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# The Tail Spinner

## Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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### 2004 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).*

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This issue of the Tail Spinner is dedicated to:

**Frank Mobley**

GSWAM Treasurer—1989 to 2004



As President, it is an extreme honor and pleasure to dedicate this edition of the Tail Spinner as a commemoration to Frank Mobley's fifteen continuous years of service as Treasurer of GSW. In June of 1989 Frank was elected Treasurer and given a big box full of the last three years receipts and a check book. In other words, Frank was handed a mess. January 1<sup>st</sup>. James McGuinness, the incoming Treasurer, will receive a neat and well organized set of records, and Frank's help if he ever needs it. Just think how many presidents Frank has served.

**Next Meeting:**

**No December Meeting**

During the last fifteen years, Frank has not only handled the Treasurer's business of depositing receipts and paying bills, but has also taken on a bunch of the Secretary's duties. The twelve years that I have been a member, Frank has always taken on the job of getting the locks keyed and new keys ordered each year. This is no small and simple task. Frank also has taken on most of the responsibility of new memberships and membership renewals. This entails keeping Airport Pawn and Hobby and Roy's Hobby Shop supplied with membership cards, gate keys, laminates, applications and roster. He also visits these hobby shops each week to pick up new memberships and membership renewals and then delivers them to the Secretary. He is the one who makes sure the gallon of fuel for the drawing and gallon of fuel for the model of the

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**December/January  
Event Calendar**

DEC 4--Ft. Worth, TX (C) GSW Toys for Tots Site: Club Field, Ft. Worth, TX Max Ficken CD, 8216 Hallmark Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 Phone:812-498-4744(both) Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aero Club #1140 Club Field at 6903 Randol Mill Road, Ft. Worth, TX Landing fee is a new and unwrapped toy. Open to any AMA Member. No turbines. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Event Website: [www.flygsw.org](http://www.flygsw.org) CD Email: [triplane@charter.net](mailto:triplane@charter.net) Additional Club Information

DEC 5--Temple, TX (UnSanc) 6th Annual Toys For Tots/Ronald McDonald House Fly-In. FLYING STARTS AT 1:00 PM BRING ANY NEW UNWRAPPED TOY FOR YOUR ENTRY FEE . CURRENT AMA REQUIRED. ANY AMA LEGAL AIRPLANE ALLOWED. All proceeds benefit our local Ronald McDonald House and Toys For Tots Project. CD: B.W. Ponder Temple, TX 76504 Day 254-724-4512 Evening 254-778-6182 Sponsor: Temple Aero Modelers #1053

JAN 14-15--Georgetown, Tx (NonFly) Eighth Annual Georgetown Aero Modelers Swap Meet in the San Gabriel Park Neighborhood Building in Georgetown, Tx. Table's are free (limit 1) and admission is \$5 a day (spouse or under 12 with adult are free). 3PM to 9PM on Friday and 9AM to 3PM (or when things taper down) on Saturday. Concessions, door prizes, auction on Saturday, and raffle. Dealers welcome. We dont do table reservations, first come first served. Contact Edwin Smith,

14707 Evans Oak Rd, Leander, Texas 78641, 512-496-1778 or [edwin.smith@hp.com](mailto:edwin.smith@hp.com) or check out our web site at <http://www.gamarc.org> Sponsor: Georgetown Aero Modelers #1813



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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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months gets to our meeting each month. This is just a few of the things that Frank does for GSW, I could mention many more.

The man's dedication and loyalty to GSW has been beyond reproach. Being Secretary for 15 years has put Frank in a class of the select few. No one in GSW has come close to holding an office for this length of time. In fact, few in the entire history of AMA have equaled or surpassed Frank's tenure of service. The next time you see Frank, shake his hand and let him know how much you appreciate what he has done for GSW.

Thanks my friend for all of the help and encouragement during my term as president, but most of all thanks so much for the friendship you have given to me. I will treasure your friendship forever.

Lewie Moore

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### NOTES FROM AN EX-PRESIDENT

In all of my many experiences with business and recreational associations, I have never enjoyed a colleague more than Frank Mobley. He has been an active officer for 15 years, never balking to fulfill any request by a fellow officer or club member. Frank's dedication and hard work before, during and after my tenure have allowed the successful completion of a number of projects, including the total reconstruction of the flying site and the rewriting of the club rules and bylaws to make them easier to understand. The club will sorely miss his steadfast dedication, experience and hard work, not to mention his helpful, willing spirit and great sense of humor.

