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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.*

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## Presidents Corner

Well, the heat has arrived! Make certain you drink plenty of water while at the field. Thanks to Dave Horton we have a newer, working, water cooler at the field. Someone said it works so well that it has been freezing the water.....We will have to get that part fixed, but the water is very refreshing.

I know that several folks are flying on 2.4 GHz radios now. We had just placed an open spot on the frequency board for people to place their cards. Many flyers are not placing the cards on the board. It was also called to my attention there may be some non-members flying on those radios and it isn't apparent because they do not have to have a frequency pin to play. So, within the month, I want to have six (6) new bolts and frequency pins for the 2.4 radios in place on the board. As soon as they are present we will start using them. I would remind each member that if you observe someone flying at the field that is not a member, we are all responsible for the policing of our AMA site. Go over and talk to that person, ask about a club card. If they are not a member then check to make sure they are at least an AMA member. If not, and you don't want to approach them about that, get someone else to help you. If they are not at least an AMA member, they need to stop flying. We do want new members and we want to court other flyers to join and fly with us. Don't forget that next Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, is the annual GSW picnic/fun fly. Bring out the family and friends and let's all have some good food, good fellowship and fly together! It has been a blast the last couple of years and the best part? **IT IS FREE!!!!** Yup, no landing fees, no

concession costs, just absolutely free. I really hope to see you there!

I am in the process of cleaning out my shop. I am amazed at what has accumulated. I think we need to have an auction?!?!? Be thinking about that and whether we want to hold it at the field on a Saturday, or have it at a meeting time, or what. It hasn't been too many years ago the GSW auction was one of the largest, if not the largest, in the area. Frank Rowell has been kind enough to take the watering squad duties for this season. Please get with him if you can possibly help put the sprinkler out on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday nights. We also need people to pick up the hoses and sprinkler on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. **DO NOT FLY** with the hoses on the runway. Some idiot has done so and now there is a cut in one of the hoses. Yes, that may sound a bit harsh, but it is true. We all want to come to the field and fly and have fun. But, I am surprised that someone would be so lazy as to not be able to roll up a few hoses and set them to the side of the runway before flying.....If you see such nonsense then say something to that person, or let me know and I will say something to that person. They are spending your money, too!

I hope to see you at the field!

*Tim Lovett,  
President*

## Next Meeting:

**July 8, 2008  
7:30PM  
McDonalds  
769 W Airport Fwy  
Hurst**



## July Event Calendar

JUL 12--Midland, TX (C) CAF/Hi-Sky Indoor Electric Fly-In. Site: C.A.F. Museum. GPS Coordinates: 31.94185555, -102.2149472 Sponsor: Hi-Sky R/C Club #851. CD: A.J. Lee, 811 Stanolind, Midland, TX 79705. Phone: 432-687-4142(day) E-Mail: [a.j.lee@suddenlink.net](mailto:a.j.lee@suddenlink.net) CAF Museum Hangar, Wright Drive, Midland, TX Restrictions: 16oz/3 cell on all models, no carbon fiber rotor blades on helicopters. AMA Card required to fly

JUL 18-20--Ft. Worth, TX (C) Heli Heatwave X. Site: Thunderbird Field. GPS Coordinates: 32.6391194, -97.4723583 Events: Sponsor: Ft. Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Chris Berardi, 10245 E. Rancho Diego Lane, Crowley, TX 76036. Phone: 817-297-1028(day) 817-297-1028(eve) E-Mail: [agilefalcon@charter.net](mailto:agilefalcon@charter.net) WebSite: [www.fwthunderbirds.org](http://www.fwthunderbirds.org) Come celebrate the 10th year of the Heli Heatwave. Fun-Fly events, spot auto contest and T-rex auto contest. Food and Fun. \$20 entry.

JUL 19--Livingston, TX (C) Class C Summer Fun-Fly. Site: Elwood Field GPS: 30.78025, -94.9635361. Sponsor: ARF R/C Club #4093. CD: Mike Muehr, 143 Gwendlyn, Livingston, TX 77351. Phone: 936-967-0487(day) 936-967-0487(eve) E-Mail: [jayp266@livingston.net](mailto:jayp266@livingston.net) 8th Annual Class C Fun-Fly benefiting the Livingston food bank. \$10 landing fee, plus a donation of non-perishable food to the Livingston food bank. Free catfish lunch with all the fix'ins to all registered pilots.

