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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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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 7:30 PM at the McDonalds Restaurant, 769 W Airport Fwy, Hurst TX. Take the Precinct Line exit, and the McDonalds is on the east bound access road.

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This edition of the Tail Spinner is dedicated to the memory of Jerry Stagner. A flier, builder, contributor and friend. He will be missed at GSWAM.

Presidents Corner

It has been hot! The water bill is up and the amount of flying is down. I have been amazed the folks that have braved the heat to go fly. I cannot do it anymore. It simply drains me....So, be very careful if you go fly in the heat and make certain you drink plenty of water! Max Ficken, Lawrence Harville, Johnnie Hunt and I are headed to the Nats to compete in the RC SCALE events. We are looking forward to the trip to Indiana, albeit lengthy. Wish us luck and safe travels on the highways. Hopefully we will have some wonderful photos when we return, too.

The races were last week at the field. Max Ficken, Lawrence Harville and Lee Rice cooked for the event. There were

several of our members and the racing participants that enjoyed great hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill. The only problem with the racing is right at the starting line. There are numerous brown spots in the grass where the planes were staged for the starts. While their engines were running up on the grass the grass was killed in the spot from the fuel. In the future we will have to have someone spray the starting line the width of the runway with soap/water to get the fuel off the grass.

In upcoming months there will be some heavy field workdays. It has been too hot, but there are some concrete days coming as we put a concrete floor in the concession area. Lee will be in charge of these workdays. If you can help, he will surely need help on the projects.

Be certain to thank the field mowing/watering crews when you see them. They are the reason you have one of the nicest grass runways in the nation as part of your club. This crew includes Lewie Moore, Chuck Rovell, Barry Ponder, Walt Fisher, Frank Rowell, Darrell Abbey, Max Ficken and some more individuals that I am certain I have missed. Some of this crew mows, some waters and some pickup the hoses the morning after the watering. Again, please do not fly with the hoses on the runway. It is too expensive to take a chance on a prop strike and the resulting cut.

I hope this finds you well and I hope to see you at the field!

*Tim Lovett
President*

Next Meeting:

**August 12, 2008
7:30PM
McDonalds
769 W Airport Fwy
Hurst**

August Event Calendar

AUG 13-16--Abernathy, TX (C) T-38 Jet Rally 2008. Site: Abernathy Municipal Airport. GPS Coordinates: 33.8447194, -101.7597 Events: Sponsor: Wings Miniature Aircraft Society #1760. CD: Michael Danchak, 9112 Salem Drive, Lubock, TX 79424. Phone: 806-535-2352(day) 806-535-2352(eve) E-Mail: summit12o@suddenlink.net WebSite: www.wingsmas.org The 9th Jet Rally will be held again at Abernathy Municipal Airport. Bring your Turbine, electric, or ducted fan fixed -wing and enjoy our West Texas Hospitality.

AUG 16-17--Odessa, TX (C) Do It Yourself Fun-Fly. Site: Club Field GPS: 31.8058333, -102.33778. Sponsor: Odessa Probusters #618. CD: Glen Tabor, 1527 N.W. 9th St., Andrews, TX 79714. Phone: 432-553-2022 (day) 432-553-2022(eve) E-Mail: xcell119@hotmail.com WebSite: www.probusters.com We supply - one of the best flying sites in Texas, Bar-B-Que grill and charcoal. Drinks - \$1.00, Candy - \$1.00. You supply - Airplane(s) of your choice, food, fun. No landing fee--"Run what you bring" All flying machines welcomed, Electrics, Turbines, Helis, Big & little machines.

