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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 7:30 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.

President	Tim Lovett	(817) 268-7797
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President's Corner

The Lone Star Combat meet and the TAG event are both behind us now. They were both very good events and were good for the club. I want to thank all of you for making the events better by being willing to help with the planning and execution.

The weather for both events was less than perfect, but both events went off well. The club profits from events in more than monetary gain. The civic involvement is good for our club's status within our community.

As the weather continues to warm and more sunny days are ahead, the field is shaping up to what, as always, is a wonderful place to fly. Our mowing crew is doing a fine job of keeping us on one of the best runways in the nation. The Texas Scale Championship, a regional qualifier for the U.S. Scalemasters, will be held at our field this year. Lawrence Harville and Max Ficken will be the contest directors for the event and we will need volunteers to work the event as well as contestants. Please contact one of the CDs to see how you can help.

It is always good to see you at the field enjoying the outdoors, fellowship and participating in our chosen sport! There is a new group that you might find fun to join. It is called the Peanut Gallery and you will find it in full functioning form on most any weekend. This group of folks gathers up a sits together to make commutation about the flying abilities and planes while you fly! After, or during, any given flight they are there to lend support and suggestions. For special people they will move their chairs closer to the flight line so you can hear their comments without having to

struggle! This new Special Interest Group (SIG) is there for you. It is all in good fun and is another way to enjoy our sport. And of course, they don't always know what they are talking about.....

We had a visit from our AMA District VIII Vice President during the Combat Meet, and one of the Associate VPs, Jack Hogan, made both the combat meet and the TAG event. When Jack heard about our meetings being held at McDonalds, he was very interested. The AMA is interested in club interaction within the community. When he heard how McDonalds donates the meeting space and gives back a portion of the food receipts from out club meetings in the form of a donation to Toys For Tots, he was very interested in the details. Chuck Rovell will be giving the information to Jack Hogan and Jack is planning on writing an article for Model Aviation detailing the agreement. This is the stuff that keeps us a Gold Leader Club! Good work, Chuck! I might also add this agreement saves us several dollars that are not spent renting meeting space.

Plans are in the works to have another auction at the end of the summer, so keep in mind those items you will wish to sell at the auction. Clean out space to gain some dollars! Then use those dollars to get more stuff to put in the shop.....

Hope to see you at the field!

Tim Lovett, President



Next Meeting:

April 14, 2009

7:30PM

McDonalds
769 W Airport Fwy
Hurst

April Event Calendar

APR 11--Alvin, TX (C) Alvin RC Big Bird and Swap Meet. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.41598, -95.2924 Events: Sponsor: Alvin RC Modelers Association #1307. CD: Fred Daniels, 1618 Richvale Lane, Houston, TX 77662. Phone: 281-488-8371 (day) 281-488-8371(eve) E-Mail: fdaniels51@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.alvinrc.net Landing Fee - \$10, 80inch monoplane, 60 inch biplane, 1/4 scale. Field open on Friday for early birds. RV okay, no hook-ups. Indoor restroom, concessions, raffle prizes. Swap Meet is free and open to all types of RC items. 35 X 400 ft paved runway with parallel grass runway. Visit www.alvinrc.net for additional information

APR 17-19--Grand Prairie, TX (C) Giant Scale & 3D Jamboree. Site: Low Branch Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.57, -97.044722 Events: Sponsor: Golden Triangle RC Club #610. CD: Ron Wedel, 738 Forest Park Place, Grand Prairie, TX 75052. Phone: 972-672-2082(day) 972-672-2082(eve) E-Mail: ron@texaswedel.com WebSite: www.gtrcc.org \$25 landing fee covers pilot lunch. Many give away prizes throughout the three days. Any Giant Scale welcome. RVs welcome; no hook-ups on site. Camping allowed w/generator electric provided. Plenty of parking & set-up area. Concessions. Many nice awards Best Scale; Best 3D, longest hover, slowest rolling 360. All day door prizes, many raffles. 600' X 60' runway. Vendors welcome and local news media will be there. See www.gtrcc.org for event details and sponsors.