JUL 19--Rosenberg, TX (C) 2nd Annual Fort Bend 3D Fly-in. Site: Ft. Bend RC Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.5197222, -95.818889 Events:

7336 Grapevine Hwy.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76118  
(817) 589-2624



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us.

JUL 19-20--Waco, TX (C) HOTMAC Annual Warbird. Site: Club Field GPS: 31.541408, -97.245071. Events: Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Model Aircraft Club #613. CD: Brad Record, 265 Fern Valley, Waco, TX 76708. Phone: 254-379-1304(day) 254-379-1304(eve) E-Mail: [brecord@ctwp.com](mailto:brecord@ctwp.com) WebSite: [www.hotmacrc.org](http://www.hotmacrc.org) Any size Warbird. 800'x70' paved runway, limited electrical hook-ups. Registration - \$20 Concessions.

JUL 19-20--Pflugerville, TX (A) Lonestar Soaring Series - Austin. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.4043916, -97.6034833 Events: 444, 460 (JSO) Sponsor: Austin Silent Flyers #4516. CD: Browne Goodwin, 6601Acacia Drive, Leander, TX 78641. Phone: 512-517-8091(day) E-Mail:

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

## June Secretary's Report

The June 2008 GSWAM 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 May meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved.

**Visitors/New Members:** Jerry & Eric Bingham and Barry Canning.

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

### Old Business:

**Water Cooler Status:** A replacement drinking water fountain has been purchased and installed by club member Dave Horton, and it's making ice cold water as we speak. Thanks Dave!

**Field Lease Update:** The club President, Tim Lovett, has received the first property lease proposal from the city of Fort Worth. There will be further negotiations and updates regarding the property lease in the near future. Stay tuned for further information.

### New Business:

**July-5<sup>th</sup> Fun-fly Event:** Don't forget about July 5th Family picnic, Fun Fly, and Fly-in. Food for everyone. Bring your family.

**Biplane Fun-fly Event:** The 2008 Biplane Fun-fly is scheduled for July 19, 2008, and the Contest Director (CD) will

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[brownegc@aol.com](mailto:brownegc@aol.com) WebSite:  
[www.austinsilentflyers.org](http://www.austinsilentflyers.org) Second leg of Lonestar Soaring Series interclub championship. Open Saturday, RES on Sunday

JUL 26--Bryan, TX (C) Big Bird Fly-In. Site: Wixon Valley Field. Events: Sponsor: Brazos Valley RC Modelers #17311. CD: Alvis Wolfe, 1905 Water Oak, Bryan, TX 77803. Phone: 979-775-6190(eve) E-Mail: [ciwolfe@suddenlink.com](mailto:ciwolfe@suddenlink.com) WebSite: [www.flybvrc.com](http://www.flybvrc.com) Field located at Texas Hwy 21 at Texas FM 2776. Open to all Big Birds; 80 inch span or 1/4 scale. RV Parking, no hook-ups. \$10 landing fee includes lunch. GPS: 30.75078, -96.3123

be our own Lawrence Harville. (May the wind gods be generous.)

**Model of the Month:** This month's model of the month award goes to Scott Hartford, who brought a good looking Rookie powered by a Saito 30.

**Club Web Site:** Be sure to 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 – GSWAM Secretary**  
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## Club events for 2008

July 5th Family picnic, Fun Fly and Flyin Racing July 27<sup>th</sup>

August Fun Fly 23 or 24

September 20  
Warbird Flyin, concessions, Lawrence Harville CD

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

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

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

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## Safety at the field.

There has been several safety related issues noted the past few weeks. It is the responsibility of every member to watch and monitor for dangerous activities. We all will make mistakes and as such we must be willing to accept warnings from club members when infractions or concerns occur. We can't make rules for every situation. If so we

couldn't fly for all the rule signs, etc.

Following are some of the situations that have been observed.

**Smoking while fueling of models.**  
Gasoline is much more explosive than glow fuel but both will ignite and gasoline with much more spectacular results. Use common sense. Fueling is to be done at the flight line or starting stands not under the shelter.

