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# The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

P.O. Box 1355

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<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:

**April 8, 2008**

**7:30PM**

**McDonalds**

**769 W Airport Fwy**

**Hurst**

President .....	Tim Lovett .....	(817) 268-7797
Vice President(s) .....	Lee Rice .....	(817) 431-5408
Secretary .....	Sonny Coleman .....	(817) 251-3940
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Newsletter Editor .....	Roy Baker .....	(817) 545-4031

## President's Corner

I hope you have all been busy building to get ready for this upcoming season. I know every chance I had even just a little chance of getting to go fly it has been super windy, rainy, or just down right inhospitable! Of course, I have a Wild Hare Sukhoi that I purchased in October that is still in the same condition as the day I bought it.....in the box.....

The runway has been leveled and many thanks go to those that came out and helped spread the dirt. Now when the grass takes over we will once again have one of the nicest grass runways in the nation. In May we plan on getting a concrete floor in the concession area. New chairs are to be purchased this week, all getting ready for **FLYING!!!**

This meeting we will be discussing some items of importance. A short listing contains Noise Constraints, Family Memberships, upcoming events and needs for help. We will also be discussing the budgets for the remaining year, 2009 and 2010. So, come to the meeting.

The Lone Star Nationals has come and gone. It was not as big as years past, but a sizable turnout, nonetheless. Bob and Lee have done a nice job with this event and I want to say "Thank you" to them for their efforts. Thanks to those that helped with the event in various positions. A special thanks to those in the kitchen! I heard several compliments on the food.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the field!

*Tim Lovett*

## Newsletter Mailings' Costs

Recently, the Club officers worked on the club's first budget. During this process, the Club's recurring expenses i.e., gasoline/oil, water bills, lawnmower repairs, paint, electric bills, port-a-potty, expendables, dumpster, reproducing and mailing the newsletters, etc, were reviewed. I do the reproduction and mailing of the newsletters. Doing such, I do everything possible to keep the related costs to an absolute minimum by operating the copying machines myself and of course collating, stapling, folding, taping each newsletter, placing the address labels, and necessary postage for the newsletters. Usually, \$.41 is required postage for three sheets of paper or six pages. Even with me doing everything possible to keep costs down, each newsletter costs almost \$1 to mail. At a glance that does not seem like much, but for 2007, copying and mailing the newsletters cost the club approximately \$400. Postage increases this May. That equates to almost two months of watering the field. I would like to see everyone get the newsletter the least expensive way possible, via email. How can that be done? If you have a computer, but are receiving your newsletter via the USPS, here are some recommendations; 1) please provide either Sonny, Roy, or me with your email address, 2) Subscribe to the newsletter by going to the website's home page and click on Subscribe. Once you subscribe, you will get the newsletter via email each month compliments of the web site, 3) Lastly, go to the website's homepage and click on newsletters tab and you will find

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## April Event Calendar

APR 12--Sherman TX (C) Texoma RC  
Combat. Site: Pete Darter Field. GPS  
Coordinates: 33.644039471458, -  
96.750310875496 Events: Sponsor: Texoma  
RC  
Modelers #276. CD: Joe Denny, 1304 Blanton  
Drive, Sherman, TX 75092. Phone:  
903-819-5843(day) 903-819-5843(eve) E-Mail:  
joe1d@juno.com WebSite:  
[www.texomarc.org](http://www.texomarc.org) Texoma RC Combat on  
Saturday (April 12) This is for all combat  
flyers. Please contact Joe Denny for questions

APR 19-20--Mount Pleasant, TX (C) Northeast  
Texas Big Bird. Site: Club Field GPS:  
33.087853, -95.005402. Sponsor: Northeast  
Texas RC Club #866. CD: Gus Hudson, 508  
Merrell Drive, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.  
Phone: 903-885-3611(day) 903-243-1776(eve)  
E-Mail: [gushudson@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:gushudson@suddenlinkmail.com)  
WebSite: [www.mtpleasantrc.com](http://www.mtpleasantrc.com) Check our  
web site for further information