APR 18--Tyler, TX (C) Tyler Modelers Club

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Fort Worth, Texas 76118
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Electric Fun-Fly & Swap Meet. Site: North Side Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.3857138, -95.3270972 Events: Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. CD: Jerry Truell, 2402 Pollard Drive, Tyler, TX 75701. Phone: 903-535-4349 (day) 903-526-0781(eve) E-Mail: jerrytruell@hotmail.com WebSite:

www.tylermodelers.com Club Field at Northside Park in Tyler, TX. See website for map. 600ft X 40ft grass strip. This is an outdoor electric Fun-Fly and swap meet. Pilot's fee \$15. Overnight camping OK. Restroom, water, and electricity available. No trailer/motor Home hook-ups. Sign in starts at 8a.m.

APR 18--Sherman, TX (C) Texoma Spring Offensive. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.644011, -96.750229 Events: Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: Joe Denney, 1304 Blanton Drive, Sherman, TX 75092. Phone: 903-819-5843(day) 903-819-5843(eve) E-Mail: Joeld@juno.com WebSite: www.texomarc.org This is a combat event for RCCA events, SSC, 2548, 3696 planes. Landing fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Pilots can expect a full day of combat. RV hook-up, electric only.

APR 18-19--Crosby, TX (C) Prop-Nuts Annual Flea Market And Fly-In. Site: Prop-Nuts Field.
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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

March Secretary's Report

The March 2009 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: Dutch Johnson

Field Report: Workday rescheduled for March 21st.

Treasurers Report: The major expenditure for April was \$624.00 for club shirts

Old Business:

Club Shirts: Karen and Chris Proctor will be selling club shirts and caps at the flying field. Prices for shirts: \$16.00 small, \$17.00 medium, \$18.00 large, and \$19.00 for x-large.

Jerry Stagner Memorial Update: Attending members approved the revised memorial location behind the frequency board. Memorial names will be brass name tags costing \$2.00 - \$3.00 per name plate. Names will be added to the memorial one time each year in February. There was a discussion among the attending members regarding memorial maintenance and the addition of memorial names. A motion was made to accept the brass plate names and the making of memorial maintenance a line item expenditure. The motion passed by majority vote.

Model of the Month: Stan Brock won the March Model of the Month Award with his 1929 Monocoupe built using plans from 1973. The Monocoupe sports an 80" wingspan and is powered by a Saito 170 3-cylinder radial 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, there's an abundance of useful information available.

Sonny Coleman - Secretary
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GSW Events for 2009

April 18th or 19th
Fun Fly

May 16th
Biplane Flyin
Concessions

June 13th and 14th
Scale Masters Qualifier

June 20th
Biplane Flyin
Any size Biplane can enter
Concessions

July 4th
Picnic/funfly

August 15th or 16th
Fun Fly

September 12th
Warbird Flyin
Any size Warbird welcome
Concessions

October 10th
All Scale Flyin
Any Scale model eligible to participate.
Concessions

November 7th
GSW Food Drive
Entry is nonperishable food stuff for the
needy.
Concessions

December 12th
GSW Toys for Tots
Entry Fee New unwrapped toys for the
Marines Toys for Tots Program.
Concessions

December 12th
Christmas Party

Tentative Calendar for 09. If you would like to CD a fun fly or any of the other events let me know and I will be happy to assist you. Some of the dates are flexible and some are not. Please let me know of questions, suggestions or oversights. Max triplane41@att.net
817-691-9630

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GPS Coordinates: 29.880568, -95.004838
Sponsor: Prop-Nuts RC Club #1770. CD: Taswall Crowson, 606 Pine Circle, Crosby, TX 77586. Phone: 281-244-5059(day) 281-474-9531(eve) E-Mail: tcrowson@flash.net
WebSite: www.propnuts.com Large Grass Field, RVs welcome, but no hook-ups.\$10 landing fee; \$5 sellers fee. Lunch Concessions on site. Convenient Motels and Restaurants. Additional information & map to field on Club Web Site.

