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The Tail Spinner

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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).

Next Meeting:

**Jan 11, 2005
7:00PM**

NRH Rec Center

President's Corner



Greetings fellow pilots! I'd like to start off by saying that last years officers did a magnificent job! The facility is better than it has ever been but along with this we have additional responsibilities! It will require considerably more cooperation from the membership to maintain it In years past, a handful of dedicated people worked hard to keep the field in pristine condition. Today the workload is simply too big for these few wonderful people. My goal for 2005 is to keep the "Spirit of GSW" alive and well. With this in mind, I'd like to see each and every member contribute a little effort in keeping our field the Number One site. The power of many can accomplish in a half hour what a few can do in a day or even several days. We will continue to have our regularly scheduled Saturday (following the club meeting) workday. However, on any given day at anytime

we may ask from a few, up to everyone to assist in various maintenance projects for 15 minutes or so.

There are some big plans in the works for the club in general, as well as the airfield. Your attendance at the 2005 meetings will give you an opportunity to participate in the development of these future plans. On January 1st the keys will be promptly changed and no 2004 membership cards will be accepted on the frequency board so please get your membership renewed pronto! The 2005 AMA membership card will be accepted as per the by-laws and will be strictly enforced.

The 04' Toys for Tots fly-in and the Christmas party was a huge success! Hopefully 2005 will even be better. The paintball "target Drone" was a big hit (literally), and I'd like to see this continue at regularly scheduled events. It will be brought up on the January agenda.

As the 2004 season winds down, we had some unusually great flying weather Saturday December 11th, and Sunday the 12th. Diane & I brought out some lunch goodies for everyone and I believe everyone had a gre at time. The field is a little brown but it looks like the winter rye will pop up soon. Regular maintenance will continue as needed.

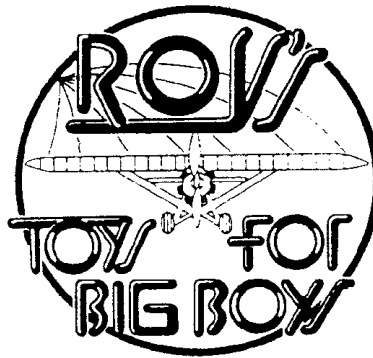
Your 2005 elected officers are:

Mark Fuess, President
 Walt Fisher, Vice President
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**December/January
Event Calendar**

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 don't 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 or check out our web site at <http://www.gamarc.org> Sponsor: Georgetown Aero Modelers #1813

FEB 17-20--Edinburg, TX (Cr) IMAA Winter Rally of Giants. Site: Edinburg International Airport Edinburg, TX 9 miles North of Edinburg on Hwy 281. LF On Site \$25, Pre-register \$20 reg 9am fly 9:30am RV food/bev Paved. Vendors, Raffles & Sight See Tours Saturday night BBQ & dance with country western band. Proceeds benefit Edinburg Boys & Girls Club. Contact: Bert Hahn RR # 3 Box 202 B Edinburg, TX 78541 (956) 842-3656 Cell (956) 279-2488 website www.tejasrc.org. Sponsor: Tejas RC Association #2227.

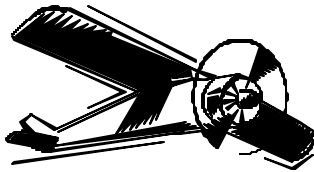


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Tail Spinner Submissions

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
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Roy Baker, Newsletter Publisher

Your appointed field officers are:

Joel Jerabek, Safety Officer
John Graham, Field Marshal

Please remember that Joel & John are your friends and fellow pilots. They are there to ensure everyone's safety at the field. Your cooperation is expected and greatly appreciated.

Again, our next meeting will be held on our usual 2nd Tuesday of the month, January 11th. Make it a plan to be there.

Let's go fly!

