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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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2005 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:
April 11, 2006
7:00PM
NRH Building

Work Day
April 15, 2006
At the Field

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President's Corner

Wow! I can't believe how fast this year is running. I think there are several things to talk about in this month's edition. The Lone Star Nationals has now come and gone. The event ran from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, March 24-26, and was a blast to watch. I had never been close to this event, but I found it very entertaining. I can't believe there are not more mid-airs than there are! That looks like some real skill and depth perception. I don't think I could do it, but I think I might have to give it a try.

The event went off very well. We need to thank Bob Leone and Lee Little for putting on a great event. We had about 40 pilots from all over the country come to Fort Worth just for this event! And they were very good guests of the field, too. Once the event was over they did a walk through our field and even out into the flyover area to the east of the runway. They picked up bits of broken propellers and airplanes, crepe streamers and just generally picked up the trash. A group of them even gathered the trash bags and took them to the dumpster while they were at our field. The RCCA was very impressed with the job our members did with such short notice to host a National Contest. And the best part? They want to come back! The final counting is not in quite yet but we collected over \$2900.00 in registration fees, breakfast, and lunch monies. That ain't hay.....

I would personally like to thank Jerry Stagner, Greg Reynolds, Herb Roundy,

John Graham, Peggy Lovett, Donna Rice, Jeri Hankel, Walt Fisher, Lee Rice and Barry Ponder for the cooking. Those brats, burgers, hot dogs and breakfast were all great! I think I gained weight over the weekend. Max Ficken and Tommy Ezell came out to help with the PA system and general duties. Dan Webster, sounding just like Pat Summerall (sp?) did the announcing and added color to the event. Man, that guy can sell some T-shirts also! Did I mention the T-shirts that were done for the event were all sold? Yes, each and every one of them. I am certain I have probably missed someone, and I apologize. I was at the field three days for over 10 hours each day and I get a little forgetful.

Now, to some more serious business. The City of Fort Worth is going to move us from under the Solid Waste Management Department to the Parks Department. We found this out a few weeks back. Whatever spurred the City to make this decision, I am glad we found out about it in time to call them. I contacted the Assistant Director of Solid Waste and once we had talked, he wanted to meet downtown with the Parks Director. We were able to move the meeting to our field. Lee Rice, Max Ficken, Lewie Moore and myself met

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GSWAM CHARTER MEMBERS

Bob Snyder

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Lewis Brachey

John Law

Frank Mobley

April Event Calendar

APR 08--Ft. Worth, TX (C) GSW Bi-Plane Fly-In Site: 6903 Randoll Mill Road. Events: Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aeromodelers #1140. CD: Lawrence Harville, 932 Calloway Court, Hurst, TX. Phone: 817-284-5537(day) 817-284-5537(eve) E-Mail: lawharv@yahoo.com WebSite: www.flygsw.org Bi-plane fly-in any size. Multiple classes, multiple awards; military, Civilian, etc. \$10 landing fee includes lunch. Bad freqs 23, 24, 39, 40, 53, 54.

APR 08-09--Sherman, TX (A) Military & Civilian All Sizes Site: Pete Darter Field. Events: 520 (JSO) Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: Loyd McAlester, 725 W. Dubois, Denison, TX 75020. Phone: 903-463-4872 (day) 903-463-4872(eve) E-Mail: loydmcalester@cableone.net WebSite: www.texomarc.org 1st Annual War Birds and Civilian all sizes. Prizes and trophies and plaques thru third place. Fee \$20, extra planes free. Take Hwy 82 West of Sherman from 1417. Go 7 miles West, turn left on Hazel Wood going South. Site: Miniture & Logston Road.

APR 22-23--Dallas, TX (AA) DMAA Spring Warm-up Site: Hobby Park, Dallas, TX. Events: (301-310), 312, 313 (JSO); Texas Quickie Rat, Sportsman Goodyear (JSO); Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Patrick Hempel, 304 Becky, Rockwall, TX 75087. Phone: 972-231-2185 (day) 972-841-8766(eve) E-Mail: phempel@dataconninc.com WebSite: www.DMAA-1902.org Helmets required for all racing pit

crews; Speed flown both days; All racing events on Sunday, 4/23; All speed events flown together - record ratio; Fuel and awards provided by DMAA.

APR 22-23--Temple, TX (AA) Max & Todd



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Blose Pattern Contest Site: Temple Aeromodelers Field. Events: 401-404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: B&P Associates #0. CD: Todd Blose, 1005 N. Betsy, Waco, TX 76706. Phone: 254-776-4991(day) 254-744-9218 (eve) E-Mail: tblose@drhobbies.com WebSite: www.bp-rc.com This contest was held in Waco for 34 years. We since have moved the contest to Temple, TX. Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event.

