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# The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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## 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:

**Tuesday  
August 11, 2009**

**7:30PM**

**McDonalds  
769 W Airport Fwy  
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### President's Notes

By the time you get your newsletter we should have a sprinkler system at the field. The rains kept the landscaper out for the first week it was scheduled, but I think it will be done the first week of August.

Thanks to all those that showed up for the workday a couple of weeks ago. We got a lot of things accomplished. Thanks also to Harold Staats and Doc Bill for providing us with dirt to level the south end of the runway. I think I have this right, Harold paid for the load we spread on the workday and Doc is scheduled to pay for the next load. We raised the low spot 4" and that still did not get the runway leveled. The good news is the rains cleared the runway and did not stand on it as bad as before. The most wonderful news was the heavy rains did not wash off our new dirt!

I am hoping to see some cooler weather to better enjoy flying. It has been very hot. Make sure you stay hydrated when you are flying in the heat. Drink plenty of WATER, soft drinks are good but don't do your body good in this area. Please take care of yourselves out there.

Don't forget to come to the Fun Fly

August 15<sup>th</sup>. I think Robert and Mark have some good events for it. I look forward to seeing you there! Frank Rowell will be having a TAG event day for the Boy Scouts on August 22. The event starts at 9am. If you can help Frank with the event, please call him to let him know. His number is 817 291-2427.

*Tim Lovett*

### GSW Events for 2009

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Fun Fly

**August 21**  
Club Auction  
Temple Baptist Church

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Warbird Flyin  
Any size Warbird welcome  
Concessions

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
All Scale Flyin  
Any Scale model eligible to participate.  
Concessions

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
GSW Food Drive  
Entry is nonperishable food stuff for the needy.  
Concessions

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## August Event Calendar

AUG 22--Sherman, TX (C) 3rd Annual Lloyd McAlester Memorial War Bird 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](mailto:harrmark@verizon.net) WebSite: [www.texomarc.org](http://www.texomarc.org) Field located at intersection of Miniature and Logston roads, Sherman, TX. Fun scale war birds. All sizes welcome. \$15 Landing Fee includes pilot lunch. Raffle prizes. Awards for categories.

## July Secretary's Report

Meeting Report not available.

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### December 12<sup>th</sup>

GSW Toys for Tots

Entry Fee New unwrapped toys for the Marines Toys for Tots Program.

Concessions

### December 12<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Party

Tentative Calendar for 09. If you would like to CD a fun fly or any of the other

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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 [triplane41@att.net](mailto:triplane41@att.net)  
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## Irrigation System is Installed!!!

Thanks to Frank Rowell for overseeing this project!



### 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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Please call with any questions:  
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## RC Tools (Tools I Use)

This is a somewhat intermittent column about some of the RC tools I've collected that I find I can't do without. Over the years, most of us have quite a large collection of tools, most of which are gathering dust in a closet somewhere. Anybody want a lightly used Bridi wing jig?, or how about a coil bender that I haven't used since about 1978??

Anyway, this month's tool is the YTV



Server Cycler.

Back in the day, when boys were boys, and men were men and flew Kraft radios

and Webra speed engines, we spent a lot of time with servo maintenance. Pot cleaning and centering were part of the routine maintenance for servos of the day. Building and wiring servos was popular with those with a soldering iron and the desire to tinker. I build quite a few, and wound up building a servo tester from plans from an old RCM article. It was on a big 6x6 PC board and had large led numbers so you could actually adjust a pot to exactly 1.50ms. Anyway, servo technology improved, and my clunky servo tester migrated to the electronic junk drawer in my office.

Fast forward to the current times - - No one builds servos anymore, but it's nice to have something to check out servo movement and centering. I picked up a York TV Servo/Cycler/Tester at one of our local hobby stores a few years ago, and I find it's something I use all of the time. It's small and inexpensive (I think I paid around 25 bucks) and it's always in my battery/servo tool box. It's especially useful when setting up a new airplane, here I've used it to center the elevator/rudder servos on the AT-6 I'm putting together.

The YTV Servo cycler is simple to operate, 4 sets of pins handles a battery and up to 3 servos. There are three switches, UP, CENTER, and DOWN, and a red and green led. Plug in a battery and a servo, press CENTER and there you are, a centered servo and a green led lit. Simple huh? For servo testing, you can press the UP & DOWN at the same time and the servo will sweep from .9ms to 2.1ms, in 9 speed ranges. You have the capability to reset end points if needed and the documentation clearly explains the other features of this little jewel. As a bonus, it's a locally developed product. You can check it out at [www.york-electronics.com](http://www.york-electronics.com).

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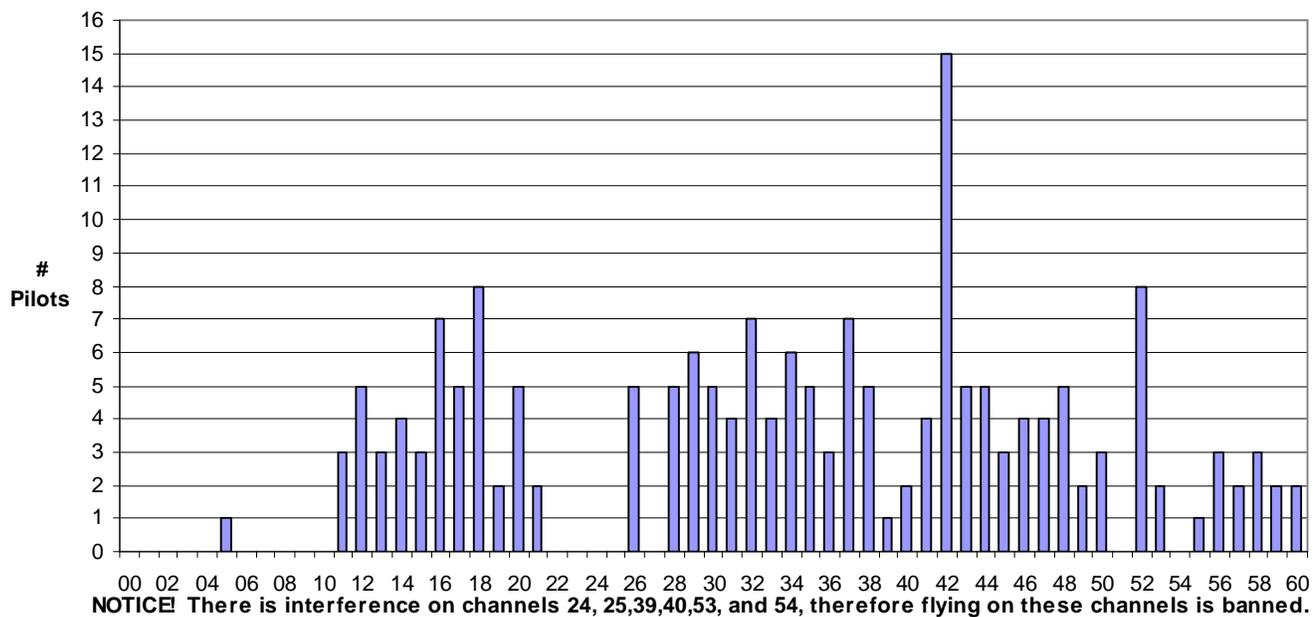
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