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The Tail Spinner

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 7:30 PM at the McDonalds Restaurant, 769 W Airport Fwy, Hurst TX. Take the Precinct Line exit, and the McDonalds is on the east bound access road.

Next Meeting:

May 13, 2008

7:30PM

McDonalds

769 W Airport Fwy

Hurst

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President's Corner

We have been very lucky the past month. There have been several instances of storms closing in and around the field, but no damage has been done! Hallelujah!

The new meeting place seemed to be just fine. We have access from the outside directly into the building. I know several folks had mentioned that it was hard to bring aircraft for Model of the Month. Now, just park next to the door and walk inside! We had several members at the meeting and most everyone ate while there. Part of your meal ticket goes toward our Toys for Tots at the end of the year. McDonald's will give us a check to Toys for Tots, up to \$500.00, from a percentage of your buying food when coming to the meeting. Oh, and free refills while there is pretty good, too.....

A couple of business items were covered in the meeting. The first is the adoption of a noise abatement system for the field. I have included the newest field rules for the noise ordinance at the field. I don't think you will find it too restrictive, but some of our models will have to go through some modifications to fit. The vote to accept the IMAC sound guidelines was unanimous and will go into effect June 1, 2008. I think I have a couple of planes myself that will have to have different mufflers setups. This is not a bad thing, just the responsible thing. There have been a few planes I figured would not pass the test that passed with flying colors! I think the biggest surprise were the planes that passed the test on the ground, but when the prop unloaded in the air, the sound was greater than would be allowed. We will have to get

bigger props or more pitch to control those issues. A copy of the rules is included in this newsletter.

Second order of business was more to do with the By-laws. A question was asked about Grandchildren being part of the Family Membership. Seeing as how grandchildren was not a listed affiliation, a clarification was requested, or some of our grandparents were going to have to get a membership for the grandkids....Discussion was started and the members in attendance felt we are in the hobby and should attempt to get children involved in this hobby every chance we get. So, a quick draft was made to include not only grandchildren into the Family Membership area, but to also include your nieces, nephews, kid next door or down the block. In short, any youth under the age of 18 that you will be responsible for at the field can be a Family Member. It does mean you have to be at the field when that kid flies, and he has to be an AMA member. The Secretary will develop special membership cards for easy identification of Family Members. The proposed change is also included in the newsletter.

If you would like to have a copy of the Bylaws to have and hold, please let me know and I will be most glad to send you a copy. Sonny is also going to have them on the website as soon as I get him a copy of them.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting! Hopefully I will see you at the field!

*Tim Lovett
President*

May Event Calendar

MAY 10--Bullard, TX (C) Aqua Nuts Annual Float Fly. Site: Lake Palestine GPS: 32.0985833, -95.4260666. Events: Sponsor: Aquanuts #4739. CD: Jack Hogan, 8642 CR 3408, Chandler, TX 75758. Phone: 903-849-4193(day) 903-849-4193(eve) E-Mail: jack1@wildblue.net WebSite: www.floatfly.net Directions and information on club web site.

MAY 16-18--Austin, TX (C) 19th Annual Central Texas Jet Rally. Site: Lester Field GPS: 30.32401, -97.6033. Events: Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Kenneth White, 21046 Cameron Road, Coupland, TX 78615. Phone: 512-352-2294 (day) 512-736-3007(eve) E-Mail: f9flyer@juno.com WebSite: www.austinrc.org All jets welcome; elect, ducted fan, and turbine (waiver req.) Free Fajita cookout at field for pilots and guests. Registration \$25. Steak dinner at field with a drink & desert. RSVP with CD by Friday. Awards at dinner Sat. Night. Raffle & concessions at field. RV parking and camping on site. Electricity, \$5 per night. Field phone # 512-252-8402

