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Club
#1140

The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

P.O. Box 1355

Bedford, TX 76021

<http://www.flygsw.org>



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..

Next Meeting:

January 8, 2008
7:00PM
NRH Rec Center

President	Tim Lovett.....	(817) 268-7797
Vice President(s)	Lee Rice	(817) 431-5408
Secretary	Sonny Coleman	(817) 251-3940
Treasurer	Tom Russell.....	(817) 457-3236
Newsletter Editor	Roy Baker.....	(817) 545-4031

President's Corner

Happy New Year! The Holidays are over and I hope you and family are doing well. It seems like 2008 has surely snuck up on us. Funny, years keep getting shorter the longer I go! I always heard that, but now I can see it more clearly.

2007 was a good year and we saw several changes with the club. Comforting to know that one thing did not change. GSWAM has one of the nicest grass field runways within the AMA! That is due to the care given the field by our maintenance crews. We have not always enjoyed such a wonderful runway. Many of our members can remember when that runway might well have been described as a corn cob. Then with much hard work, equipment, and continually watering, fertilizing and mowing the field, we keep it that way. Our mowing crew has carried this torch for several years and we are in need of others to step up to take on a much needed job. This club has enjoyed low dues for decades because of volunteers willing to take on the workload. Seemingly, the amount of volunteers has waned, leaving us with over-worked persons that are getting worn out trying to do the work of many people.

Considering this, one of the major topics of discussion starting this meeting will be our club dues structure. If we cannot get volunteers to do the needed work, then we will have to pay to have the work done. Of course, that costs money, and that money must come from the membership dues. Your officers have met and discussed this and have spoken with several members about it. The general feeling at this time is the removal

of our senior discount, along with a slight raise in the dues and a hike in the initiation fee will take care of the monetary issue. I will be opening dialogue this meeting to re=vamp the dues structure. Please come to the meeting this month and for the next couple of months to help guide the club's direction on this and some other items of need.

Many of you may be aware that we were named in a noise article placed on the Internet by a one-horse organization called Noise Free America.org. It is based in Madison, Wisconsin and was contacted by a disgruntled past member, Keith White. We have contacted NFA and suggested he should have verified his source before printing some lies and suggested a retraction. AMA headquarters has also been contacted by your officers and seems to be responding from there as well.

While I do not feel we are totally threatened by this event, I would call everyone's attention to the noise your models are creating. We have been monitoring the decibel levels from many and this will be another area of discussion for upcoming meetings. Be there!

Work at the field will be starting again very soon. Items to be accomplished are as follows: leveling the runway, concrete floor in the concession area, kitchen sink replacement, new door hardware for south shed and parking lot repairs. You are needed at the workdays which are the Saturday, or Sunday, after the meetings. I will attempt to place a notice on the website, but the safest way to find out what we are doing is to come to the meeting! Remember, the runway is closed during the workday. We are

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**Jan/Feb Event
Calendar**

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 Petrinec at rbaketrinec@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. Events: Sponsor: Small Model Aircraft Society of Harlingen #2135. CD: Guy Long, 27761 Baker Potts Road, Harlingen, TX 78552. Phone: 956-792-9864(day) 956-423-1631(eve) E-Mail: tandjlong@netzero.com

Feb 24 - Fort Worth TX (UnSanc) H.O.R. Fun Fly. Site: Club Field -Greater Southwest Aero Modelers of Fort Worth TX. Starting time 11:00am. See flier in this issue for details.



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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
(817) 455-0922 (cell)

(e-mail) rbaker19@tx.rr.com

December Secretary's Report

No Secretary's report for this month due to Club Christmas Party.

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considering closed fly-days for the workers as a reward for hard labor, sweat and perseverance. Please come join us! I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and at the field.

