



AMA
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Club
#1140

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 7:30 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.

Next Meeting:

January 13, 2008

7:30PM

**McDonalds
769 W Airport Fwy
Hurst**

President	Tim Lovett	(817) 268-7797
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President's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good set of Holidays and good cheer. I am looking forward to this year. With the lease completed with the City, I am hoping for a more relaxed year where I can fly some more. I hope to see you at the field more this year than the last.

The monthly club meeting is Tuesday, January 13th; please make an effort to attend. We will be discussing field improvements, events for the year, Christmas party plans, TAG events, Boy Scout programs, etc.

As a reminder, get your new club membership card & key at either Airport Pawn and Hobby or Roy's Hobby Shop. You can also catch Tom Russell, Treasurer, at the field and renew. After January 15th, the old keys will not work on the gate and neither will the old club cards.

The events of the past couple of months went well. The annual food drive and fun fly was a big success as was the Toys for Tots event. McDonalds donated \$200.00 to Toys for Tots and they also allow us to meet there for no charge. The savings alone from meeting room fees makes a large difference, but they went over and above with the cash donation. The general agreement was for 10% of what we buy there during the meeting time. Last year Chuck Rovell had gathered over \$70.00 worth of tickets, but McDonalds still gave the \$200.00 donation. Be sure you thank the management for the meeting space and the support for the club.

I know with the busy times past I have not been in my shop for several months. I have been busy lately cleaning and trying to get organized. I then am going

to start building!!! Get things ready for the upcoming season.

We need volunteers for mowing, watering, instructing, general maintenance, etc. If you can spend a bit of time at the field working, please contact one of the officers or work crew leaders.

Hope to see you at the meeting and the field, too!

*Tim Lovett,
President*

GSW Events for 2009

February
Mall Show ????

March 21
Boy Scout Tag Event

March 27,28,&29
Lone Star Combat Nationals
Ed Kittler CD Sanctioned
Concessions

April 18th or 19th
Fun Fly

May
Scout Jamboree May 9th in Dallas

June 20th
Biplane Flyin Any size Biplane can enter
Concessions

July 4th????
Picnic Possibly July 11th??/funfly

August 15th or 16th
Fun Fly

September 12th

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**Jan/Feb/Mar Event
Calendar**

FEB 21-22--Dallas, TX (C) Not Presidents Day Contest. Site: Hobby Park, Dallas, TX. GPS Coordinates: 32.866894813795, -96.671481808784 Events: Saturday: Old Time Stunt; Sunday: Classic Stunt. Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Michael D. Scott, 1111 Park Drive, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Phone: 214-478-6263(day) 214-478-6263(eve) E-Mail: MikSct@cs.com WebSite: <http://www.DMAA-1902.org>

MAR 21--Rosenberg (C) Fort Bend Swap Meet & Fun Fly. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.5197222, -95.818889 Events: Sponsor: Fort Bend R/C Club #615. CD: Richard Jackson, 15022 White Forge Lane, Sugarland, TX 77498. Phone: 281-684-5295(day) 281-277-7067(eve) E-Mail: rc.aviator@comcast.net WebSite: www.fortbendrc.com Annual tailgate swap meet. Open to all types of RC gear. All aircraft welcome to our Fun-Fly. Gate open at 8a.m. Visit www.fortbendrc.com for more details and directions

MAR 27-29--Tyler, TX (C) 3rd Annual Helicopter Fly-In. Site: North Side Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.3857138, -95.3270972 Events: Sponsor: Tyler Modeler Club #960. CD: Wayne Sutherland, 4523 Aberdeen Drive, Tyler, TX 75703. Phone: 903-581-5571(day) 903-581-5571(eve) WebSite: www.tylermodelerclub.com 3-27: Arrival and Free flying. 3-28: Main Event. 3-29: Free flying. Landing fee \$20 and lunch available. Overnight camper space available, no hook-ups. See web site for directions

MAR 27-29--Fort Worth (A) Lone Star

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Nationals. Site: GSW Field. GPS Coordinates: 32.7820305, -97.2053583 Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Greater Southwest Fliers #1140. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) E-Mail: ed.kettler3@verizon.net WebSite: www.flygsw.org The premier RC Combat

event! Friday: Scale 2548 and 3696 WW2 fighters. Saturday: SSC Sunday: Open B. AMA and Hard Hats required for pilots and crew. Food, drinks, power on site. Spectators are welcome! This is a great event for pilots and spectators

MAR 28-30--Tyler, TX (C) 2nd Annual Heli Fly-In. Site: North Side City Park. Events: Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. CD: Wayne Sutherland, 4523 Aberdeen Drive, Tyler, TX 75703. Phone: 903-581-5571(day) 903-581-5571(eve) WebSite: www.tylermodelers.com Arrival and free flying on the 28th. Registration, events, and awards with lunch available on the 29th. Free flying and fellowship on the 30th. Landing fee is \$20 and all pilots must show proof of AMA Membership. On site self contained campsite available with no hook ups. See Tyler Modelers.com for directions. GPS: 32.38573, -95.3272

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



GSWAM Toys for Tots Fly In - December 2008

The 2008 Toys for Tots Fly-in was a great success, and everyone had a ball! However for those who flew, they got an extra bonus. It was a rather windy day with wind gusts reaching 46 miles per hour at one point, with the average wind speed at around 24 to 27 miles per hour. **This is Hardy Boy Weather!** You may wonder, what is a Hardy Boy? Well in a word, a Pilot that is not intimidated by a little gusty wind. The Hardy Boys motto is "We Fly No Matter What". *To make it to Hardy Boy Status, isn't easy...*



First, your aircraft has to be of value and resemble a real airplane to some degree, IE; a canopy and/or a dimensional fuselage. Second, you have to successfully fly and land without taking your airplane home in a trash bag. Third, there must be an anemometer to document the wind & wind gusts and you must have at least 2 witnesses to your flight. The Hardy Boy Rating System is classified by the Average Wind speed and the Peak Wind Gust during your flight.