MAY 17--Benbrook, TX (C) Thunderbird Memorial Warbird Fly-In. Site: Thunderbird Field. Sponsor: Fort Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Terry Thorpe, 413 Schooner Road, Azle, TX 76020. Phone: 817-444-8237(day) 817-444-8237(eve) E-Mail: thorpctr@flash.net WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org 12th Annual Thunderbird Memorial Fly-In. Free lunch for pilots, giveaways and pilot promotions. 450" concrete runway. Fixed or Rotor wing warbirds. Jet/turbine waiver required. Pilot briefing at 9a.m. Landing fee \$10. Contact

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MAY 17--Lucas, TX (C) Richardson RC Combat. Site: Club Field GPS: 33.107047, -96.5206. Events: Sponsor: Richardson RC Club #623. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane,

Plano, TX 75027. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) 972-618-2989(eve) E-Mail: ed.kettler@verizon.net WebSite: www.rccc.org Exciting RC Combat with the best pilots in the country! RCCA SSC and 3696 electrics will be flown. Visitors and newcomers welcome! Hard hats required for pilots and crew.

MAY 18--Weatherford, TX (C) WAMS Spring Float Fly. Site: Cartwright Park. Events: Sponsor: Weatherford Aero Modeling Society #2267. CD: Verne Bell, 1805 Greenwood Cut Off, Weatherford, TX 76088-8613. Phone: 817-599-9580(day) 817-599-9580(eve) E-Mail: vernebell@intergate.com WebSite: www.wamsrc.com Great location, great spectator location. North of Weatherford Court house on Hwy 51 to FM920. Go 2 mi. to Cartwright Park Road. \$10 landing fee. Food and restrooms available. 9a.m. to 4p.m. GPS: 32.7880222, -97.830375

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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:

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(817) 455-0922 (cell)

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

April Secretary's Report

The April 2008 business meeting was called to order by club President Tim Lovett at our new business meeting location at the McDonalds Restaurant at 769 W. Airport Freeway Hurst, TX 76053.

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

Visitors/New Members: New club member David Gates and visitor Jason Blanton - McDonalds Supervisor

Field Report: Lee Rice reported that all flying field upgrades are to be postponed until further notice.

Old Business:

Noise Abatement Ruling: The attending club members voted to adopt the International Miniature Aircraft Association's (IMAA) sound control program as recommended by the AMA, and will take effect June 1, 2008. A transition period will be in effect immediately, and aircraft will be randomly spot checked as time permits. Sound rules will be posted in both the club newsletter and web site.

Club Operating Budget: The attending club members voted unanimously to accept the proposed club budget developed by the Budget Committee.

Field Plastic Chair Replacements: Attending members approved the replacement of the older chairs with the heavier built brown plastic chairs.

New Business:

Fort Worth Scout Show:

Walt Fisher will be heading up a group of club members who will be displaying their aircraft at the Ft. Worth Scout Show on May 10, 2008. If interested please contact Walt Fisher for more information.

Model of the Month: This month we had to very nice aircraft competing for the coveted Model of the Month Award. Ivan Staats entry was a Yak-54 powered by a 3mm53 gas engine and the control surfaces were driven by direct drive servos, no linkages visible. Walt Fisher's entry was a giant scale Super Chipmunk, powered by a 50cc gas engine. And the winner was..... Walt Fisher's Super

Chipmunk!

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
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Greater Southwest Aero Club Sound Rules

The City of Fort Worth is requiring the club to have and enforce a sound control program as a condition of our lease. The AMA recommends the program developed by the International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC).

All models flown at the GSWA Field will comply with these rules.

The sound level will be measured over Grass with a maximum sound level of 96 DB using a Radio Shack sound meter set on slow response and using the A scale. Any other meter will need to be calibrated against one of the club meters before it can be used.

The measurement will be made at a distance of 25 feet downwind from the spinner centerline. The meter will be at a height of 24 inches above the ground. The meter will be held parallel to the propeller and 1-2 feet behind the propeller disc in the interest of safety. Proper and secure restraint of the model must be performed during the test and all spectators must be well behind the model.

Passing this test is not the "end all" for sound requirements and evaluations. Some propellers that generate loud prop noise during dives and high speed passes are also not allowed. Any individual model that generates sound levels that are in excess of that generated by other models that have passed the DB testing will not be allowed. Testing of sound levels from the flight line with the meter aimed at the model will be done from time to time.