APR 19-20--Moffat, TX (AA) Temple  
Aeromodelers 20th Annual Pattern Contest.  
Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 31.211429,  
-97.477997 Events: 401, 402, 403, 404 & 406  
(JSO) Sponsor: Temple Aeromodelers #1053.  
CD: Bobby Zikes, 3306 Deer Trail, Temple, TX  
76504. Phone: 254-773-3773(day) 254-773-  
3773(eve) E-Mail: [bzpostal@hotmail.com](mailto:bzpostal@hotmail.com)  
WebSite: [www.templeaeromodelers.org](http://www.templeaeromodelers.org) Field  
open at noon Friday for practice. Trophies 1st  
thru 3rd in each numbered event, JSO  
combined

APR 25-27--Austin, TX (C) 10th Annual Any  
Size Warbird Fly-In. Site: Lester Field GPS:

7336 Grapevine Hwy.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76118  
(817) 589-2624



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per person. Camping at field w/limited electric  
@ \$5 per night. Landing fee: \$20, Raffle and  
concessions at field. Field phone: 512-272-

APR 26-27--Dallas, TX (AA) DMAA Spring  
Warm-Up. Site: Dallas Hobby Park. GPS  
Coordinates: 32.866894813795, -  
96.671481808784 Events: (301-310) Flown to  
% of record (JSO); 311(25 Engine rules),  
NCLRA TQR, 313, Sportsman Goodyear, Fox  
Goldberg (JSO) Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft  
Association #1902. CD: Patrick Hempel, 304  
Becky, Rockwall, TX 75087. Phone: 972-841-  
8766(day) E-Mail: [ptrckhem@aol.com](mailto:ptrckhem@aol.com)  
WebSite: [www.dmaa-1902](http://www.dmaa-1902).

### 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)

## March Secretary's Report

The March 2008 business meeting was called to order by Club President Tim Lovett at the N. Richland Hills Community Center.

**Important Note:** The April Business meeting will be held at the McDonalds located at 769 Airport Freeway in Hurst on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. A map to the meeting location has been posted on the club web site.

**Treasurers Report:** The major expenditures for February were fill dirt for the runway and gate keys.

**Instructors Report:** A new flight instructors list has been posted on the clubs web site. Training day will be Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 6:00 P.M. Training begins on the first Monday in April.

**Old Business:**

**Tax Exempt Status:** The club now has a tax exempt number but the paperwork process is still being completed.

**Club Budget Committee:** Members of the budget committee approved the proposed 2008 budget at the budget meeting conducted in March 2008.

**Lone Star Nationals:** The combat meet will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Gold Leader Club Status:** The AMA has re affirmed GSWAM as a Gold Leader Club.

**New Business:**

**Club Shirts:** The club will be purchasing polo style shirts with the club logo and a pocket on the front. There is a shirt size popularity poll on the club web site to help determine what sizes to purchase. We also have club caps available for club members at \$8.00 each and \$10.00 for non-club members.

**Model of the Month:** Three planes were entered in the May Model of the Month contest:

Lee Rice brought his electric powered SBD Dauntless dive bomber  
Scott Hartford brought a kit built

control line Ringmaster  
And the winner was..... Scott,  
with his Ringmaster

**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 - Club Secretary**  
817-251-3940

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the current newsletter along with old newsletters. After you chose to receive the newsletter via number 2 or 3 above please inform me [wlfisher@tx.rr.com](mailto:wlfisher@tx.rr.com) so your name can be removed from the newsletter mailing list. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please help reduce our postage cost for mailing the newsletter by adopting one of the three choices above.

THANKS

**Walt**

## Flight Facts

The first American venture into rigid airships, the ZR-1 had successfully logged 740 air-hours in 57 flights from her home base at Lakehurst, N.J. But, shortly before dawn on September 3, 1925, savage squall force winds grabbed and twisted the craft. Lt. Commander Zachary Lansdowne and 13 men were killed as the control cabin separated from the hull and crashed. Moments later, the Shenandoah (Indian for "Daughter of the Skies") lay in pieces in a Caldwell, Ohio cornfield. The first lighter-than-air craft to serve as a commissioned vessel in the U.S. Navy, and the first to cross the U.S., her demise was the end of U.S. hopes for a rigid airship fleet.