Thanks, Frank!

George Clark

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### December Training Report

The following members have completed their solo Flights. Bill Tarver, Tom Roberts, and Rick Crippen. Congratulations. If you are a student please call me or one of the other instructors on the list that is on the board at the field and on the web site to arrange training times.

Max Ficken

## November Meeting Minutes

The November 2004 meeting was called to order by Club President Lewie Moore at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

Members in attendance: 32

The minutes of the October meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved

Visitors/New Members: Gary Smith and Tom Russell

Treasurers Report: Frank Mobley gave the treasurers report. This month there were no major expenses. The gate lock was re-keyed and new keys were made for the club members. The outer areas of the flying field were brush hogged.

Field Report: Steve French gave the field report. This coming work day, Saturday 11/13/04, dirt needs to be moved.

Flight Instructor Coordinator: Max's Fickin gave the instructors report, four new pilots soloed this month.

Old Business:

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party is Sunday December the 5th at 6:00pm at the Main Street BBQ Restaurant. The club will be giving away \$500.00 in prizes, be sure to attend this years Christmas Party and join in on the fun and fellowship.

Toys for Tots Fun Fly: Saturday December 4th, bring a NEW unwrapped toy which will be given to the Marine Corps representatives for distribution to the kids. Let's ALL participate and give the kids a great Christmas!! The Fun Fly will include non-competition open flying, civilian and military scale flying with pylon races, combat and paintball gunnery at .10 cents a shot.

New Business:

2005 Election Results: President - Mark Fuess, Vice-President - Walt Fisher, Treasurer - James McGuinness and Secretary - Sonny Coleman

Club Polo Shirts: 50 Polo shirts ordered by Lewie Moore

Mall Show: Tony Trimarchi will be heading up the 2005 Mall Show to be held this March, an exact event date will be determined after a meeting with the shopping mall management team

Pylon Races: A Club Pylon racing event is scheduled for 1/15/2005, more details coming soon.

Change In Club Bylaws: REVISION TO THE BY-LAWS

Article 3: Membership

B: Dues

Dues shall be waived for the year following the officers' term in office.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Delete the above sentence and replace it with the following:

Effective with the current GSWAM 2004 officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor) and henceforth; those officers serving full term(s) in office shall be granted GSWAM membership for the next 5 continuous years.

Sonny Coleman - Secretary  
817-251-3940

Sonny@flygsw.org <mailto:  
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### President's Corner



As I sit down to write my last Presidents column I really don't know where to begin. It has been a great 18 months to have had the opportunity to serve as your President. A lot has been accomplished during this time, with the help of a lot of members. A few things didn't get done, but I figured Mark would need a couple of projects to help him get his term off on the right foot.

First and foremost I will start by dedi-

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cating this issue of the Tail Spinner to the man that has held the job of Treasurer for the last fifteen years, Frank Mobley. Not since the charter of GSW, in 1973 has any member ever dedicated so much of his time and efforts to this organization, as Frank has. We owe Frank a deep debt of gratitude. And as the old saying goes, "behind every good man is a good woman", which is the case here. Frank's wife Jo, is that woman.. "Jo is my bookkeeper and helps me by balancing the checkbook and keeping my office organized", Frank has told me many times. Kudos to you Jo and thanks from all of us.

Many of you newer members, who weren't here during the entire rebuilding of our flying site, really don't understand what was accomplished from 1998 until 2002. Prior to this time the runway wasn't much more than a somewhat leveled area, with a few patches of grass, weeds, water hazards and lots of rocks. The shelters looked like a flea market. The club had an annual membership somewhere between 125 and 150 members. During the 4 year construction period, all of our time, money and efforts were concentrated on rebuilding the runway, parking lot, shelter and cage, acquiring equipment, growing and maintaining grass. George Clark was our President during that 4 year period and did a fantastic job. When I became President the construction project was behind us. During the construction phase our ordinary club functions were kind of put on hold. We simply didn't have the time and money for both.