AUG 16-17--Livingston, TX (C) 1st Annual Stinger Wallace Memorial Big Bird Fun Fly. Site: Elwood Field GPS: 30.78025, -94.9635361. Sponsor: ARF R/C Club #4093. CD: Mike Muehr, 143 Gwendlyn, Livingston, TX 77351. Phone: 936-967-0487(day) 936-967-0487(eve) E-Mail: jayp266@livingston.net 80inch Mono; 60 inch Biplane. Come join us in the celebration of the life of a great pilot. \$20 landing fee. Concessions on site. Campers

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AUG 16-17--El Paso, TX (AA) Summer IMAC Classic. Site: Burnett Field. GPS Coordinates: 31.944726, -106.411807 Events: 411, 412, 413, 414, 415 (JSO) Sponsor: El Paso Radio Controllers #1043. CD: Doug Garcia, 1829

Piedra Roja, El Paso, TX 79936. Phone: 915-539-8808(day) 915-539-8808(eve) E-Mail: epflyer2000@yahoo.com WebSite: <http://eprcflyers.com/events.html> Burnett Field 11425 McCombs, El Paso, TX 79924 Field open all day for practice. Camping allowed, No hook-ups. Pilot entry fee includes meals for pilot only.

AUG 23--Sherman, TX (C) Loyd McAlester Memorial Warbird Fly-In. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.644011, -96.750229 Events: Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: Larry Marklin, 618 Cleve Cole Road, Denison, TX 75021. Phone: 903-819-4474(day) 903-465-8430(eve) E-Mail: harrmark@verizon.net WebSite: www.texomarc.org Field located on corner of Miniature and Logston Roads. Warbirds of all sizes welcome. Stand-off scale Okay. Plaques for various categories. \$15 landing fee includes lunch.

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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:

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July Secretary's Report

The July 2008 GSWAM business meeting was called to order by club Vice President, Lee Rice, at the McDonalds Restaurant at 769 W. Airport Freeway Hurst, TX 76053.

The minutes of the June meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved.

Field Report: Lee Rice reported that all flying site upgrades are to be postponed until further notice.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Russell reported this month's major expenditure being the water bill of \$319.00.

Old Business:

T.A.G. Event: The 2008 Take-off and Grow event will be held October 4, 2008, and Frank Rowell will once again be running the show. Volunteers will be needed to help out, so please contact Frank if interested in being a part of this years T.A.G. event.

New Business:

Membership Verification: The attending club members discussed the 2.4 radio situation and the need for club membership verification. The attending membership voted to require those who fly 2.4 technology radio equipment, at the club field, be required to wear their membership card on their person in a visible location when flying their planes. Nothing changes for the other radio frequency users, and will still be required to utilize the frequency board and pins.

Model of the Month: This month we had Harold Staats' giant scale Topflite P-51 Mustang, which is powered by a DA-50 with a scale exhaust system that mirrors the real Mustang. The plane has flaps, Sierra retractable gear mains, and a retractable tail wheel.

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
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July Training Report

On 25 July 2008, Jon J Temple soloed. GSW Club card number is 369.

Congratulations Jon!!!

Club events for 2008

August Fun Fly 23 or 24

September 20

Warbird Flyin, concessions, Lawrence Harville CD

October 11

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

November 8th

Food Drive Flyin for Club. Entry fee nonperishable foodstuffs to be donated to food bank

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

RESULTS OF THE GSW WORLD BIPLANE CHAMPIONSHIP

Man what a turn out 10 pilots and eleven planes The competition was pretty fierce and everyone who brought a plane flew at least once and everyone took home the best trophy of all their airplane.

Tom Russell took photos and he will post them later

I just had to brag about the event Was it hot??

Is it Texas in the summer? YES was it windy??

See above answer

Did we fight a cross wind all day YES

But some of the best flying I have seen in a while and all done with TWO wings

And now a list

GUTSY, BRAVE PILOTS OF GSW

Ed Couch

Ed Newman

Tim Lovett

Lawrence Harville

Lewie Moore

Darrell Abby

Stan Brock

Duke Kimbrough

and Ed Couch's friend (I didn't get his name)

Next time you see these guys at the field go ahead and look or stare

and know you are in the presence of some of the BEST BIPLANE PILOTS IN TEXAS

If you would like to join this group you have to put it on the line like they did, get up the courage and come play next time.

no guts no glory

Lawrence

A mother and her young inquisitive son were flying Southwest Airlines from Kansas City to Chicago. The son (who had been looking out the window) turned to his mother and asked, "If dogs have baby dogs and cats have baby cats, why don't planes have baby planes?" The mother (who couldn't think of an answer) told her son to ask the flight attendant. So the boy dutifully asked the flight attendant, "If dogs have baby dogs and cats have baby cats, why don't planes have baby planes?" The flight attendant responded, "Did your mother tell you to ask me that?" The little boy admitted that she did. "Well, then, tell your mother that there are no baby planes because Southwest always pulls out on time. Now, let your mother explain that to you."

