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# The Tail Spinner

## Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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Bedford, TX 76021

<http://www.flygsw.org>



### AMA Gold Leader Club

*The Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Inc. is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club By-Laws. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located at 6903 Randol Mill Road, 1/4 mile east of exit 26 off of Loop 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 Monday and Wednesday 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 flying field during the summer months and 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) during the winter..*

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday  
November 13, 2007  
NRH Community Center  
7:00PM**

<b>President</b> .....	Tim Lovett.....	(817) 268-7797
<b>Vice President(s)</b> .....	Lee Rice .....	(817) 431-5408
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Sonny Coleman .....	(817) 251-3940
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Tom Russell.....	(817) 457-3236
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> .....	Roy Baker.....	(817) 545-4031

### President's Corner

Fall is upon us! The temperature has been much cooler at night and great during the daytime hours.

We had a club fun fly in October. Lawrence Harville came in first place and picked up a \$20.00 gift certificate for his efforts. Darrell Abbey was second and Max Ficken was third. They each picked up a \$10.00 gift certificate. That paid for their entry fee. The entry fee also took care of a lunch. All in all it was a great time. Unfortunately Walt Fisher lost his Ultrasport that has been an icon at the field for a long time. It was a complete loss.

Don't forget to come to the Food Drive and Fun Fly in November. Cost of admission is canned food for the food bank! Even if you do not wish to fly, come by the field and drop off canned and nonperishable food. But, there will be fun fly events and just flying for fun. If the weather is really pretty we might even find a way to grill some hamburgers while we are there.

The Toys for Tots fly in is coming up the December. Be sure to attend this event and bring an unwrapped, new toy for admission. We will enjoy flying, eating and good fellowship. We will get some exciting events together and look forward to seeing you there. We have had a very good turnout from club members in the past for this charity and look forward to another good season. Please remember this to bless someone less fortunate than yourself during Christmas!

Mercado Juarez in Arlington. Contact one of the club officers, Lawrence Harville, Max Ficken, Lewie Moore, John Stanzak for tickets. Tickets are \$20.00 a piece. If you are new to the club; you will find that many times you take more home in prizes than the cost of your ticket. And on top of that, you get a good meal and fun time, too! Plan to join us.

Eugene Folkes passed away last month very unexpectedly. Eugene was one of the nicest guys at the field. He returned to flying model aircraft after several years absence due to job and family. He developed a keen interest in electric flight. He loved to talk about the hobby and he will be missed at the field.

*Tim Lovett  
President*

### All Scale Fly-In

Saturday, October 13, found club members at the field for the GSWAM All Scale Fly-In. Max Ficken was our CD and organizer, and there was a very nice turnout with an outstanding array of scale models. Here are the results after several recounts to determine the winner in the highly contested scale helicopter category!!

### Awards

**Pilots Choice  
Dan Givney/Brent Bowling with**

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The Christmas party is December 8 at

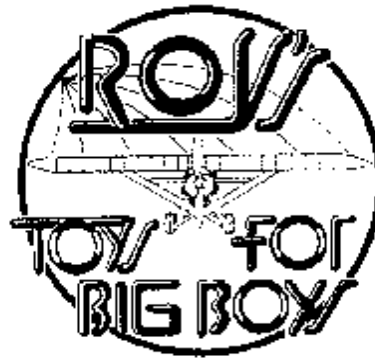
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**Tail Spinner Submissions**

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  
(817) 545-4031  
(817) 455-0922 (cell)

(e-mail) [rbaker19@tx.rr.com](mailto:rbaker19@tx.rr.com)

## October Secretary's Report

The October 2007 business meeting was called to order by club Vice-President Lee Rice at the Club Flying Facility. Next months meeting will be held at the North Richland Hills Community Center facility on the second Tuesday of November (11/13/2007).

The September business meeting minutes were approved by the attending club members as they were written.

**New Members/Visitors:** Bruce Gifford.

**Club Officer Nominations:** The 2007 Club Officer Nominations: **Club President** - Tim Lovett, **Vice President** - Lee Rice, **Secretary** - Sonny Coleman, **Treasurer** - Tom Russell, and **Newsletter Editor** - Roy Baker.

**Work Day:** No workday scheduled for October.

**Old Business:**

**Christmas Party Update:** The 2007 Christmas Party will again be at Mercado Juarez in Arlington on December 8th. The address is 2222 Miller Road in Arlington, TX, and the cost is \$20.00 per person.

**Flight Training:** Frank Rowell reported that the official training season for 2007 is over, and that student pilot David Hatcher successfully soloed his aircraft. Congratulations David!

