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## 2003 AMA Gold Leader Club

*The Greater Southwest Radio Control Club is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club rules. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located on the North side of Randol Mill Road, 0.4 miles East of Highway 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 Tuesday and Thursday 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 North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Building, 6720 Northeast Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 (on the corner of Rufe Snow and NE820).*

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, Jan 13  
7:00pm  
NRH Parks & Rec  
Building**

# The Tail Spinner

## Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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### President's Corner

Happy New Year to 2004. Thanks everyone who helped make our Christmas party a very joyous occasion.



84 members, wives and children attended the fun filled evening. Many went home with a nice Christmas gift from under the Christmas tree. We greatly appreciate the door prizes donated by Airport Pawn and Hobby, Chuck Rovell and GSW.

The evening started with everyone making their way thru the buffet line, some several times. The food was great and it was your own fault if you went home hungry. The December meeting was officially called to order and the first order of business was to dispense with the protocol and go directly to the one item on the new business agenda.

A motion was made and passed that the club spend \$500.00 and purchase the storage van located by Frank Mobley and me.

The next order of business was to honor last years officers, George Clark-President, Jerry Stagner-Vice President, Bob Leone-Vice President, with a plaque which represents our appreciation for their dedication and service. Craig Bevil, who has served as Secretary for the last 3 years was not in attendance and will have his plaque pre-

sented at the January meeting.

Walt Fisher was presented a plaque for being an outstanding member by donating his time as flight instructor and training student pilots. This year Walt has had 13 students complete training and solo. That represents a lot of time and trips to the field. Walt is also the Monday morning field mower.

George Clark deserves special recognition as he took the reins four ago and guided GSW through the complete reconstruction of our flying site. Being involved in the grading that needed to be done for the new runway and pit area, I personally know how much George was committed to the successful completion of all phases of reconstruction. George went way above and beyond the normal call of duty. Renting equipment requires pledging assets and establishing a line of credit. GSW has no assets of any appreciable value, so George pledged his own assets and helped GSW create a line of credit with an equipment rental company. We still have that line of credit thanks to George. How many of you would put up your own home for this purpose. George had a lot of faith in the GSW members. This is just one incident, of many. A phrase was created when giving thought in how to honor George. "THE SPIRIT OF GSW" is a phrase that truly represents the attitude and dedication George gave to our club while serving as President the last four years. Thank you George.

Three members have come forward and expressed interest in the position of

## Jan/Feb Event Calendar

JAN 16-17--Georgetown, TX (UnSanc) Seventh Annual Georgetown Aero Modelers Swap Meet. Site: San Gabriel Park Neighborhood Building, Georgetown, TX. Table's are free and admission is \$5 a day (spouse or under 12 with adult are free). 3 PM to 9 PM on Friday and 9 AM to 3 PM (or when things taper down) on Saturday. Concessions, door prizes, auction on Saturday, and raffle. Dealers welcome. Contact Edwin Smith, 14707 Evans Oak Rd, Leander, Texas 78641, 512-496-1778 or edwin.smith@hp.com or check out our web site at <http://www.gamarc.org> Sponsor: Georgetown Aero Modelers #1813.

JAN 17-18--Odem, TX (C) 2nd Annual Vintage Scale R/C Fly-In Site: Club Field, Odem, TX Ron Cooper CD, 114 N. Mesquite, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 Phone:361-882-1069(day), 361-852-0868(eve) Sponsor: Gerber's Aero Squadron #7465 Grass Runway; 75 x 400ft. Limited RV parking. Scale models of aircraft built and flown prior to 1960. No profiles or bashed kits please. Rib dinner Saturday evening; \$5 per head. Contact Jerry Gerber for more info at 361-368-2161 or [www.gerbersrc.com](http://www.gerbersrc.com) Current AMA required.