ON THE SAFE SIDE

From the Temple Aero Modeler's Newsletter, Temple, Texas

Summer Safety Steps

Summer is here! Some key points to keep in mind as our days get hotter: stay hydrated, take frequent breaks, and keep some shade handy.

Heat can create extra stress on your body, so it's important to pay attention to that inner voice. Don't y'all hear that voice sometimes? Seriously though; know your limits. Some of us can't plow through the days like we used to.

We might remember having done strenuous work during the summer months, but do you remember how old you were then? Sad but true, age can make a difference on how well your body can tolerate the hot days ahead.

The summer months will afford more flying days, but they'll also be hot. Sunscreen is another agent to protect your skin from the damaging effects of long exposure to Sol, our sun. I'm sure that at some point during our lives we have all experienced a sunburn or two, which probably led to "I ain't gonna do that again."

You have better protection from the sun's effects available these days than you did in the past, so take advantage of sunscreens and wear a hat to protect your head. A wide-brim hat will offer more protection than the plain old baseball cap most of us wear. The straw hats, like you see on the golf course, are a good choice too. They allow air to circulate to keep your head cool, similar to a cowl on an airplane. The sun can cause skin cancer, a topic I would just as soon avoid.

In addition to protecting yourself from the ravages of the sun, add insect repellent to your list of stuff you'll wish you had in your flight box. Mosquitoes are a real nuisance, but they can also carry some nasty parasites in addition to disease. The mosquito problem is really noticeable at the end of a day of flying. As the sun starts to get low on the horizon, the little bloodsuckers seem to come alive.

The ingredient I have heard the most about in insect repellents is DEET. I know that like everything else, people tend to get the products with the highest DEET content.

While the stuff works fairly well, keep in mind that you are spraying a chemical on your body on purpose. If you're serious about not donating blood to perpetuate the mosquito population,

you'll be spraying a chemical on your hands and rubbing it on your face, neck, hair, shirt, shorts, legs, and just about anything else you can reach. Go easy on the DEET—I don't know what it is or how it works, but I would be willing to bet that it doesn't taste good and it really could cause red, bloodshot eyes. Take some time, read the label and buy small quantities just in case you don't like it or it has some other undesirable effects.

How about wasps? It's wasp season too, you know. People usually get into a wasp nest because they were unseen, hidden under something, and so on. Wasp spray would be a good idea for the club to keep in the storage shed just in case.

Is anyone in your club allergic to bees and/or wasps? Perhaps keep a bee sting kit handy, again just in case. □

TIPS AND TRICKS

Captured on Tape

Before cutting steel control cable, wrap it tightly with masking tape to prevent the strands from unraveling as you cut. It makes it easier to solder into a threaded push rod end too. Remember to wear safety goggles.

Instrument Panels

An easy and cheap way to obtain an instrument panel for that sport model is to look through a full-scale airplane magazine for an advertisement showing instruments. I found one I liked and used my scanner to scan the image into the computer, and then pasted it into my word processor, scaling it to different sizes. This could also be done using a copy machine that will reduce. If using the computer any size can be easily scaled. I printed out several different sizes to have on hand. The ones I made were all in black and white, but if you have access to a color scanner and color printer, some really nice instrument panels could be created this way. You could also add color to black-and-white copy instruments using markers or colored pencils so they look more realistic.