## Club events for 2008

**April**

April 19 or 20 Fun Fly

**May**

Pylon Racing May 4

May 10 or 11, FunFly Date to be determined

**June**

June 8th  
Biplane Flyin; Any size biplane eligible. Concessions, Tim Lovett CD

June 21st  
Pylon Racing

**July**

July 5th Family picnic, Fun Fly and Flyin

July 27th  
Pylon Racing

August Fun Fly 23 Robert McGee, Mark Foster, and Chris Moon will coordinate Event.

**September**

September 20  
Warbird Flyin, Any size Warbird eligible, concessions, Lawrence Harville CD

**October**

October 11  
Eighth Annual GSW All scale flyin, any size scale airplane flown in scale manner. Concessions Max Ficken CD

**November**

November 8th Fun Fly  
Food Drive Flyin for Club. Entry fee nonperishable foodstuffs to be donated to food bank

**December**

December 13th  
Toys for Tots entry fee new unwrapped toy. Flyin. any size airplane Max Ficken CD

If you have questions or want to conduct an event please call me at 817-691-9632 Max Ficken

If you would like to host a fun fly or one of the events listed pick one of the dates or events listed and call me or volunteer at the meetings.



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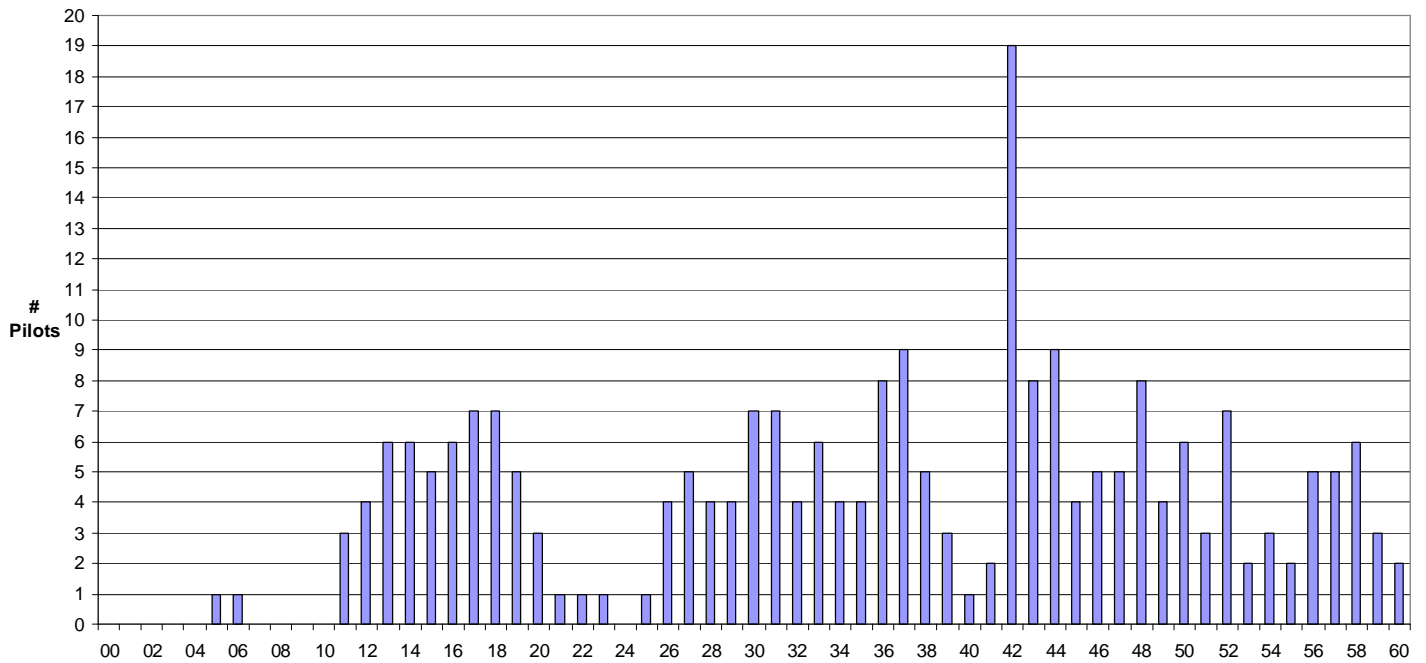
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**NOTICE! There is interference on channels 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, and 54, therefore flying on these channels is banned.**