*Tim Lovett
President*

CLUB BYLAWS

As Tim mentioned, one of the serious items up for discussion at the meeting this month is our club dues structure. Unfortunately this will be the start of a rather long process of making modifications to our club bylaws. Our bylaws were last modified and updated in formally printed in the Tail Spinner in 2005, and as I remember, it was a long painful process, involving multiple versions being published in the Tail Spinner over a period of four or five months. I've included a copy of the version of the club bylaws that were published in the October 2005 newsletter.

At the May 2007 meeting, members present voted to clarify dues structure, but I do not have the formal wording of that bylaw change. I'll publish that changed wording if I can get the actual wording.

Hopefully this will give us a head start on discussions for changes needed this year.

*Roy Baker
Newsletter Editor*



Toys for Tots Fun Fly



Once again, GSWAM members responded with generosity during our Toys for Tots Fun Fly. Max Ficken was in charge of the festivities again this year. Max reported that we donated 175 toys to the Marines for their toy drive. That was an increase from the 160 we donated to the cause in 2006. Congratulations and a well done to all club members who participated.



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BY-LAWS

GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO MODELERS

AMA CHARTERED CLUB 1140

FORT WORTH TEXAS

EFFECTIVE: 13 SEPTEMBER 2005

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE: A fee assessed to anyone joining the club who was not a member in good standing the previous year.

CLUB MEMBER: Shall be an individual in good standing with AMA and the club.

DUES: Membership fees charged to individuals of good standing with AMA to join GSWAM.

EMERITUS MEMBER: An honorary and permanent title granted by the President to a non dues paying member with no gate key, no flying or voting privileges.

FAMILY MEMBER: (1) Spouse of a senior member in good standing (2) children of a senior member in good standing by birth or adoption under the age of 18.

FEE: Payment required for membership, goods, services, benefits, and privileges.

GOOD STANDING: Shall be a current AMA member who is current in all GSWAM dues and fees.

JUNIOR MEMBER: Shall be a member under the age of 18.

NEW MEMBER: Shall be an AMA member joining the club who was not a member in good standing with the club the previous year.

NLT Not later than.

ODA: Other Duties Assigned.

REJOIN: The act of joining the club after a period of absence of at least 1 year shall be considered a New Member and must pay appropriate fee/dues.

RENEWAL: The act of renewing one's membership of the previous year and maintaining one's current good standing status with the club.

SAB: Same As Above.

SENIOR CITIZEN: Shall be 62 years old as of 1 January.

SENIOR MEMBER: Shall be an AMA member and a club member 18 or older.

QUORUM: (1) 50% of members in good standing in attendance of a business meeting (2) 15 members in good standing in attendance of a business meeting.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP: Shall be a one calendar year temporary status granted to a minor under the age of 16 who is an AMA member, and is not a GSWAM family member. No voting privileges. The following calendar year the individual shall be considered a New Junior Member and shall pay application processing dues and fees.

ARTICLE I: NAME: The name of this club is GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO MODELERS (GSWAM) Fort Worth Texas and may be referred herein as "the club".

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE: GSWAM's purpose is to aid, assist, and encourage building and flying of model aircraft.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP:

A. Qualifications: A member shall be in good

standing with Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Shall pay appropriate dues as set forth in paragraph 3B.

B. Dues: Dues are non refundable and include a gate key. Dues are as follows:

(1) New Member \$20 application processing fee, and \$61 annually. New Member's annual dues shall be prorated semi annually i.e., January through December is \$61, and July through December is \$30.50. A partial period is considered a whole period.

(2) Renewing senior member, \$61 annually regardless renewal date.

(3) Senior citizen, one half of the required annual dues.

(4) Family Member, \$1 gate key fee if needed

(5) Junior Member, \$61 annual dues.

(6) Youth Membership, \$2 annual fee (not prorated).

(7) Officers, dues are waived the year following a full term (12 months) in office.

(8) Emeritus Member, shall be permanently designated by the President with dues waived.

NOTE: Dues may be changed by 2/3 approval of a quorum.

C. Resignation: Any member in good standing may resign their membership by given written notice to the club. There will be no refund of dues.

