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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).

Next Meeting:

**Feb 8, 2005
7:00PM**

NRH Rec Center

President's Corner



Greetings RC Modeling enthusiasts! Well, we are headed into our next month of RC flying and it's looking great! Gary Stephens is booking some fantastic events for the year and the field is only getting better by the day.

We recently installed one of the giant scale run-up stands to find out what we "really" need to hold these airplanes during start up. The prototype worked very well, but it's simply too small for the bigger aircraft. The second generation stand is done and ready for installation. It's considerably larger, and much stronger! Check it out



the next time you head to the field.

February 1st is the cut-off for the 2004 memberships. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so right away. The Safety Officer and Field Marshal, along with the officers will be checking the frequency board regularly. All 2004 cards will be removed, and you will be requested not to fly in accordance to our by-laws.

The maintenance scheduled for this month will include replacing the pilots' station numbers with high-quality white metal signs with bright red numbers. One of our older tables requires a new plywood top and one board, and the bleachers need to be painted. Walt Fisher is back from Korea and ready to begin scheduling the maintenance activities for the year. If you would like to assist in mowing, weed eating, and other lawn-care chores please contact Walt as soon as possible!

Gary Stephens now has enough IMAA members in the GSW membership to file for an IMAA Chapter license. This will bring some additional Scale Model events to our field. If you would like to consider joining up with the IMAA, they have a website which details the requirements of both the pilot and aircraft. This is a very active Special Interest Group within the AMA umbrella. I joined up a few weeks ago, and I

**February/March
Event Calendar**

FEB 12--Frisco, TX (C) North Dallas 2548
Site: Warren Field, Frisco, TX Ed Kettler CD,
6725 Grant Lane, Plano, Tx 75025
Phone:972-605-0129(day), 972-618-2989
(eve) Sponsor: North Dallas RC Club #1238
The event will use RCCA 2548 provisional
rules posted on www.rccombat.com. Hard
hats are required. CD Email: ed.kettler@comcast.net

FEB 17-20--Edinburg, TX (Cr) IMAA Winter
Rally of Giants. Site: Edinburg International
Airport Edinburg, TX 9 miles North of Edin-
burg 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.

FEB 20--Dallas, TX (AA) President's Day Con-
test. Site: Hobby Park, Northwest Highway at
Garland Rd., Dallas, TX. Events: (319-321),
(322-326)(JSO), .15 Navy Carrier CD: Terry
Kirby, 13639 Charcoal Ln, Dallas, TX 75234
Event 319 split Sport/Expert; Event 322 re-
stricted to 'FliteStreak' models, max en-
gine .40. Day Phone: 214-637-4361 Eve
Phone: 972-247-4241 EMail: terryk@epwi.

net Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association
#1902.

MAR 6--El Paso, TX (A) EPRC Quickie Race
Site: Burnett Field, El Paso, TX Events: 424

(JSO) Arthur Hicks CD, 10621 Sombra Verde,
El Paso, TX 79935 Phone:915-852-7334(day),
915-588-5777(eve) Sponsor: El Paso Radio
Controllers #1043 Contact Jerry Dakaw for
additional event info. Email: nakad8@hotmail.com Event web site: www.geocities.com/eprcweb/

MAR 18-20--Paris, TX (C) Lone Star Nation-
als - Paris Site: Club Field, Paris, TX Kelvin
McFadden CD, Rt.5 Box 53M, Paris, TX 75460
Phone:903-517-9879(day) Sponsor: Paris
Radio Control Association #1671 We will be
flying RCCA Open B, Provisional SSC & 2548
using RCCA rules for each class. CD Email
kmcfadden@neto.com

MAR 19--Sherman, TX (C) Texoma RC Elec-
tric Fly-In Site: Club Field, Sherman, TX
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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

would like to see more of our GSW scale modelers participate.

Our BIG BIRD FLY-IN is scheduled for June 25th and 26th , Along with the usual flying activities, Gary Stephens will be cooking up his "WORLD FAMOUS" BBQ. The BBQ dinner is included in the landing fees and you won't be disappointed! I GAR-ON-TEE... This is an AMA sanctioned event and has some qualifying requirements. Please check the Events Schedule for all the details. Even if you don't participate in the Fly-in, make it a plan to be there! This will be a prime opportunity to see some fantastic big birds, watch them fly, and talk to the owners.

All events regardless of what they may be hosting is 95% social. And everyone is invited to socialize. I would like to encourage everyone to bring a non-RC airplane enthusiast to our events and airfield, to show them what RC modeling is all about!

I'm very proud of the club, the facilities, and especially our members. And I can't think of a better way to introduce future modelers to hobby than to let people spend time with our club members. So invite someone to come along with you...

The North East Mall show is ready to rock, and we need your support! I'd like to see any and every type of airplane regardless if it flies or not. The idea is to expose people to our hobby and I can't think of a better way than to bring planes in all stages of completion. Everything from park fliers to giant scale would make a great showing . I'd also like to see some helicopters and U-controls this year as well!