APR 29--Lucas, TX (C) RRCC Fun-Fly Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Richardson R/C Club #6032. CD: Alan Buckner, 5841 Copper Canyon Drive, The Colony, TX 75056. Phone: 972-604-3792(day) 972-625-0806(eve) E-Mail: alan.buckner@eos.com WebSite: www.rrcc.org This is a one design event. A specific airplane must be used and the engine selected from a list. See web site for details and directions. www.rrcc.org Several known and one mystery task. Lunch available. No camping or power at the site. Lots of prizes.

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:

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Fort Worth, Texas 76118
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March Secretary's Report

The March 2006 business meeting was called to order by Club President Tim Lovett at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

New Members/Visitors: Ray Turrentine

Vice Presidents Field Report: The main runway was fertilized Sunday (3/12/06) and wood planks for bleacher repair are to be purchased and installed before the combat meet. A motion was made, seconded and passed by the attending club members to purchase replacement chairs, up to \$300.00 was allotted for the purchase.

Treasurers Report: Club Treasurer John Graham reported that the major expenditures for March include the brush hog mowing of the flying site's surrounding field and the renewal of the club AMA charter. The club brought in \$233.00 from the March Fun-Fly.

Instructors Report: Instructor Coordinator Max Fickin met with the club instructors and planned for the coming flying season. If you are interested in becoming a club instructor please contact Max.

Old Business:

Mall Show Results: 1st Place - Ken Spears, 2nd Place - Ross Woods, 3rd Place - Sonny Coleman and Pilots Choice - Ross Woods

Lone Star Nationals: The Lone Star Nationals combat meet will take place March 24th, 25th & 26th.

Combat Meet: The annual club combat meet "Battle on the Trinity" will be held September 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Texas Biplane Fun-Fly: The Biplane Fun-Fly will be held April 8th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. There will be a prize raffle, drawings and refreshments available.

Next Fun-Fly: The next club fun-fly will be held May 6th 2006

New Business:

Club Auction: From the Prez: It's time! The April Meeting will be the club Auction. Dig through your stuff and clean out all those planes, engines, radios and support items that deep down inside you know won't ever really be used! Bring them to the auction and someone else can get some use out of them. Kits, completed planes, engines, radios, servos, starters, flight boxes and more. Remember, the April meeting will start promptly at 7pm.

Club Web Site: Be sure to 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.

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with both these men at the field on an early morning. The Parks Director was surprised to see the flying field, he didn't even know we were there until this discussion was started! He was also pleased the field was being taken care of so well. The committee was able to show these men that GSW has invested much money and time into the site. We also explained our operations to them and expressed our concerns with the possibility of losing a field to soccer fields or picnic tables. We even showed them how, if the gates were not locked, we could lose machinery, structures, runway, etc. They seemed to be supportive and understand our needs.

The City of Fort Worth Parks Department has purchased the land on the east side of the asphalt plant, so there won't be houses built any closer than they are now. That was a welcome relief. The Parks Department is also starting a Master Plan for the area and it looks like we will be part of that plan. There is supposed to be a lease presented to us within a month. The lease is to be one with exclusive use of our field! That is exciting, folks! We are not sure how long a lease we can secure for the club, but I am going to start with a request of 50 years. We will get what we can. Also, I doubt the lease will be for one dollar a year as it was in the

past. I have no idea what it will cost GSW to lease the field, but isn't it fortuitous that the RCCA needed a home for their National Contest!!

I am going to close this for now, but we will discuss it further at the May meeting. Don't forget the Club Auction at the April Meeting. Bring those items to sell. And bring money to buy items brought by others!

Also, plan to attend the Bi-Plane event on April 8. The landing fee is only \$10.00 and that includes lunch, too. Come out and bring those planes with two, or three, or more wings to have some fun. Hopefully the weather will be much nicer than last year.....

See you at the field!
Tim Lovett
President

April Instructor's Report

A meeting with a number of members interested in training was held this month. With the change in daylight savings time the regular training schedule will start April 4th and 6th. Training will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays of each week. Training will start at 6:00 PM until dark. During these times students will have priority for frequencies and all flying must follow the traffic pattern to allow students a chance to learn without a lot of interference from other planes. If you intend to participate in training please contact me to schedule a brief test involving inspecting and flying models. I have packets of information for the instructors for using when inspecting aircraft and for recording progression of flight proficiency for the students. This will assist instructors when helping students that have flying with another instructor.