D. Termination: If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, their membership in the Club shall thereby terminate subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

E. Expulsion: This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by the member(s). Any individual expelled may be reinstated by a 2/3 approval vote of the quorum if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these By-Laws, or Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

F. Reinstatement: A 2/3 vote of approval of a quorum is required for reinstatement prior to 1 January the year following the expulsion.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

A. OFFICERS and DUTIES

(1) PRESIDENT shall be the chairperson at all meetings of GSWAM when possible. Shall be the spokesperson to the media in all matters pertaining to the club.

(2) VICE PRESIDENT shall act in the same capacity as the President when the President is absent. When the President is unable to serve; the Vice President shall become the President. Shall be responsible for field maintenance and safety. Will procure Name Badges as requested. ODA by the President.

(3) SECRETARY shall record the minutes of all

business meetings, maintain current club roster, announce scheduled and special business meetings, coordinate with and processes correspondence between GSWAM and AMA as necessary to satisfy AMA administrative requirements, maintains the Constitution, the By-Laws, the Field Regulations, by incorporating any and all approved changes to said documents in a timely fashion, provides membership applications, cards, keys to the hobby shops processing our membership applications, orchestrates the changing of the gate locks on 31 January and obtaining necessary keys to support our membership. ODA assigned by the President.

- (4) TREASURER shall collect all money due to GSWAM (dues, fees, special assessments, donations, contest entry fees, auctions, raffles, etc). Shall pay all club debts and maintain accurate record of money received and disbursed. Shall make financial records available for all members' perusal when requested. ODA by the president.
 - (5) NEWSLETTER EDITOR shall assemble, edit, print, and mail the club's newsletter so all members receive the newsletter prior to the next scheduled business meeting. ODA by the president.
 - (6) Appointed Officers are Safety Officer, Field Marshall, Training Officer, and the Field Event/Activity Officer. Each officer shall perform duties commensurate within their office. Appointments expire at the end of the calendar year.
- B. Term of Office: Officers are elected annually and the term of office shall expire at the end of the calendar year.
- C. Nominations for the BOD: Nominations for Office shall be made in October. Nominations may be from the floor or by letter.
- D. Primary Elections: Primary Elections shall be in November using a paper ballot.
- E. Special Elections: Shall be held to fill a vacated office as necessary using a paper ballot.
- F. Quorum: Shall be of 50% of the members in good standing or 15 such members present, whichever is lesser to constitute a meeting.
- G. Recall: A 2/3 approval vote of a quorum is required to recall an elected officer.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS shall be on the 2nd Tuesday at 7PM monthly at a place to be determined by the membership. Special meetings may be called by the President or 50% of the membership. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify all members of the meeting NLT 3 days prior to the meeting. Notification shall include date, place, time, and agenda. When possible the President shall preside over all meetings. Minutes shall be recorded and published so all members are aware of the meeting's out come. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply during

all GSWAM meetings.

ARTICLE VI: FLYING FIELD is open to all members in good standing. Field Regulations must be followed. Pilots operating a transmitter on an Amateur Radio frequency must hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio Operator License. An expenditure for field maintenance in excess of \$300 must be approved by 2 club officers.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES shall be appointed by the President. They may be for a special project and terminate upon completion, or they may be for a period of time. All appointments shall expire at the end of the calendar year. The new President shall reappoint/reaffirm all committees/appointments by or during February's business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS to the By-Laws requires 2/3 approval of a quorum. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify all members of the proposed amendment(s) NLT 3 days prior to the day the amendment will be considered for approval.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, the duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with a 2/3 approval vote of the TOTAL MEMBERSHIP. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify all members of the meeting, to dissolve the club NLT 3 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XI: VIOLATION DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

1st Violation: 3 witnessing members sign the violation form listing the Field the Safety Regulation violation and ask violator to *sign the form. Give the form to the Safety Officer.

2nd Violation: SAB plus a one month suspension of field privileges imposed by the Safety Officer.