FEB 7--Schertz, TX (C) Tri-City Flyers Swap Meet Site: Knights of Columbus Hall, Schertz, TX Marcos Vidal CD, 10026 Windburn Trail, Converse, TX 78109-1721 Phone:210-227-5081(day), 210-659-3536(eve) Sponsor: Tri-City Flyers #850 New Location! Larger Hall w/ central heat & air. Setup: 8 a.m., Open: 9 a.m., \$5 per person. Directions: Take I-35 exit

174B Schertz Pkwy, turn, go 4 miles, KOC Hall on right. From I-10 exit 591, FM1518 Schertz, turn right at FM78 go 1 mile (Schertz Pkwy) turn left go 1/4 mile, KOC Hall on left Event Website: [www.tricityflyers.com](http://www.tricityflyers.com)

FEB 8--Huffman, TX (C) February Fickle Finger Of Fate Fun Fly Site: Jetero RC Club Field, Huffman, TX John Forestieri CD, 18010 Woodgum, Spring, TX 77388 Phone:713-594-8901(day), 281-353-8124(eve) Sponsor: Jetero RC Club #1218 Come enjoy a fun day with fun events and fun people. \$10 pilot fee with 80% given back as prizes. Pilot raffle for other goodies. Event list of tasks available 12/03. Contact CD. CD Email: [4u2nv@evl.net](mailto:4u2nv@evl.net)

FEB 8--Parker, TX (A) Sailplane T4 Mod. 15 Minute Add-up Open & RES Site: Southfork Ranch, Parker, TX Events: 444 (JSO) Lynn Williams CD, 9029 Redondo, Dallas, TX Phone:214-321-3055(both) Sponsor: Soaring League Of North Texas #1957 Awards 5 places, Open & RES

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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  
3303 Fox Glen  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) [rbaker19@comcast.net](mailto:rbaker19@comcast.net)

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Safety Officer. To be honest with you that is three more than I expected. This speaks well of our membership and its concern for safety. I will appoint a Safety Officer at the January meeting.

Now, lets give some thought to this Office and appointment. Safety is everyone's responsibility and the Safety Officer is your friend and not the bad guy out at the field. He is a member just like you and is willing to spend his time in helping everyone have a safer flying environment. Most of the current GSW safety rules have been drawn up and adopted because of an incidence that happened at the field. They are not just a set of rules adopted to have a set of rules to satisfy our AMA charter. These rules represent many years of experience along with common sense. Anyone violating these rules will be approached in a friendly manner and have the specific violation explained. You won't be reprimanded but kindly asked to abide by the rules for everyone's safety including your own. If anyone continues to blatantly break the rules and jeopardize everyone's safety at the field you will receive a written reprimand according to the clubs bylaws. This will be handled by an elected Officer and not the Safety Officer. Remember this guy is your friend and concerned about your safety.

More food for thought!! It seems like there is always some work to be done at the field. I have been giving some consideration to having a regular monthly scheduled work day at the field. How about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month lets say from 9:00 am to 11:00am. Give me your thoughts.

Billy Parker is hospitalized at Harris HEB. He is in room 210. I am sure Billy would appreciate a card and knowing that he is in our prayers and thoughts.

Some one is leaving the gate open again. Remember, if you are the last one to leave, LOCK THE GATE, no matter what time of day. We sure would hate to see our flying site destroyed by vandals.

2004 dues are due. Membership can be renewed at Airport Pawn & Hobby or with Frank Mobley at the field. Frank should have the new keys soon. Remember the locks will be changed on

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Your 2003 key will not work in the gate padlocks after that date.

The next 2 months we will be preparing for our annual Northeast Mall Show scheduled for March. The exact date is unavailable at this time. Tony Trimarchi has again volunteered to chair this event. Tony will be needing plenty of help. You have plenty of time to volunteer and get your planes ready. This is the place to display our "SPIRIT OF GSW".

Now is the time to start scheduling any event you would like to have in 2004. Lets get the jump on this so we have plenty of time to advertise your event in order to draw participants and spectators. These can be good money makers for the club.

The new storage van has been purchased and moved to the field. With a little clean up and some paint it will be ready for use.

Let's start the new year with safety in mind, yours and your fellow member, let's have a fun filled, eventful, accident free 2004..

Happy New Year

Lewie Moore  
President

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## Instructor Report

I am happy to report that Paul Busby successfully soloed December 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Paul. We continue to have a number of new students to train and appreciate the efforts of those helping with instruction.

The club is in need of a wing for an Avistar trainer. Please let me know if anyone has one they could donate to the club for one of our trainers. We could use a couple of 4 channel Futuba transmitters to use as buddy boxes. We do not need the crystal or battery so if you have one that you no longer need we could put it to good use. We currently have two flyable trainers and everything but the wing for the third.