A special thanks to Gary Stephens, Tom Roberts, Jim Ryan, Bruce Long and John Graham for devoting time and materials for the new run-up stands. Your dedication in making GSW a nicer place to fly is GREATLY APPRECIATED! And another THANKS is in order for those who used the stands and made suggestions for making them even better! Gold Stars for everyone!

Mark Fuess, President

January Meeting Minutes

The January 2005 meeting was called to order by Club President Mark Fuess at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

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

Visitors/New Members: New club members Darrel Abby and Tom Roberts and visitor Rod Hodan were welcomed to the meeting.

Treasurers Report: James McGuiness gave the treasurers report. This month there were no major expenses. There were 83 new and renewing club members signed up already for 2005.

Flight Instructor Coordinator: Max Fickin gave the instructors report. Plaques were given out to Jim Brock, Justin Calabretta and Tom Roberts, the latest pilots who completed their solo flights. Congratulations guys and welcome to a hobby that will bring you a lifetimes worth of enjoyment!

Old Business:

Club Officers Free Membership: In regards to the previous motion made during the last meeting to extend the free membership for full term club officers, the attending membership voted to retain the current free membership rule of 1-year membership for each year served. Free membership takes effect the following year after a club officer serves a full term.

Open Floor Discussions:

(a). **Field Maintenance;** New signage, pilot station plaques and giant scale start-up station will all soon be installed at the field.

(b). **Club Operating Philosophy;** Help out when you can, be an active member who, whenever possible, shows up for work days, follows the rules of the flying site as a responsible club member. We as club members have a responsibility to maintain our facility by picking up trash, being available to help water the field and/or mow or weedeat where needed.

(c). **Membership Renewal Grace Period;** Starting Febuary 1st the 2004 membership cards will no longer be acceptable for use on the frequency

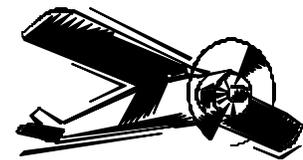
board, to maintain the privledge of using the club flying site you need to renew your AMA and club membership.

(d). **Meeting Attendance;** Club members who want to have a say in what the club is planning for the future should attend the monthly club meetings whenever possible. Club events, field improvements and the planning of the direction of the club is discussed and decisions are made by the members who attend the monthly meetings. Another plus is you just might win one of the nice raffle gifts or even one of Lawrence's "box of screws", who knows.

Jim Jones Donation: Many thanks to Jim for the huge donation he made to the club. There are still several items including brand new engines still available at great prices. Go to the club web site at <http://www.flygsw.org> and click on the tech site button, Mark Fuess has a current list of available items and prices posted there. All proceeds made by the sale of the donated items go directly to the club.

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
817-251-3940
Sonny@flygsw.org



Hello Club members.

My name is Mark Grohe, a local club member, and I am interested in purchasing your new or used RC equipment. I pay only in cash, and can handle large quantities. Give me a call at 682-552-6494 (local Fort Worth number) or email me at mgrohe@yahoo.com.

Event Coordinator Notes

It looks like where off to a good start this year.

The Mall show will be at northeast mall on March 5th & 6th. Tony will need all the help we can give him with this, so get your planes ready to show at the mall and come by to help out.

The first two fly-ins for the year will be a any-size Warbird on Saturday April 16th and a Big Bird fly-in on June 25th & 26th with a BBQ dinner on Saturday night.

The Club Auction will be on Sunday May the 8th 1:00 at the field, anything model related is welcome, come out buy some new stuff and sell your old stuff at the same time.

I have been talking to Tower & Horizon hobby about sponsors for the fly-ins this year and it's looking good. I hope they will help so we can have some nice door prizes and some good raffles.

*See you at the field.....
Gary Stephens.*

February Training Report

We haven't had a lot of opportunity to train because of the weather and so no new solos to report. A number of new planes have been checked out and we are hoping for opportunities to do some flying. New members should call instructors to schedule times to fly. The list on the web site has been updated. Anyone wishing to be included on the list of instructors needs to call or send me an email. Max Ficken

New Members report;

Please welcome the following new members to Greater Southwest Aero Club.

Ken Spears
Hamilton Rogers
Tod Moyers
Jae Ho Ju
Richard Crippen
Richard Bohls
Darrel Abby

Max Ficken

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 Lfmooret@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 McEvelly	Call for arrangements	214-543-1621 972-256-3133 davemcevelly@netscape.net
Craig Bevil	Call to schedule times	817-905-6144 cbevil@charter.net
Nick Lowery	Call to schedule times	817-819-1866
Mark Grohe	Call to schedule times	817-595-1419
Russ Watson	Thursday & Friday	817-723-5050
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

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to help with 2005 GSWAM general maintenance. Help is needed in the following areas on a recurring and regular basis:

RUNWAY: Cutting the runway on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; laying water hoses and sprinkler late evenings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; recovering the hoses and sprinkler in the early a.m., on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

GLIDER/HELO AREA: Grass cutting once a week, you chose the day(s).