—Taken from the *Talon Tales* newsletter, *Schoolcraft, Michigan* (collected from various sources)

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AUG 29-31--Austin, TX (C) 10th Annual Fall Big Bird. Site: Lester Field GPS: 30.32401, -97.6033. Events: Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Doug Nelle, 17902 FM1100, Elgin, TX 78621. Phone: 512-925-0064(day)

512-281-3766(eve) E-Mail: knelle@swbell.net WebSite: www.austinrc.org Event Site is Lester Field, 8705 Lindell Lane, Austin, TX Minimum 60" Bipe, 80" Mono or true 1/4 scale, and Jets (Turbine must have waiver) 575' asphalt runway. Flying Friday, Saturday, and Sunday till noon. Free Pizza Friday night for pilots; Steak dinner Saturday night - \$10. Raffle, concessions at field. RV camping at field with limited electric - \$5 per night. Landing fee - \$20. Visit www.austinrc.org for map and flyer. Field Phone: 512-272-8402.

AUG 30--Lubbock, TX (A) Lone Star Shootout. Site: George Davis Jr. Air Park. GPS Coordinates: 33.584086, -102.008127 Events: 331(JSO) - F2D Single airplane - triple Elimination Sponsor: Liano Estacado MAC #3582. CD: Alan Bumbaugh, 5728 62nd, Lubbock, TX 79424. Phone: 806-474-1082 (day) 806-794-2622(eve) E-Mail: abumbaugh@indmolding.com WebSite: <http://lubbock-team-trials.tripod.com/> Additional contact: Bob Mears bmears9413@aol.com 806-747-2931(day) 806-778-5465(eve)

AUG 30-31--Dallas, TX (AAA) Charles Ash Memorial Southwestern CL Championships. Site: Samuell Hobby Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.866894813795, -96.671481808784 Events: 312(.25 Rules), 319-321, 323-326, 333 (JSO); 313 (JS)(O); Fox/Goldberg (JS)(O); Sport Goodyear, Quickie Rat, Old Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Sportsman Profile & .15 Profile Carrier (JSO) Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Dale Gleason, 6003 E. Lone Oak Rd., Valley View, TX 76272. Phone: 940-637-2169(day) (same)(eve) E-Mail: N42222@ntin.net WebSite: www.DMAA-1902.org 333 Dive Bombing/Strafing per local DMAA rules(Bursting equidistant balloons); 312 Slow Rat flown to new AMA .25 rules; Lunch served Sunday, donation appreciated. Entry fee \$15 first event, \$5 each additional. \$25 maximum.

AUG 30-31--Sherman, TX (AA) 12th Annual Texoma IMAC Challenge. Site: Pete Darter Flying Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.644039471458, -96.750310875496 Events: 411, 412, 413, 414, 415 (JSO) Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: Daniel Powell, 887 County Road 174, Gainsville, TX 76240. Phone: 972-465-8304(day) 972-465-8304(eve) E-Mail: danpowell1973@yahoo.com WebSite: www.texomarc.org Basic through Unlimited freestyle. Field open on Friday for practice. Security at field both nights. RVs welcome; no hook-ups. Entry fee \$35 with \$5 discount for IMAC members. Lunch provided Sat & Sun. Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event, JSO combined and 1st for freestyle. Additional Club Information

Safety (a repeat!!)

There has been several safety related issues noted the past few weeks. It is the responsibility of every member to watch and monitor for dangerous activities. We all will make mistakes and as such we must be willing to accept warnings from club members when infractions or concerns occur. We can't make rules for every situation. If so we couldn't fly for all the rule signs, etc.

Following are some of the situations that have been observed.

Smoking while fueling of models.

Gasoline is much more explosive than glow fuel but both will ignite and gasoline with much more spectacular results. Use common sense. Fueling is to be done at the flight line or starting stands not under the shelter.

Taxing any model in the pit area.

The model is under radio control and Murphy's law is always there to cause loss of control with an engine or motor going to full power and racing across the infield doing serious damage. The club rule is you must have physical restraint of your model as long as it is behind the gates leading to the runway. The engine is to be shut off when the model comes into the taxiway after flying and before it passes the safety fence.