Sound levels can be controlled by using

larger props to limit the engine RPM as well as mufflers that have larger volumes and smaller exit openings.

The field is for the enjoyment of the entire club and as a result is the responsibility of the entire club in participating in the control of sound levels. We have a very nice facility and don't want to lose it because of a few individuals that think they are above the rules. LOUD is not good.

Proposed change to Family Member

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.

FAMILY MEMBER: (1) Spouse of a senior member in good standing (2) children under the age of 18 that are affiliated with a Senior member in good standing. As a flying member, the Family Member must be an AMA member. The club Secretary will develop a readily identifiable membership card for Family Members. The sponsoring member must be present when the Family Member flies at club facilities.

Club events for 2008

May 10 or 11, FunFly Date to be determined

June

June 8th
Biplane Flyin; Any size biplane eligible. Concessions, Tim Lovett CD

June 21st
Pylon Racing

July

July 5th Family picnic, Fun Fly and Flyin

July 27th
Pylon Racing

August Fun Fly 23 Robert McGee, Mark Foster, and Chris Moon will coordinate Event.

September

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Warbird Flyin, Any size Warbird eligible, concessions, Lawrence Harville CD

October

October 11
Eighth Annual GSW All scale flyin, any size scale airplane flown in scale manner. Concessions Max Ficken CD

November

November 8th Fun Fly
Food Drive Flyin for Club. Entry fee nonperishable foodstuffs to be donated to food bank

December

December 13th
Toys for Tots entry fee new unwrapped toy. Flyin. any size airplane Max Ficken CD

If you have questions or want to conduct an event please call me at 817-691-9632 Max Ficken

If you would like to host a fun fly or one of the events listed pick one of the dates or events listed and call me or volunteer at the meetings.

TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS NEEDS YOU

We would like to ask for you help in running the contest on May 31 and June 1. We are in need of judges and office workers. If you would like to help give me or Max Ficken a call.

We need 3 Static judges-don't worry Max Ficken and I will train you.

We need 9 Flying judges-don't worry Max Ficken and I will train you. These are not difficult jobs but are essential to any contest. The shift will be about 2 hours long starting about 9 am ending about 2 pm-2 hours shifts. Officer workers/concession stand workers are need also.

If you have never been to a scale contest or worked in one you will enjoy yourself and get up close and personal with the planes-that alone is enough of a treat.

In the past many of you have helped just to name a few-and yes I will probably leave someone out-I am old and forget easily—Bill Traver, Joel Jerabek, Darrell Abby, Tim Lovette, Lee Rice, Max Ficken,

Richard Hose, Roy Baker, Odel Schronk.

A lot of the Thunderbirds help also, so this not a complete list of judges and helpers by any means.

Come help us be one of the SELECT few next year

Lawrence Harville 817-781-9615 or Max Ficken 817-691-9630

May Training Report

Congratulations to Jason Eskue who, soloed on 14 April. Jason is the club's first solo for this training year. His AMA number is 896668 and his GSWAM membership number is 231.

Training started the first Monday this month with three new trainees in addition to Jason. One of them (Phil) has been at the sessions on a regular basis and its showing. After four sessions he made his first landing. At this pace he' going to solo in no time.

Frank Rowell
Training Coordinator

MOWING HELP NEEDED!!!

Despite the drilling rigs, wind and rain the grass is starting to grow and needs mowing on a regular basis. Presently, we are mowing twice a week with some of last years crew. Starting with the month of June, mowing will be necessary 3 times a week. I am looking for volunteers to mow and trim. So far Dave Staats and Larry Oberbeck have volunteered. I know we have lots of retired members looking for something to do. Here's what needs to be mowed and trimmed.