I would like to thank Bob Mueller and Walt Fisher for volunteering to be introductory pilot program instructors. This

program allows us to give interested individuals flight instruction for up to 4 weeks without AMA membership. If you have someone that is interested but hasn't made the final decision to pursue this great hobby please contact Bob, Walt, or myself and we will try to get them in the air and experience the joy of flight.

Max Ficken  
Instructor Coordinator

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## AGENDA: January meeting

Call to order

Approval of the minutes of the November meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - Frank Mobley

Field report - Steve French

Flight Instructor Coordinator - Max Ficken

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appoint of Safety Officer
2. Storage van
3. Mall Show - Tony Trimarchi
4. Tee shirts
5. Fence update - Gary

Stephens

6. Electrical update
7. Dues and keys
8. Any other old business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominations for the Office of Secretary
2. Scheduled work days
3. Event scheduling for 2004
4. Any other new business

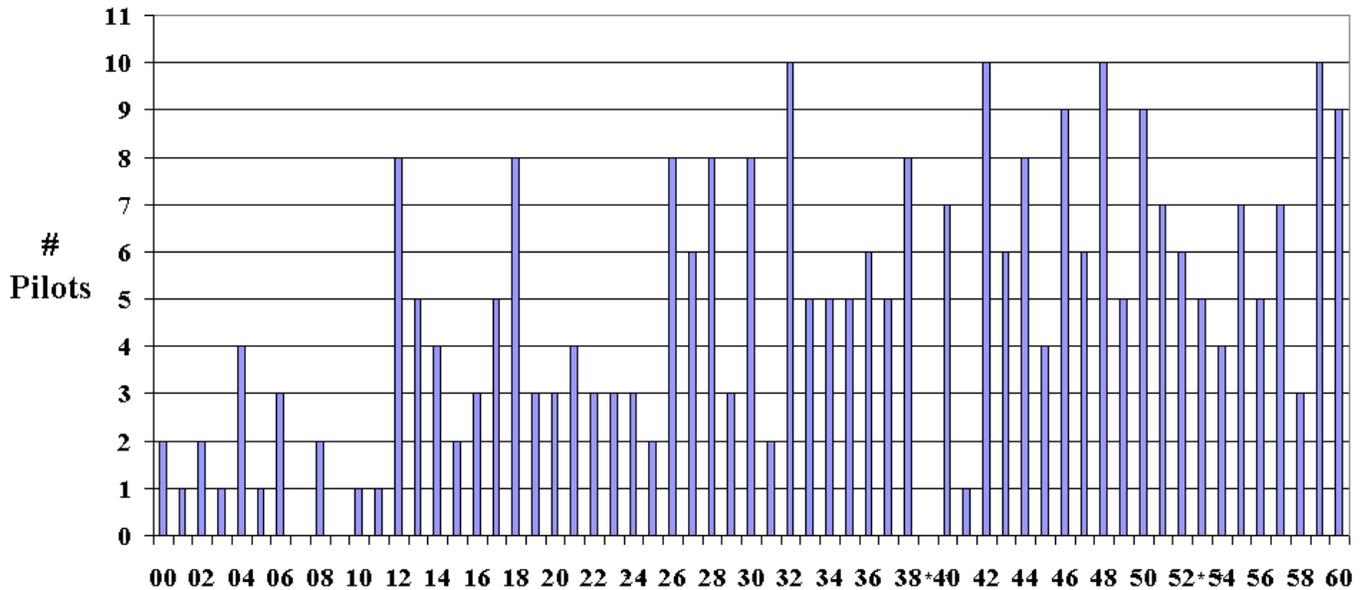
PROGRAM: Mark Fuess: Four stroke engines

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

RAFFLE AND DRAWING FOR FUEL:

MEETING ADJOURNED:

**Greater SouthWest Aero Modeler's Club  
Frequency/Channel Usage  
24 December 2003**



Prepared & Maintained by  
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Submit input to  
gswamfrequencies@flash.net  
or 817 540 5921

\*Suspect Channels  
24,25,39,40,53,54

**FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT**

The 2004 membership application ask all members to indicate the channel (s) used for all applicants. This is voluntary but has been proven to be useful information for all club members once it is incorporated into the Frequency Management Chart that is published in the TAILSPINNER and posted on the Frequency Board at the field. If you have renewed your membership already and did not complete that portion of the application please email your frequency usage to gswfrequencies@flash.net or call Walt at 817 540 5921.