Mark B. Fuess
President

A Tribute to an Outstanding ex-GSWAM Member

Last Sunday, I was introduced to a very nice gentleman at the airfield named Jim Jones. He had mentioned he was a club member 5 or 6 years ago and had to give up flying because his eyesight was getting too bad. I headed back to the flight line and Jim continued some casual conversation with Lewie and Frank.

During their conversation, Mr. Jones had offered to donate all of his airplanes and flight gear to the club. Being grateful and appreciative, Lewie and Frank went to Mr. Jones' house to get the gear. To their shock and total amazement they discovered that Jim's airplane collection included several NEW airplanes, NEW engines, and NEW radios along with the normal support equipment!

This is the epitome of kindness and consideration.

Mr. Jones could have done anything with his gear, but he opted to give it all to Greater Southwest Aero Modelers!

THANK YOU ever so much, Mr. Jim Jones!!

Mark

GSWAM Instructors

Please contact the instructors to schedule times for instruction.

Walt Fisher	Weekdays by appointment	Cell 817-368-6619 Home 817-540-5921 Wlfisher@flash.net
Louie Moore	Weekday & Evenings	817-571-0347 Lfmooretx@aol.com
Mark Fuess	Fridays and Weekends	817-723-7617 mfuess@texas.net
James McGuiness	Call to set time	817-282-3509 Jamcg@attbi.com
John Bradley	Call to set times	817 680 9086
Frank Rowell	Sunday and Tues and Thurs PM	817 265 2471 Frowell3@comcast.net
Dave McEvilly	Call for arrangements	214-543-1621 972-256-3133 davemcevilly@netscape.net
Craig Bevil	Call to schedule times	817-905-6144 cbevil@charter.net
Max Ficken	Schedule time	Home 817-498-4744 Cell 817 691-9630 triplane@charter.net

Regular training times Tuesday and Thursday Evenings During Daylight Saving time

If you would like to be included on the instructor list please contact Max Ficken



Aerial Photo of the GSWAM Field courtesy of John Stanzak

December Toys for Tots Fly-In

The members of GSW are to be commended for the great turnout for the Tots for Tots Event. The weather cooperated and participation was great. The club brought approximately 125 gifts to the event and we filled my van with toys that were delivered to the Marines and Tots for Tots at Donna Park Elementary School on Saturday Dec. 4th. We had a great time flying, shooting at the Old Dog and eating great Chili and Stew. Thanks to all the club members that helped; A special thanks to George Clark and his crew for preparing food, Bob Leone for the paint ball equipment and time spent making sure only the Old Dog got shot, and Tim Lovett for rescuing the Old Dog and supplying the engine, radio and time piloting for the paint ball shoot. I am certain that we made a number of kids very happy at Christmas and that's what it's really all about. Best wishes to everyone for a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Max



Max's Van Filled!!!