Walt reports that Neil Kolban has successfully soloed. Congratulations Neil

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April Safety Issues

Again I would like to start this months column by referring to the March issue of Model Aviation. Beginning on page 47, Don Brooks, in his From The Ground Up column, writes a second article, in a series, on safety. This month Mr. Brooks discusses flight-preparation safety and flying-field etiquette. This is one of the best common sense safety articles I believe I have ever read. For you members who have joined GSW since our complete reconstruction of our flying site, this article will be very beneficial in helping you understand why our flying facility is laid out the way it is. Our field is laid out according to AMA safety requirements and our own safety rules and regulations. This has all been done in an attempt to minimize risk and provide a safe flying environment for GSW members and guests.

On page 86, this months regular Safety Comes First section has several, this happened to me stories. This provides a little trial and error information and hopefully will help someone avoid any future mishap. Always apply common sense or it could happen to you.

FIRST AND FOREMOST SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY. Good safety habits don't just happen, they are developed by using common sense and repetitive procedures every time you go to the field and fly. Your safety procedures start at home by making sure that all batteries are fully charged. Next load and secure your aircraft to avoid any hangar rash or damage to any of the control surfaces. Next load and secure your field box and all needed accessories and support items, like wing, transmitter etc. How many time have you arrived at the field to discover that you didn't bring a wing or transmitter. Be honest now, it has happened to all of us some time or another!!!!

When you arrive at the field, first things first. Unload in a systematic manner every time. Do your plane set up the same way every time and check for any loose items such as screws, servos, control horns, etc. Check batteries with a volt meter. You don't want to lose a plane because of battery failure. Fuel up and use a catch container for the overflow. This keeps your work area clean and you would be surprised how much fuel you will save. Head to the frequency board and display your member-

ship card on the proper frequency and attach the frequency pin to transmitter antenna. Now you are ready to turn on your transmitter. Remember to never ever turn on your transmitter unless you have the proper frequency pin. Turn on the transmitter and receiver at the set up area, do a control check to make sure all control surfaces have the correct movements in response to their input.

Head to the starting stand and place your plane securely into the stand. Make sure the transmitter and receiver are turned on. Do a range check to make sure you aren't having an interference problem. Start engine, move the back side of the engine before removing the glo starter and adjusting the engine. Avoid reaching over and behind the prop. Hold the plane during engine runup. Carefully remove plane from the starting stand and carry the plane to the entrance. Larger plane can be rolled by using the vertical stabilizer as the push point. Do not taxi in the pit area. At the flight line do one more control check, make sure that any of the servos are not reversed. Use the proper field call while at the flight station, let other pilots know what you are doing, such as, taking off, landing, on the field etc.

Learn to develop good habits and reap the benefits of safety. It's easier to develop good habits than bad habits.

Safe flying
Lewie Moore
GSW Safety Officer

GSW UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 Bi-plane fly-in

May 6 Fun-fly \$ 10.00 for landing fee & lunch

May 13 & 14 Fort worth Air Show at NAS, **NO LANDING FEE.**

May 27 & 28 AMA Big Bird

June 3 AMA Funscale Contast

July 8 **NO LANDING FEE** (FAMILY BBQ PICNIC & FUN-FLY) **Yes no landing fee, it's free to all club members and their family.**

CLUB AUCTION

REMEMBER The club is holding an auction this month. We will convene the meeting for about 2 minutes and then go straight into the Auction,

If you remember the last one we had complete planes-engine-radio combinations being sold for \$125.

So If you have something in your addict collecting dust and would like to turn it into hard cash bring it to the auction and get rid of it.

I can almost guarantee if you bring it to sell SOMEONE will buy it.

We had Supertigre 45's going for \$25 and we had complete field boxes with fuel and starters- for under \$15.00

The most fun you can have indoors.

I, personally sold 3 complete airplanes last auction made enough money to pay off the mortgage on my house, take a vacation to Europe and but a new car. That may or may not be true!?

You never know how much your junk is worth until your friends and enemies start bidding against one another for your stuff.

The rules are simple:

GSW will run the auction
We sell your stuff we will take checks or cash. Preferably cash.

GSW gets 10% of the selling price
If the price is not enough for you-you don't have to sell it and there is no charge

YOU CAN'T LOSE.

If you don't have anything to sell **COME AND BUY** . Nothing could be more fun than watching grown men bidding on something just because it is shiny.

Fun for all, and you could go home with a new plane or cash
Don't be square-I'll see you there

Lawrence



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