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FEB 26-29--Edinburg, TX (Cr) 2004 IMAA Winter Rally of Giants Site: Edinburg International Airport, Edinburg, TX Bert Hahn CD, RR #3 Box 202B, Edinburg, TX 78541 Phone: 956-279-2488(day), 956-842-3656 (eve) Sponsor: Tejas R/C Association #2227 Pre- registration \$20; \$25 at the field. Contact CD for Info CD Email mhahn@rivnet.com Raffles throughout event. Friday night cookout/dance at the field.

**Tail Spinner Notes**

I want to thank all of those members who submitted articles and information for the Tail Spinner during the last year. This newsletter is one of the ways that we communicate with each other and I'm always looking for articles to include and feedback on ways to improve the newsletter. I also appreciate the timely delivery of the regular reports from our club officers. A special thanks to George Clark for taking on the work of getting the "snail-mail" copies of the newsletter ready for the post office!

The club has been pretty successful in the last year in changing from an all mail out newsletter to one distributed by e-mail. During 2003, we averaged about 150-160 members getting their Tail Spinner by e-mail. If you just count just the stamps and paper, e-mail saved the club about \$1200 last year. A pretty respectable amount, I think.

There have been a couple of changes in the processes this year. During the first half of the year, we could send every-

one the newsletter at the same time, and all of the recipients of the message were listed on the "To:" line of the e-mail. The spam wars made my ISP put limits on the number of recipients to a single message. Now we wind up sending 3 to 4 separate messages with about 50 recipients each. You'll also notice that the recipient list is hidden, we're now sending with what's called a "blind carbon copy" that keeps everyone's e-mail address hidden.

One of the major hassles of the e-mail list is trying to keep up with ISP changes and sometimes just data entry mistakes on our master spreadsheet kept by the club secretary. If you don't get the newsletter, or talk to someone who says that they are not getting a newsletter, be sure to have them get in touch with either the club secretary or the newsletter editor. It would be nice to go a month without getting e-mails bounced back. BTW, we have the same problem with the mailed newsletters, it just doesn't cost us the paper and stamp if they come back undeliverable.

Just a comments about the process of creating the newsletter each month.

I get the President's column and the minutes of the last meeting from the club Secretary on or before the 25th of the month by email. I also get an update from the Instructor Coordinator (was Craig, now Max) and info on new members so we can give them proper recognition and welcome.

I'm always looking for articles from the members, and would really like to have pictures. Maybe we need to be taking a picture of the model of the month? I'd love to see pictures of new planes and perhaps some "first flight" stories!? I also look for any ads that members want to include in the newsletter. Give me a call, or send e-mail and we'll get them included.

I put this all together using Microsoft Publisher and have to spend some time making sure everything will fit into an even number of pages. Since we copy the newsletter double sided, the last page needs to be the mailing cover. I won't go into the lessons we had to learn about how to arrange that mailing cover so the post office wouldn't chew up about 10% of our newsletters!!

I use the club roster spreadsheet from the secretary to make a fresh mailing list each month. Fortunately Microsoft Word has a very easy way to make mailing labels for those who want a mailed copy. I'll make the labels, then send a copy of the labels and the finished Tail Spinner to George Clark who takes care of getting everything ready for mail out. Another major chore that doesn't get the recognition it deserves.

Finally, the newsletter is formatted for sending via email by using Adobe PDF Writer and out it goes using our current email list. Whew!, done for another month!!

Again, thanks to all the Tail Spinner contributors and I'm looking forward to the 2004 issues and have vowed to try to get more pictures printed this year!!

*Roy Baker  
Newsletter Editor*

## First Flights of 2004



Here's the photo proof of the first flights of 2004 on Thursday morning. It was just a little damp, but the temp was not too bad. Larry Lacey (in red) is getting a little instructor time helping Roger Nailon getting a training flight in with Corky Daily's Long John. Somehow it seems fitting that early flights in 2004 were with a Long John! Actually, Larry got in a few earlier flights with his Dazzler, but I didn't want to mention an unavoidable excursion into the ground. What's the term for re-kitting an ARF?? It's probably TTHS, "Trip To Hobby Shop"!!



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