**Taxing any model in the pit area.**  
The model is under radio control and Murphy's law is always there to cause loss of control with an engine or motor going to full power and racing across the infield doing serious damage. The club rule is you must have physical restraint of your model as long as it is behind the gates leading to the runway. The engine is to be shut off when the model comes into the taxiway after flying and before it passes the safety fence.

**Do not start takeoff runs if anyone is on the runway side of the safety fence.**

**Please use a spotter who is responsible for watching for other aircraft both in the air and on the runway.** Announce your intentions per the rules posted on the safety fence.

**The club has enacted the 98 db sound rule as of June 1 of this year. Several models are flying with Propellers that are generating excessive noise. If this continues written warning will be issued and no flying permitted until issue resolved. We do not want to be a Gestapo regarding this. You know if your plane is too loud and if you don't want to resolve the problem please take your flying somewhere else.**

This is a hobby for the enjoyment of all club members and nobody wants to see injuries occur.



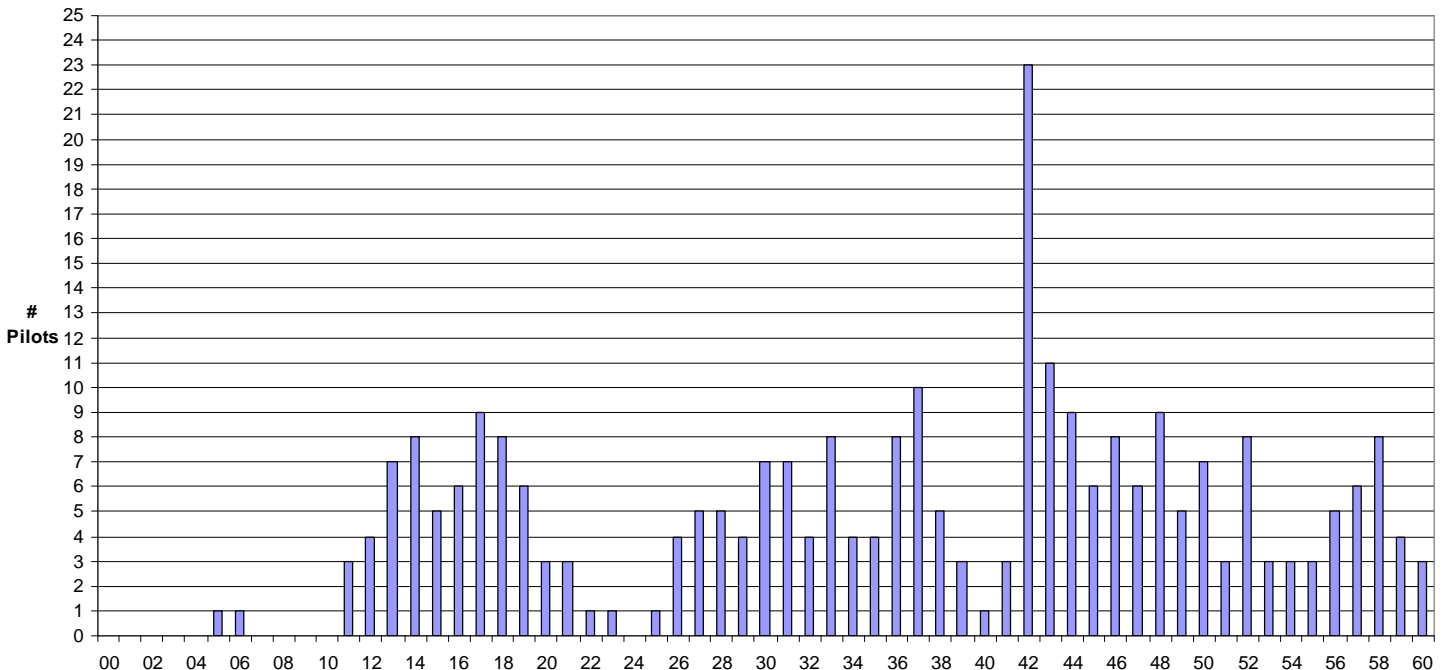
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**2008 - June**  
**Greater Southwest Modeler's Club**  
**Frequency/Channel Usage**



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