Do not start takeoff runs if anyone is on the runway side of the safety fence.

Please use a spotter who is responsible for watching for other aircraft both in the air and on the runway. Announce your intentions per the rules posted on the safety fence.

The club has enacted the 98 db sound rule as of June 1 of this year. Several models are flying with Propellers that are generating excessive noise. If this continues written warning will be issued and no flying permitted until issue resolved. We do not want to be a Gestapo regarding this. You know if your plane is too loud and if you don't want to resolve the problem please take your flying somewhere else.

This is a hobby for the enjoyment of all club members and nobody wants to see injuries occur.

Here are some pictures from the field showing my grandson flying. He is on a buddy box, but I didn't do anything but hold down the trainer button. He made all takeoffs, touch and goes and full stops without assistance. He is 12 years old and this was his third time to the field.

Chuck Rovell





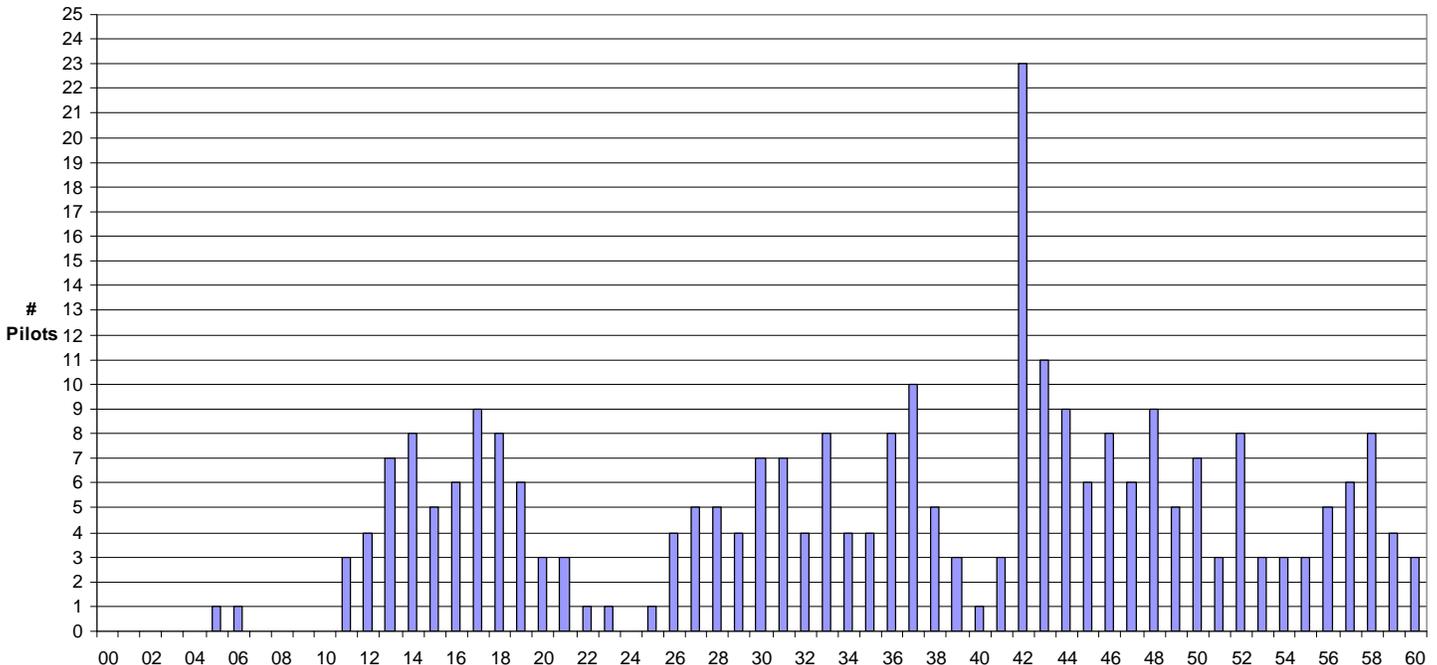
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**2008 - June
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 Frequency/Channel Usage**



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