APR 18-19--Temple, TX (AA) Temple Aeromodelers 21st Annual Pattern Contest. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 31.211429, -97.477997 Events: 401 thru 404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: Temple Aeromodelers #1053. CD: Bobby Zikes, 3306 Deer Trail, Temple, TX 76504. Phone: 254-773-3773(day) 254-773-3773(eve) E-Mail: bzpostal@hotmail.com
WebSite: www.templeaeromodelers.org Field opens for practice at noon Friday. Awards for 1st thru 3rd places in each numbered event, JSO combined.

APR 24-26--Austin, TX (C) 11th Annual ARCA Warbird Event. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.32401, -97.6033 Events: Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Edwin Smith, 14707 Evans Oak Road, Leander, TX 78641. Phone: 512-496-1778(day) 512-259-2978(eve) E-Mail: edwinsmith@gmail.com WebSite: www.austinrc.org Any size military aircraft including jets(Turbine waiver required). Any paint scheme as long as it was used by any military. Free pizza at field Friday evening for pilots. Steak dinner Saturday night at field; \$10 per person. Camping at field w/limited electric@\$5 per night. Landing fee: \$20. Raffle -Pilot door prizes-Concessions.

APR 25--Benbrook, TX (Cr) Ft. Worth Thunderbirds Senior Pattern Contest. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 32.6391194, -97.4723583 Sponsor: Ft. Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Gary Alphin, 917 Herby Dell Trail, Azle, TX 76020. Phone: 817-239-7023(day) 817-239-7023(eve) E-Mail: gary.alfin@gbx.com WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org Event restricted to SPA members only. Awards for 1st thru 3rd in Novice, Sportsman & Expert. See seniorpattern.com for all rules. AMA Membership required. Starts at 10a.m.

APR 25-26--Dallas, TX (AA) DMAA Spring Warm-Up. Site: Dallas Hobby Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.866894813795, -96.671481808784 Events: Saturday: (301-310) Flown to % of record (JSO); NASS Sport Jet; Sunday: 312, NCLRA TQR, 313, Sportsman Goodyear, Fox Goldberg (JSO) Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Patrick Hempel, 304 Becky, Rockwall, TX 75087. Phone: 972-841-8766(day) E-Mail: ptrckhem@aol.com WebSite: www.dmaa-1902.org

There will be a fun fly for club members April 18th starting at 10:00 AM at the field. Events will be announced at the event. Come out and have a fun morning followed by open flying in the afternoon.

2008

TEXAS BIPLANE FUN FLY

Hosted by the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Club

AWARDS- -REFRESHMENTS

DATE: Saturday May 16, 2008

SITE : Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Flying Field
6903 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth, TX 76112



EVENT DIRECTOR

Darrell Abby
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C 817-692-7380
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Awards

Pilots Choice
World War I
Best Civilian
Best Crash

REGISTRATION

Flying STARTS 9 AM
ENDS 3 PM

—Must be AMA member—

\$10.00 Entry Fee (includes lunch)

This will be THE BIPLANE event of the year
COME OUT HAVE A BALL ENJOY THE FUN AND ATMOSPHERE

TAG (Take Off and Grow) Day at the GSWAM Field

TAG Day Report For 2009

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth held their 3rd annual TAG Day on Saturday April 4. The temperature was mild in the high 70's, but the wind was another story. It blew a steady 15mph out of the south west, with gusts up to 30 mph.

The club members started to arrive before 9 o'clock to prepare for the guests who were invited to attend at 10 o'clock. As they began to arrive, Tom Russell signed them in and we put on RC aerobatic, and line control demonstrations. The final count on guests was 44.

After their arrival we held ground school instructed by Chuck Rovell. When Chuck finished Lawrence Harvell demonstrated a toilet paper drop. That was followed by a little more serious demonstration of 3D maneuvers by JJ Jennings and his son Jonathan of the Texas Heat Wave, with a 40 percent scale, Extra 300. Joey Ducet performed a thrilling demonstration of a helicopter aerobatics. All the while Bill Wilson and his crew demonstrated line control planes and gave instruction.