1. Runway, perimeter and runouts
2. Pit area
3. Grand stand area
4. Heli and electric plane area
5. Storage shed area
6. Control line area
7. Weed eat flight line fence and starting tables
8. Weed eat shelter tables, walk ways and grand stand
9. Weed eat storage shed area

We will mow, weather permitting,

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to about 10:30 am. I am asking that you donate about 1 and 1/2 hour of your time per week to keep our runway and facility in pristine condition.

Please contact me (Lewie Moore)

Phone: 682-553-2806
Email: lfmooret@comcast.net

PS. We also need a fire ant patrol to locate mounds and spread fire ant poison.

Lewie Moore

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MAY 24--Mansfield, TX (C) Big Bird Fun-Fly. Site: Hawk Field GPS:32.542766, -97.140214. Events: Sponsor: Hawk Field Flyers #3369. CD: Ron Colyer, 2106 Avalon Lane, Arlington, TX 76014. Phone: 817-680-6227(day) 817-680-6227(eve) E-Mail: rcolyer@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.hawkfield.org 60 inch bipe, 80 inch monoplane or true 1/4 scale (with documentation) minimums apply. Flying begins at 9am. \$15 landing fee, with lunch included. Electric Combat all during the day. Special time for 3-D flying if needed.

MAY 31--Grand Prairie, TX (C) All Scale Fly-In. Site: Fulton Field GPS: 32.57, -97.044722. Sponsor: Golden Triangle RC Club #610. CD: Bill Kunz, 2301 Brisbane Drive, Arlington, TX 76018. Phone: 817-472-0809(day) 817-472-0809(eve) E-Mail: bkunz33000@aol.com WebSite: www.gtrcc.org All types of scale models welcome. No single conversion receivers will be allowed due to radio interference. Awards for best Classic scale, best electric powered and pilots choice. \$15 landing fee includes lunch for pilots.

MAY 31--Seagoville, TX (C) Dallas RC Big Bird. Site: Club Field GPS: 32.6436333, -96.575967. Sponsor: Dallas RC Club #609. CD: Michael Sandling, 548 W. Rea, Lancaster, TX 75140. Phone: 214-683-1994(day) 972-227-2023(eve) E-Mail: mhsandling@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.dallasrcclub.org Come fly our 500 X 40ft. concrete runway. Lots of grass. 80 inch mono, 60 inch bipes. Concessions at field. See our web site for directions - www.dallasrcclub.org \$10 landing fee. Now, off road parking on both ends. Y'all come!

MAY 31-JUN 01--Ft. Worth, TX (AA) Texas Scale Championships/Scale Masters Qualifier. Site: Thunderbird Field. Events: 511, 512, 520, 522 (JSO) Sponsor: Ft Wort Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Lawrence Harville, 932 Calloway Court, Hurst, TX 76053. Phone: 817-781-9615 (day) 817-781-9615(eve) E-Mail: lwharv@yahoo.com WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org Benbrook Lake Flying field. Selection of Texas Scale Champion 2008, Scalemasters qualifier. Plaques for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event, JSO combined. GPS: 32.6391194, -97.4723583

Texas Scale Championships-Scale Masters Qualifier

Free Airtronics RD 8000 2.4 radio

By Lawrence Harville

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Only one month to go to the biggest, longest running and ONLY scale contest in Texas or the surrounding 6 states. Don't miss it.

The TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIP/SCALE MASTERS QUALIFIER. Hosted by the Fort Worth Thunderbirds. It will be held on May 31-June 1, 2007.

Last month I talked about the OPEN and FUN scale classes. Those two classes would cover ANY plane you have ever seen at our field. They are considered an entry-level class for new and developing scale competitors who want to get their feet wet without all the hassle of building a fully loaded scale plane, ARF's are allowed and encouraged or you could fly a plane you bought. No Documentation is required, but if you have a three-view drawing it is worth 10 points, color photo or drawing is worth 10 points and craftsmanship 10 points. Little or no documentation required.

Next class up was Advanced. The winner of this event will get an AIRTRONICS R-8000-2.4 RADIO. Documentation is required ONCE AGAIN you can buy or build, ARF's are allowed.