**T.A.G. Event:** Frank Rowell, who headed-up the Takeoff and Grow event, reported that there were 47 students and adults who signed-up for the ground school and demo flight via buddy box. There were control-line, helicopter, 3D and combat aircraft demonstrations performed by GSWAM club members who donated time and effort to make the outing the great success it was. Great Job Frank!

**The Storage Container Saga:** The attending club members voted to not purchase a storage container at this time due to more pressing items needing to be purchased. The clubs reel mower and tractor mower is in need of replacement, and the current storage containers are still serviceable, although in need of floor repair.

**New Business:**

**Membership Dues Increase:** The attending club officers and members discussed the possibility of having to raise the cost of club membership dues in order to cover the costs of having the flying field mowed by an outside contractor. The subject of raising membership dues was tabled for future discussions due to time constraints, no decisions were made as of yet.

**Model of the Month:** This month's model of the month winner is Lawrence Harville with his F7F Tiger Cat, which sports twin 1.20 four-stroke engines. Lawrence edged out John D. Stanzak's refurbished 1972 vintage Schluter Huey Cobra gunship, modeled after the full scale one he flew in Vietnam.

**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, where there is an abundance of useful information available.

Sonny Coleman – Secretary,  
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of Ft. Worth, Texas.  
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From the Bartlesville Falcons Model Club, Inc., Bartlesville, Oklahoma

### Finishing Tip By Ed Spam

When I am about ready to cover a model, I always have some final repairs to make. I cover and smooth blemishes with lightweight spackling such as Bondex. It sands nicely and does a good job except that it is dead white and shows through translucent or light colored coverings.

The solution: Tint the spackling with a very small amount of brown water color, or walnut water, or alcohol furniture stain. Adjust to a color that blends with balsa. With this, your patches are invisible! People will say, "How does he build so nicely?"—You don't have to tell

*[In a previous lifetime, I was involved with a number of task groups where we had to do mission and vision statements. You cannot believe how painful these can be when you are working in a group. The more people involved, the worse this process becomes. Sometimes you can spend hours debating the use of a single word!?! Anyway, most of the time, these are filed in a folder or put on a web site and promptly forgotten. Anyway, since I did find the AMA Vision and Mission, it seemed appropriate to publish it in the Tail Spinner. At least once. :-) reb]*

### AMA Vision

We, the members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, are the pathway to the future of aeromodeling and are committed to making modeling the foremost sport/hobby in the world. This vision is accomplished through:

- Affiliation with its valued associates, the modeling industry and governments;
- A process of continuous improvement;
- A commitment to leadership, quality, education and scientific/technical development; and,
- A safe, secure, enjoyable modeling environment.

### AMA Mission

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is a world-class association of modelers organized for the purpose of promotion, development, education, advancement, and safeguard of modeling activities. The Academy provides leadership, organization, competition, communication, protection, representation, recognition, education and scientific/technical development to modelers.

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### Tips and Tricks

Tips and tricks from Jim's RC.com

#### Clear Canopy Polish

Here is a good canopy polish tip, use toothpaste on the canopy. Smear a liberal amount of toothpaste on the canopy and use toilet tissue to buff the canopy to a glossy finish that will not scratch at all. Then use alcohol cleaner to remove any residue left by the toothpaste. It works very well!

## TAG EVENT - GSW FUN

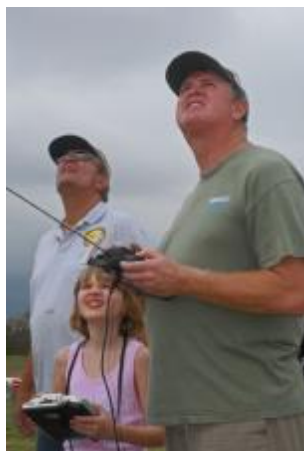
The Greater Southwest Aeromodelers of Fort Worth, Texas held their TAG day event on Saturday, October 6. The weather was hot and humid with a threat of rain. To our good fortune the rain held off.

Our guests were conveniently provided by invitation to our good neighbor. This is a private school across the road from our field. We had a turnout of 45 guests. With the size of our flying facility we considered this a good showing. Our theme was the "Variety of Model Aircraft"

We conducted ground school, preflight, and safety lectures. We also set up flight simulators on two computers. We had demonstrations of 3-D flying by the Texas Heat Wave Team. Our members conducted helicopter flying demonstrations, line control flying and training. We had an aerobatic flying demo and flights by war birds and sport planes. A crowd pleaser was the combat demo. Most of the demos were conducted by AMA competition champions. The members also provided models for a static show. We had a break for free lunch prepared on site by our cooking crew. During all this and in between we had four models in the air for buddy box training. We had a great day and are hopeful we will gain some new members. The invited guests consisted of a total of 45 people. There were 27 students and 17 parents. Spectators totaled more than 100 consisting mostly of members and their families. So far we have acquired no new members from this activity.