3rd Violation: SAB plus member is suspended by the President until next meeting when, if present, the individual may argue his case to the membership. Ultimate disposition will be determined by a majority vote of a quorum. If expelled, the individual must surrender club card and gate key. The individual may rejoin the club 1 January as a New Member and shall pay appropriate dues/fees.

Any member receiving a violation form, who directs any retaliation action against the person(s) reporting the violation(s) will be subject to immediate expulsion from the club by the President. This includes threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or other action deemed to be retaliatory by the club officers.

*If individual refuses to sign the form make necessary notation and a copy of the form will be mailed to the person.

THIS SUPERSEDES 9 AUGUST 2005 BY-LAWS

FEBRUARY 24, 2008

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Some of Russ's December Action Photos from the Web site
(See what you'r missing if your not on-line!)





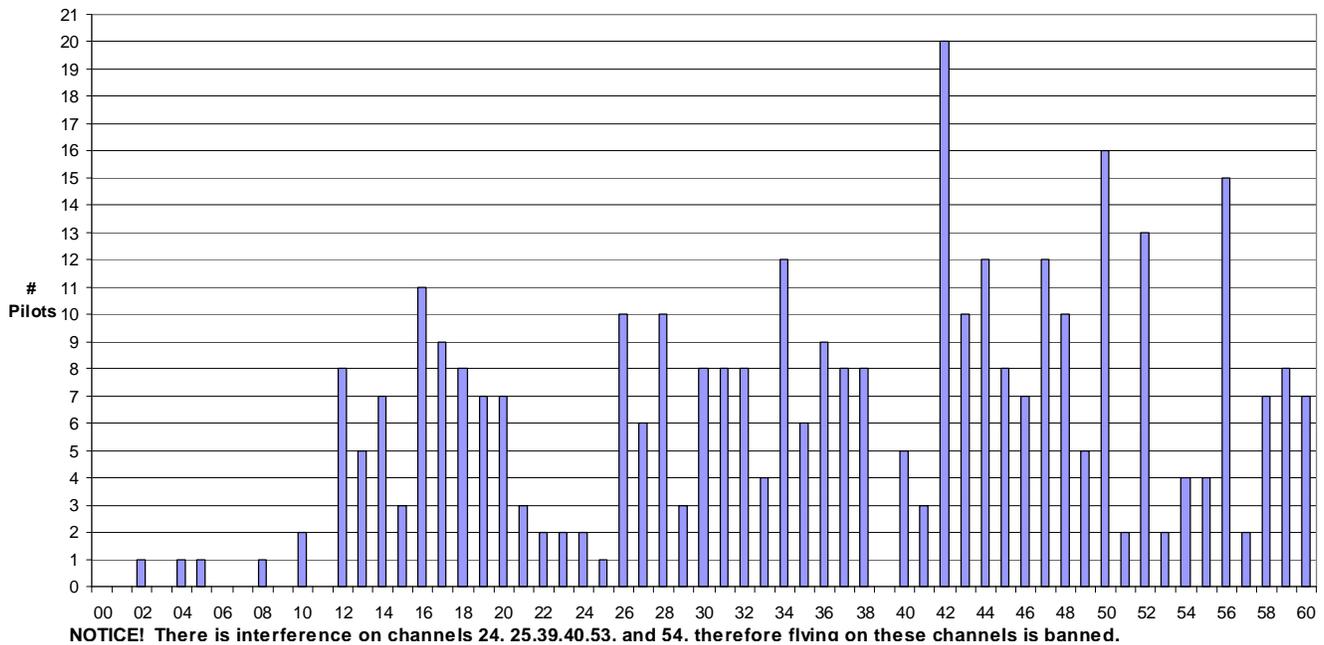
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Greater Southwest Modeler's Club
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NOTICE! There is interference on channels 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, and 54, therefore flying on these channels is banned.

Prepared and
Maintained by Walt
Fisher

Submit input to
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or (817) 540 - 5921

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