Around noon a hamburger and hot lunch was served free to guests, by Lee Rice, Jim Keller, Herb Roundy and a very nice lady whose name I failed to learn. After lunch buddy box training began. We had four trainers in the air for almost three hours. Each guest was able to fly at least twice. Training was conducted by Max Ficken, Joel Jerabeck, Walt Fisher, and me. Each of the instructors were assisted by several members including Chris Proctor, Bruce Giffor, Lawrence Harvell and others.

Our guest of honor was Jack Hogan, AMA District VIII, Assistant VP for East and North Texas.

The days events were recorded with pictures taken by Roy Baker and Walt Fisher.

During a break from the activities we had a drawing for a Hanger Nine FS One flight simulator donated through Roy's Hobbies. It was won by 11 year old Megan Harshaw of Fort Worth.

All in all we had a great day introducing youngsters to our hobby of model aircraft. We hope they had a good time and will remember their experience.

Frank Rowell



TAG (Take Off and Grow) Day (con't)

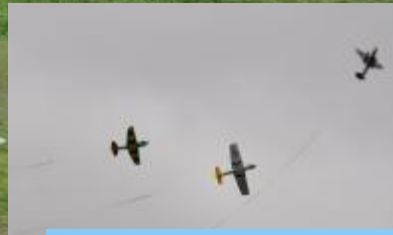


Food at lunch time was very popular!!



Frank congratulates Megan Harshaw, the winner of the flight simulator raffle!

2009 Lone Star Nationals





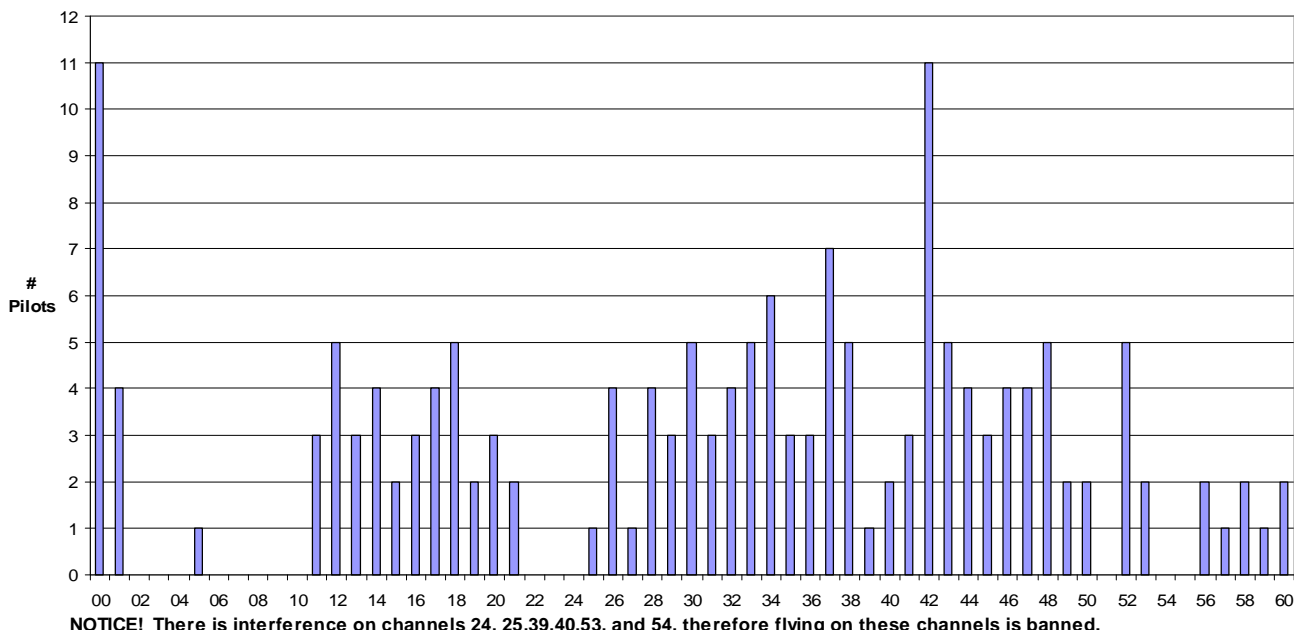
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2009 February
Greater Southwest Modeler's Club
Frequency/Channel Usage



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

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