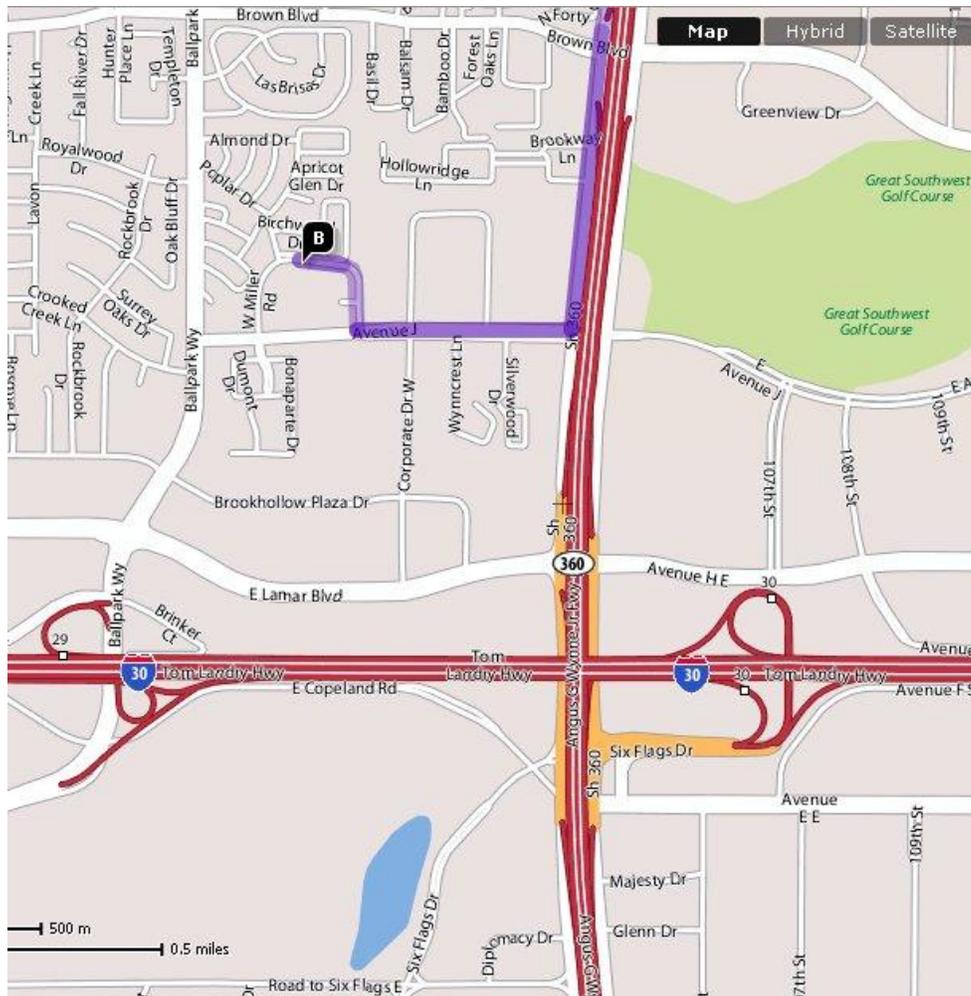
I reviewed the incident with an eye toward ensuring it never occurred when I was holding an airplane. The best answer is to kneel or crouch down and hold the airplane with your hands, however many of us are older, heavier, and lazier than others.

What I do now is stand over the airplane with the leading edge of the stabilizer against one ankle and then I place the other foot forward so that the trailing edge of the wing is against the shin. That way, the airplane cannot move back as the starter is applied and cannot move forward when it starts.

If the airplane is big enough or is a biplane, I can stand with the stabilizer against both ankles then bend at the waist and hold the canopy or top wing to stop the airplane from moving to the rear. Restraints are good but they do not stop the airplane from moving back when the starter is applied.

Try to make something good come from every accident. Learn what caused it then plan to prevent it and educate others at

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**Pictures from
the November
10, GSWAM
Food Drive**



Greater Southwest Aero Club Toys for Tots Fun Fly



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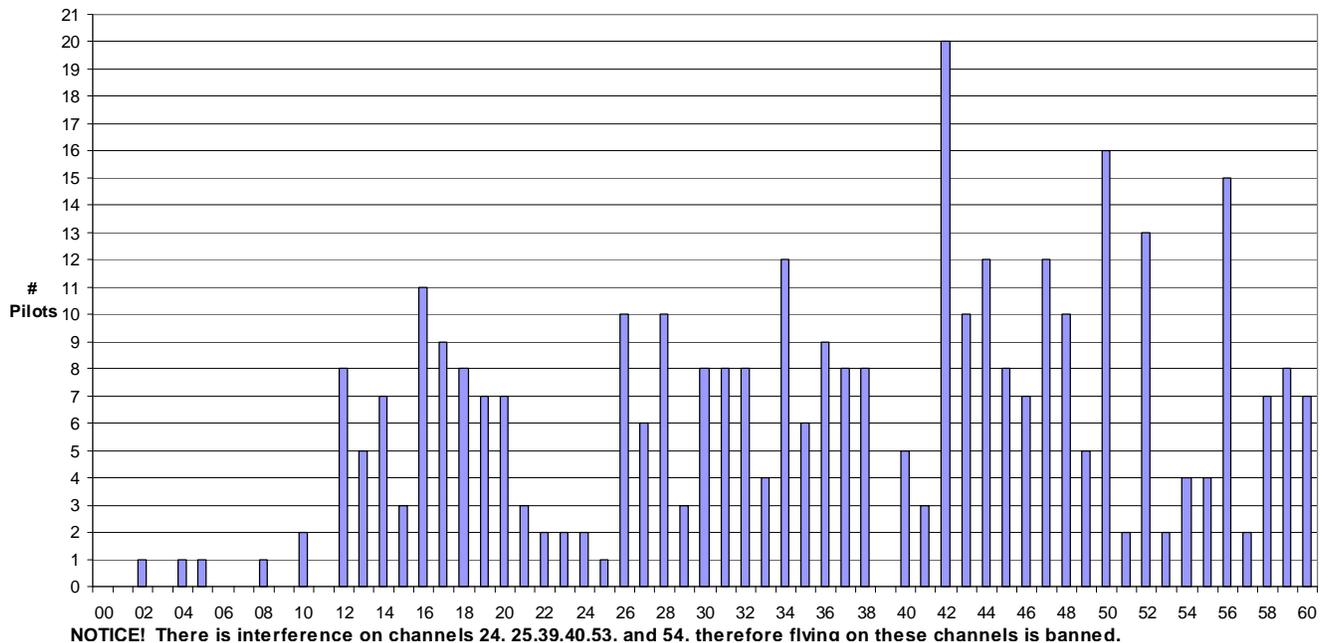
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**2007 -November
 Greater Southwest Modeler's Club
 Frequency/Channel Usage**



NOTICE! There is interference on channels 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, and 54, therefore flying on these channels is banned.

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