Regards,

Frank Rowell, AMA 385623  
Event Director  
Greater Southwest Aeromodelers  
Fort Worth, Texas



# All Scale Fly In

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**the B17**

**Best WWII**

**Dan Givney/Brent Bowling with  
the B17**

**Best Control Line Scale  
Dave Ek with the A7E**

**Best Post WWII Military  
Dave Ek and the A7E**

**Best Civilian  
Robert McGee with the Extra 300**

**Best WWI  
Ernie Harwood with his Blackbird  
Monoplane**

**Best Scale Helicopter  
John Stanzak with his AH-1G  
Cobra**



# **GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO CLUB FOOD DRIVE**

**DONATIONS OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD  
ITEMS FOR THE NEEDY**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2007**

**COLLECTION AT THE FIELD STARTING AT  
8:00 AM**

**FOOD ON SITE.**

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**FUN FLY EVENTS FROM TIME TO TIME**

**DURING THE DAY**

**COLLECTION WILL OCCUR AT THE FIELD REGARDLESS OF WEATHER  
AND AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.**

**NO CHANNELS 24,25,39,40,53,54**

# Greater Southwest Aero Club Toys for Tots Fun Fly



**LANDING FEE NEW UNWRAPPED TOY TO BE  
DONATED TO THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM  
TIMES FOR AEROBATICS, RACING, COMBAT,  
WARBIRDS, CIVILIAN, FUN FLY Events**

**DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

**8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**MAX FICKEN CD**

**817-691-9630**

[triplane@charter.net](mailto:triplane@charter.net)

**Collection will be at the Christmas Party  
that evening if weather is bad.**

**No channels 24,25,39,40,53,54**



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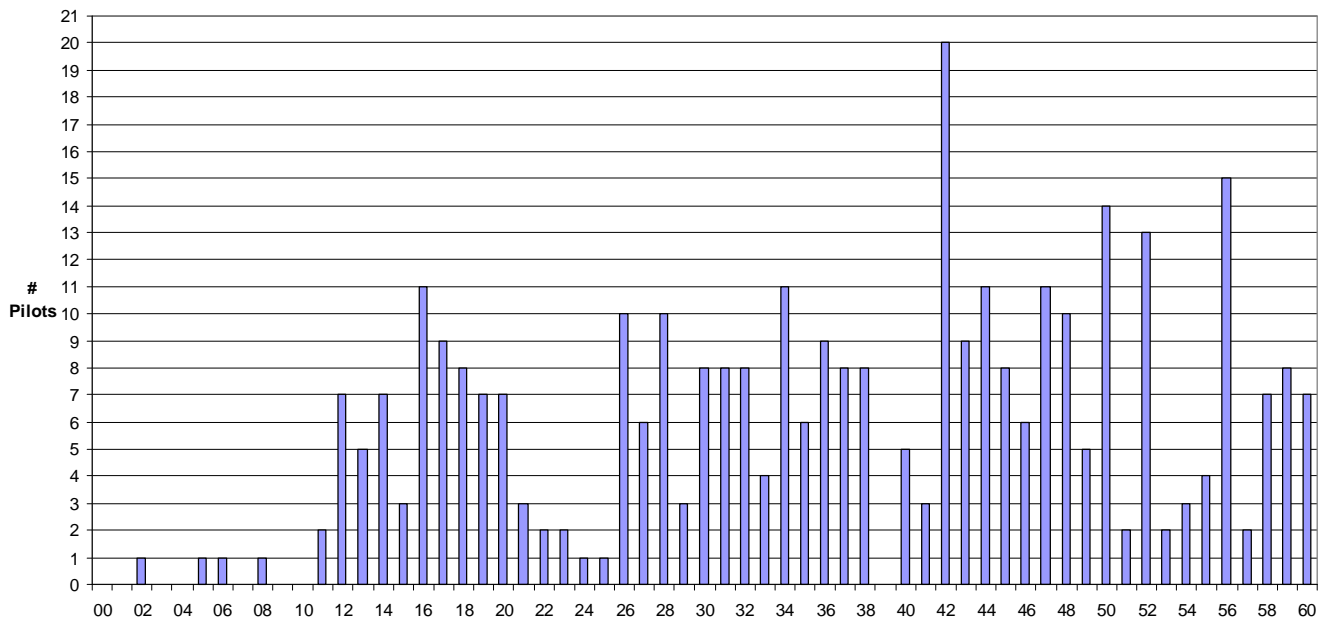
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2007 -October  
Greater Southwest Modeler's Club  
Frequency/Channel Usage



**NOTICE!** There is interference on channels 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, and 54, therefore flying on these channels is banned.

Prepared and  
Maintained by Walt  
Fisher

Submit input to  
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