As President it was my goal to start having our regular monthly meetings be a useful function and benefit to the membership again. I started out, and have continued, by having the business meeting agenda printed in the Tail spinner each month. The sole purpose of this was to inform the membership what business, old and new, had to be taken care of each month, and to provide information about the program being presented, etc. This has helped reduce the time spent on the business segment of the meeting each month, resulting in more time available for some very informative and educational programs at each meeting. Lawrence Harville started the raffle held at each meeting. This has generated anywhere from \$90.00 to \$125.00 of merchandise and gift certi-

ates to be raffled at every meeting. This is in addition to the gallon of fuel we have a drawing for and the gallon of fuel given to the model of the month winner. All this was done in hopes of increasing membership participation at our monthly meetings. It has worked to some degree. Our membership attendance at the monthly meeting has increased. Not as much as I would have liked, but we will consider it a step in the right direction. I also set a goal to increase membership participation in club sponsored functions, field maintenance and work days. It has increased somewhat, and I would like to thank all of you who have chipped in and helped on our regularly scheduled work day each month. Also thank you to those who have volunteered your time to help at club functions and fly-ins.

The one accomplishment I am most proud of is getting GSW qualified for the Gold Leader Club Award. If my memory is correct GSW is one of only 95 chartered clubs to receive this award out of over 2500 plus, AMA chartered flying clubs. That ranks us in the top 4% of all AMA clubs in the entire United States. It feels good to be an elite club in the world of R/C. A comprehensive criteria has to be met in order to qualify for the Gold Leader Club Award. This represents the clubs safety program and yearly promotion and development of model aviation. This last year we had another successful mall show, were the only R/C club in the metro area invited to participate in the Naval Reserve Station Air Show, and participated, with a static display, in the FAA'S Wright Flyer 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration.

In my opinion, our biggest contribution to the promotion of model aviation can be attributed to our flight instruction program. This past eighteen months under the leadership of our Flight Instructor Coordinator, Max Ficken, a very nice colored brochure was created to hand out to prospective new members and pilots. GSW was enrolled in the AMA Intro-Pilot Program. We now have 3 instructors qualified to train prospective members who have not yet joined AMA. This allows us to also put youth groups on the flight line to get some stick time and still be in compliance with AMA insurance. As far as I know there isn't any R/C club in the metro area that comes close to training as many new pilots as GSW. Any of you who frequent the field know you can

count on seeing Max and Walt Fisher on the buddy box almost daily. Thanks guys for a job well done. Your President appreciates your unselfish efforts and dedication to making GSW the club to join. We have a reputation in the Metroplex as the "friendly club" and thanks for upholding our reputation.

We put some color to the new logo last year and created, to my knowledge, the first t-shirts and polo shirt for the club. We sold 150 the first go round and have ordered another 50. We look pretty spiffy when everyone shows up at our events wearing the shirts. New caps are in the mill.

"Safety First", a motto we need to live by, is every members responsibility, not just the officers. I am proud of what has happened in the safety department the last 18 months. Mitch and Larry built 10 new starting tables. AMA rules and club rules have been posted at the field, and are conveniently located for everyone to read. New signs pertaining to taxiing, starting engines, Randol Mill Road and children were posted between the shelter and flight line. I appointed a Safety Officer who in turn appointed Field Marshals and was responsible for writing a safety report each month for the Tail Spinner. Last but not least, a new woven wire flight line fence was built and the openings were given a protective fence barrier. Let's shoot for an accident free year by keeping those fingers out of the props. Always stand behind your plane when running up your engine. It's just common sense.

Due to our increasing inventory of equipment, we purchased a new storage shed. We lucked out and got a great buy. Believe me, these aren't easy to find. Frank and I drove lots of miles on several trips to find this one.

Keith "Sparky" Sparks, thanks for repainting our new entrance sign. You did a beautiful job. Bob Mueller, thanks for mowing at Randol Mill Road and handling the responsibility of the float fly pond and keeping the area in ship shape condition.

I created the position of Events Chairman. The purpose of this position is to increase participation in events held at GSW. Gary Stephens has volunteered to take this position. The responsibility of the Events Chairman is to promote our

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events locally and in District VIII. Gary likes to travel to out of town fly-ins and will serve as our goodwill ambassador. Anybody who puts on an event needs to contact Gary.

The Ucontrol site has really come into its own the last year and a half. They built a shelter and have done considerable work on their circle. The area looks great. Thanks guys, you have become a great asset to GSW.