HARDY BOY CERTIFICATION LEVELS

- Copper - 20-25 mph
- Silver - 26-30 mph

- Gold - 31-35 mph
- Platinum- 36-40 mph
- NUKE - 41 + mph

***** Official NEW HARDY BOY MEMBERS *****

- Ricardo Silva - PLATINUM
- Scott Hartford - GOLD
- Ed Couch - GOLD
- Bill Wilson - PLATINUM
- Lawrence Harville - PLATINUM
- Dave Horton - SILVER
- Frank Rowell - PLATINUM

***** EXISTING and UPGRADED MEMBERS that flew at the 2008 Toys for Tots *****

- Sonny Coleman from Silver to PLATINUM
- John Graham from Gold to NUKE on a maiden flight
- Jim Moss - NUKE
- Mark Fuess - NUKE
- Marshal Thompson - GOLD

CONGRATULATIONS to all These Pilots that officially wear the seal of:



Mark B. Fuess
Techsite Editor

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Warbird Flyin Any size Warbird Welcome
Concessions

October 10th
All Scale Flyin Any Scale model eligible to participate.
Concessions

November 7th
GSW Food Drive Entry is nonperishable food stuff for the needy.
Concessions

December 12th
GSW Toys for Tots-- Entry Fee New unwrapped toys for the Marines Toys for Tots Program.
Concessions

Christmas Party?????????

Tentative Calendar for 09. If you would like to CD a fun fly or any of the other events let me know and I will be happy to assist you. Some of the dates are flexible and some are not. Please let me know of questions, suggestions or oversights.

Max
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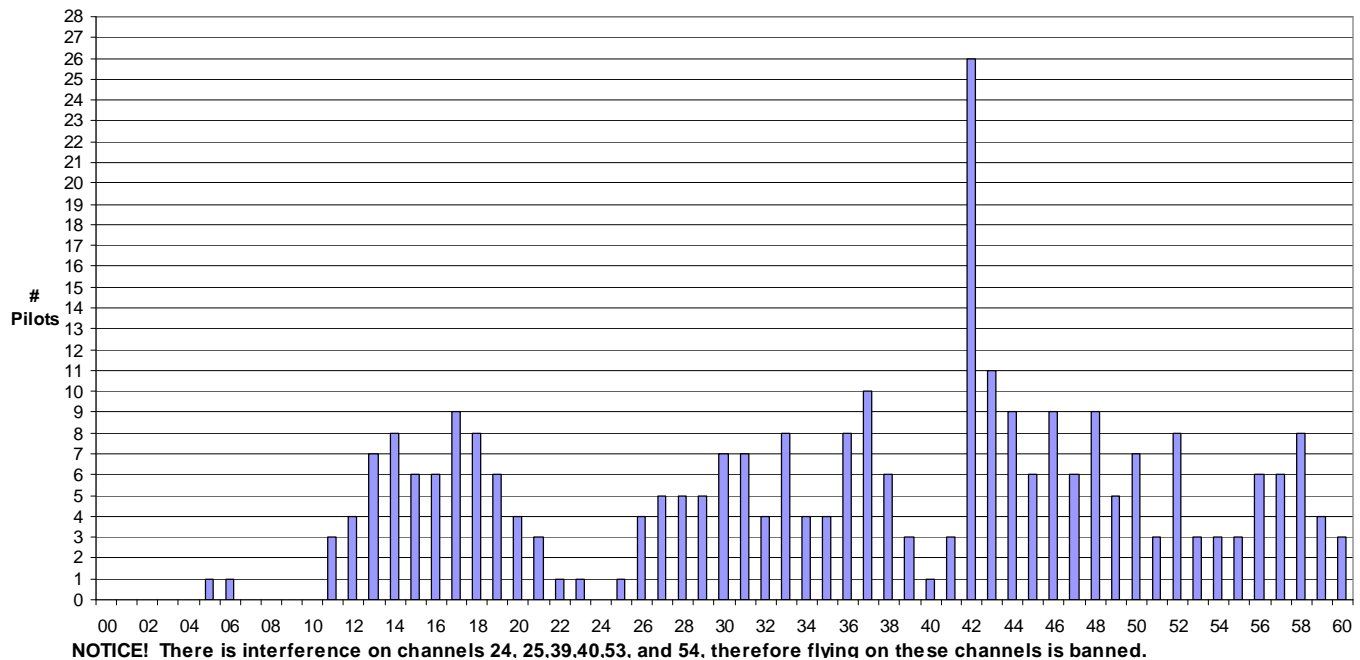
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2008 - September
Greater Southwest Modeler's Club
Frequency/Channel Usage



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

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Maintained by Walt
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