CONTROL LINE AREA: Cutting and watering as needed.

PIT AREA: Cut grass on Friday, weed eating, on Friday, empty trash Monday and/or Friday.

Those willing to help please contact Walt at wlfisher@comcast.net or call 817 368 6619.

AGENDA February 2005

1. OPEN Meeting 7:00 and accept membership renewals, and new memberships
2. Read & approve minutes for the last meeting, Financial Report, Maintenance Report
3. Introduce VISITORS and new members
4. Hand out Solo Flight certificates. Rick Crippen Sr and others.
5. Discuss Maintenance issues and plans
6. Turn the floor over to Gary Stephens for an update on EVENTS and our IMAA charter
7. Turn floor over to Tony to discuss Mall show/display (5 & 6 Mar)
8. Turn the floor over to Max Ficken for trainee announcements and other newcomer stuff
9. OPEN floor to the membership for discussions and proposals.
 - (1) Propose the idea of an East West runway.
 - (2) Thoughts on leveling the pit area
 - (3) Plans for leveling the field
10. Model of the Month
11. Raffle
12. Close Meeting

Walt's Trip Report

I, Walt Fisher, went to S. Korea 21 Dec – 15 Jan and while there I ran down 2 RC clubs. Members of GSWAM are fortunate to have the facility that we do. While in S. Korea it was freezing and windy. After several attempts to meet someone at their field I finally got with 3 members from the Gold Wings RC club since they have the "best" airfield. The airfield is located about 30 minutes out of Pusan city limits. It is actually in a cabbage patch and a spinach field, surrounded with plastic hot houses on 3 sides and a river on the other side. The airfield is powered sand, and measured 19X90 steps, about ½ the size of GSWAM.

In the summer months there is no grass cutting. Instead they lay canvas or tarp over the field to keep down the blowing dust and to keep the planes from sinking into the sand on touch down. De-

ember and January are considered the best months to fly because the sand is moist making it heavier providing a more solid base for landing, less dust and the planes do not sink into the sand as much. Their landings remind me of hitting a golf ball into a sand trap. The plane stops in less than 3 feet. Taking off requires a push like pylon planes at GSWAM. Ten percent fuel is \$20 a gallon. No surprise there as 1 gallon of gasoline is over \$6. S. Korea has a hefty tax on recreation things, RC, motorcycles, etc. Their prices are anywhere from ½ to 2/3 of what we pay for ARFs and engines. These guys fly using mode 1 and all the engines were OS and radios were JR.

The airfield facility consisted of a heater (a barrel with holes in it burning rice stalks). That is it! There are 13 members in this club; they pay @ \$2000 a year for this field. I did not ask about their dues but that alone figures to @

\$150 each. This field is the better of the 2 I visited.

The other club's field is a top a 30 foot levy paralleling a 6 lane road with a wide river on the other side, probably 80 or 90 feet down to the river. They land on a one lane dirt road on top of the levy that is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass. Admittedly, there are a lot of crashes during attempted landings.

Visit the first club's, Gold Wings, web site at www.gwrc.co.kr <<http://www.gwrc.co.kr/>>. Click on the 3rd thing down with the black background that is their Photo Gallery.

I have included a picture of a landing and take-off.





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Wendell Hubbard CD, 7924 Coldshire Court, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 Phone: 817-777-8230(day), 817-485-1498(eve) Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276 The fifth annual TRC electric Fly-In. This is a fly-in for all electric powered aircraft. RVs welcome but no hook-ups. Out of town guests are welcome to also fly on Friday and Sunday. CD Email: gwhtoo@charter.net Event web site: www.texomarc.org

MAR 19-20---Big Spring, TX (C) Indoor Electric Fun-Fly Site: Howard College Coliseum, Big Spring, TX Robert Williams CD, 1721 Yale Ave, Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone: 432-816-9470(both) Sponsor: Big Spring Model Aircraft Association #1526 Howard College Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX Weight Limit - 10oz. Two Li-polys or 6 Ni-Cads max power. \$10 Landing fee. CD Email:

rwilliams@howardcollege.edu

MAR 19-20--El Paso, TX (AA) Border IMAC Classic Site: Burnett Field, El Paso, TX Events: 411 - 414 (JSO) Arthur Hicks CD, 10621 Sombra Verde, El Paso, TX 79935 Phone: 915-852-7334 (day), 915-588-5777(eve) Sponsor: El Paso Radio Controllers #1043 Freestyle Sunday and Unknowns. RV Parking but no hook-ups. Event web site - www.geocities.com/eprcweb/ Contact Doug Garcia for additional information. Email: d.garcia@sierratitle.com Awards for 1st thru 3rd places in each numbered event.