Vice President Steve French, thanks for all the miles you have driven to Home Depot, Sam's Club and the gas stations, keeping us supplied with what we needed. I appreciate all the time you spent keeping the coke machine stocked. Thanks for keeping the field watered and lining up the mowing crew.

Secretary Sonny Coleman, thanks for keeping the membership applications and roster in order and promptly sent into AMA. Thanks for providing me with the minutes and just doing a great job as Secretary. Also in addition to being Secretary, thanks for all of your work on the website. You have done a great job.

Treasurer Frank Mobley, what can I say but thanks for your friendship, guidance and help. Thanks for the countless hours you have spent executing the office of Treasurer. You helped me accomplish so much.

Newsletter Editor Roy Baker, thanks for putting out a fantastic newsletter. Thanks for putting up with my last minute changes and still getting out the Tail Spinner in a timely manner. Because of you, our newsletter doesn't take the back seat to anybody.

Airport Pawn and Hobby owner, Wayne Dinger for donating a gallon of fuel for the meeting each month. That has happened every month since I have been a member. I joined GSW in 1992. Thanks Wayne for having been the number one supporter and ambassador of GSW over the years.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the love of my life, my wife Linda. You truly are the wind beneath my wings. Thanks for never complaining once when you heard the phrase,

"Honey I have to go to the field", and that was almost daily and sometimes twice a day. Thanks for being my editor. The president's column would have been a grammatical mess without you. Thanks honey, I love you.

As I close, keep in mind how I have appreciate the help of all the members who have donated their time and efforts during my term. GSW just doesn't happen by itself, it takes a lot of hard work by a lot of people. Hopefully this writing will motivate a few of the new members to get involved in the everyday operation of GSW. We have a great new slate of very capable and dedicated officers. They can't do all that needs to be done by themselves. I call on the membership to get behind them and extend to them all the help they will need. Thank you all.

In the "Spirit of GSW"

Lewie Moore  
President, soon to be regular member and pilot

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### Club Officer Membership Comment

I. I recognize that serving as an officer requires a significant commitment to the club and deserves recognition for the effort expended. We must reward that effort but must be very careful that we don't alienate all the other members that contribute a significant amount of time and effort in non elected duties. This might well result in more work for the officers.

ii. With the current membership and 5 years free membership and \$42.00 average Dues paid/member or the Current club dues of \$61.00 the Chart shows the expense incurred for five years free membership.

|                                  | \$61.00/yr  | \$42.00/yr  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 250 members                      | \$15,500.00 | \$10,500.00 |
| 2005 officers free membership    | \$305.00    | \$210.00    |
| 2006 10 officers free membership | \$610.00    | \$420.00    |
| 2007 officers free membership    | \$915.00    | \$630.00    |
| 2008 20 officers free membership | \$1220.00   | \$840.00    |
| 2009 25 officers free membership | \$1525.00   | \$1050.00   |

This would be the annual expense from that time on unless someone is allowed to accumulate 5 years credit for each successive term served. If that is case then the amount could be greater. \$1525.00 amounts to 10% of the club income. Can we afford to do this without risking a dues increase in order to meet Club expenses?

III. Participation of the majority of club members in club workdays and day to day club activities is already a problem and I am concerned that this might well prove counterproductive by causing dues paying members to feel that the officers can do all the work since they will be receiving 5 years of free membership.

IV. I personally would not be more likely to take the position because of free membership.

V. If the club feels that a change needs to be made then I propose that we provide two years of free membership for officers that have served their full term and limit the number of earned credits to a 2 year membership in a 5 year period.

Respectfully submitted  
Max Ficken



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## GSWAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Date: Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Location: North Main Bar-B-Que**  
**Time: 6:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$15.00 per head (ALL YOU CAN EAT)**

*Get your tickets now!!! You can buy tickets from George Clark, Lawrence, Frank Mobley and Lewie Moore. We will have tickets for sale at the door. the evening of the party. You really need to get your tickets in advance, so we can tell the cooks how much food to prepare.*

*DOOR PRIZES: Currently we have 28 items for door prizes. This includes 3 nice ARF's, a duel transmitter case, field box, starter, glow starter with charger, Z-bender, numerous sets of tools, volt watch, 6 gift certificates of \$25.00 each and much more.*

*DOOR PRIZES FOR THE LADIES:*

*The first "Spirit of GSW" award will be presented!! Can you guess who it will be?*

*Merry Christmas and see you there.*  
*Lewie Moore*