Now for the guys that want to fly with the big boys. EXPERT class. Full blown scale documented planes. Usually this is the more experienced flyers but anyone can enter. In some past contest guys in the Advanced class actually out flew and out build the Experts. Some of the Texas Scale Champions have been in the Advanced class-beating out the Experts.

Like everytime you go to the field you never really know how you will do, a gust of wind, a blown glow plug and you could have a really bad day, or if things go right it could be the best day you ever had.

How does the scoring work—add the Static to the average of your best two flights and you have your score. We will fly minimum of 4 times. For the Texas Champion ALL scores are included-you have to fly all four times to win the Championship. Texas Champion is open to Expert, Advanced, Open and Fun.

Team Scale Class is just what the title says, you can build the plane and have someone else fly it or fly a plane someone else has built. Scale Masters Qualifier---Pilots in Expert, Advanced and Team are automatically entered in the U.S. Scale Masters Qualifier. If you win a position in the Scale Masters you qualify to attend the Championships in Florida later in the year. Don't worry if you win you don't have to attend the Championships—but you do retain the right to brag about it all year.

If you need assistance in getting a plane ready or help on documentation several of us in GSW are ready and eager to help give me a call. If you want to show up at the contest we can help you there also

Come on out, you will see some amazing planes and flying.

AND before you ask-I had NO control over what shirt President Time Lovett was wearing!!!!





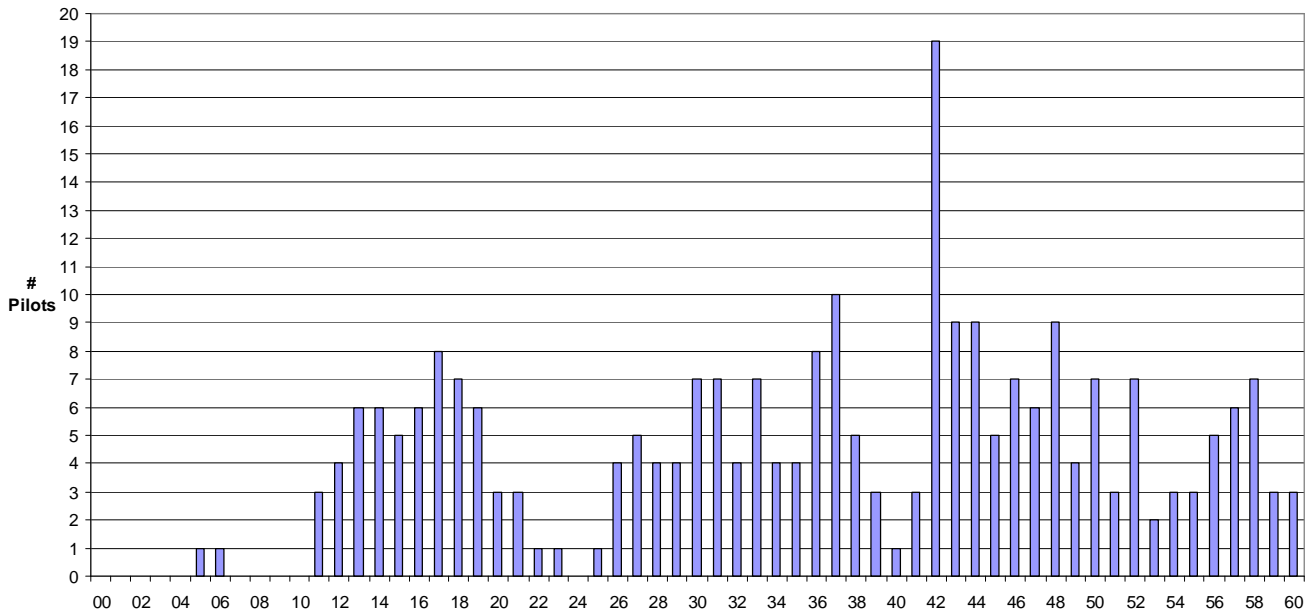
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 Frequency/Channel Usage**



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

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 Maintained by Walt
 Fisher

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