Jim Ryan's Super Chipmunk Returning after its Maiden Flight



Old Dog Taking Punishment



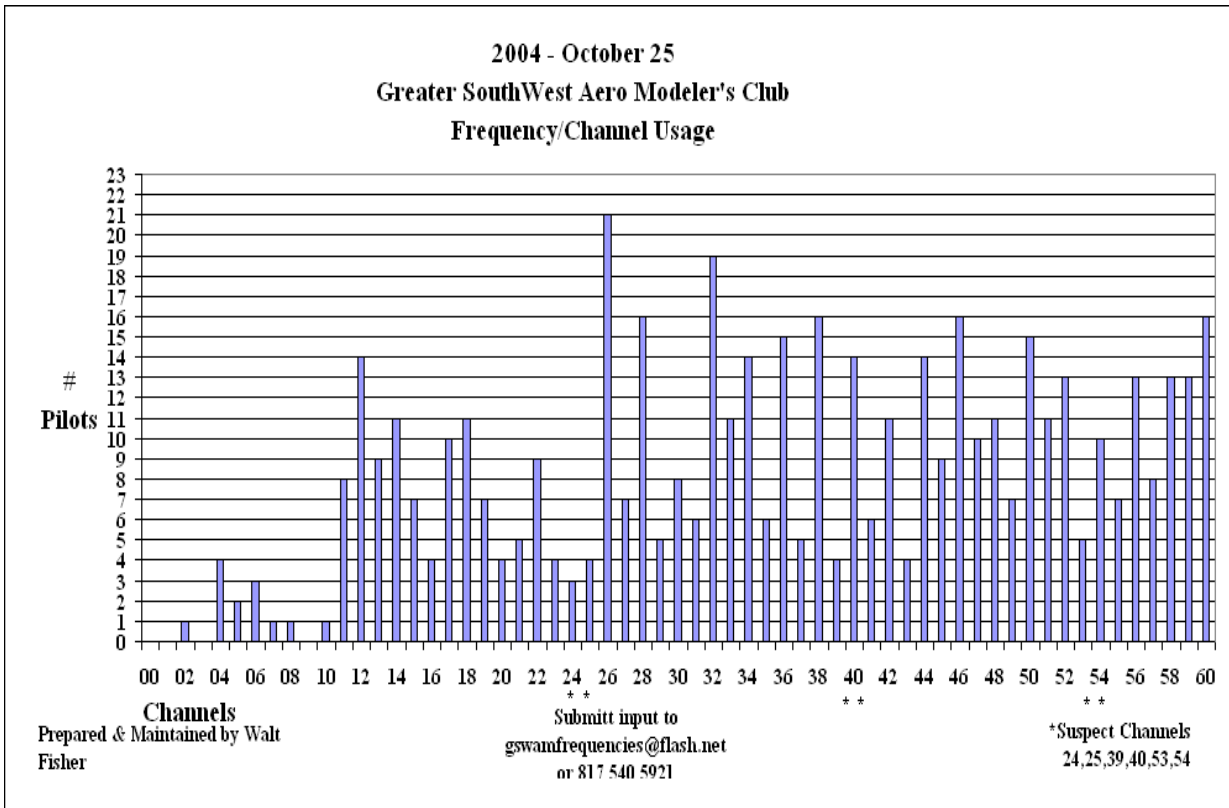
Ken Spears' Excellent Bücher Jungmeister



Jerry Stagner Getting His Super Rookie Ready For A Flight



Lots of Members Showed Up For Excellent Flying Weather



January Training Report

I am happy to report that Jim Brock and Justin Calabretta have successfully completed Basic Pilot training and has Soloed. Congratulations Jim and Justin.

The list of instructors continues to grow and the list of students is doing likewise. I am reminding all the instructors that as you complete the training process and the student solos to let me know so that we can recognize the pilot in the Tailspinner.

Max Ficken

Event Coordinator Notes

If you looked at the last newsletter Lewie created an Events Chairman position. I told Lewie that I would volunteer for the position. My job is to promote the events by mailing out flyers, going by the hobby shops to distribute them and try to get more of us out to have some fun at the events. I have just got started and so far have 90 envelopes to mail out for the big bird fly-in. Please attend the meeting in January so can plan out the year and have a fun year with a lot of events for 2005. We

need to talk about what we would like to do so we can advertise the events. We can't depend on just membership dues, we need to have some good events to help with the overhead. The mall show is coming up and it looks like the big bird will be on June 25th & 26th with a BBQ Dinner. I would like to see a can fly in November and the Toys for Tots in December. This year I will run a piece in the newspaper and I hope to have a T.V. crew and a radio station at the event so we can get more can's and toys dropped off

by the general public and they can see what we do. I was asked this week if we can help out with a event in Waco. This year the AMA Grand Event will be at Hot Mac Field in Waco, they need all the help they can get with this. I think it was nice of them to ask us to help with this. I'll have more info on this at meeting.

See you at the meeting.....

Gary Stephens



Congratulations to James & Karen McGuiness on the birth of William Lee!! Looks like a future club member to me!



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