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# The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday  
February 21, 2012  
7:30PM**

**McDonalds  
450 Grapevine Hwy  
Hurst**

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## President's Notes

The biggest news this month is the moving of the monthly meeting to February 21<sup>st</sup>. The normal meeting date is on Valentine's Day. We don't want to make those folks that our time to fly possible upset. So, the change for this months meeting.

Flying season is almost upon us. I hope you are ready for it! This year we will have several club fun-flies. Some of them will be on Saturday and others will be scheduled for some Sundays as well. These are for our members to get out, have some very friendly and fun competition, eat some food, and have a good time. Make a plan to join us. You can use any plane, but something like a Stik, Rookie, Kaos, Magic, etc. will make things a little easier. Come on out and enjoy!

Dave Horton and Chris Moon are working on an R/C car track on the west side of the parking lot/driveway. This will be a place for our members to run electric R/C cars and for those of us that have grandchildren/children that are not as interested in our flying. This is in an infancy stage and the Club will have to ascertain just how much development will be placed in this area. This was discussed in last month's meeting and there will be further discussions in the future.

A couple of months ago, I got a phone call requesting I go to the City of Hurst Council Meeting that night. A new city ordinance was going to be read, and voted into law, that very night. The new ordinance was going to prohibit R/C

aircraft, boats, and cars from the city parks in Hurst. There was no notice, not forewarning, not even a hint this was going to happen. I got a call from Jim Rice, our District VIII V.P. because he could not get to the council meeting. Other cities in the area such as Arlington have outlawed the flying of R/C aircraft in their parks. These ordinances were crafted, read and voted into law quickly and without hobbyists even knowing they were threatened. The first anyone knew about the ordinances was when they were run out of the parks they were using.

Chuck Rovell and I went to the meeting, brought some radio controlled vehicles to show the city council what was at stake. The R/C vehicles were being grouped with activities such as paintball guns, bows and arrows, bounce houses and golf into an ordinance prohibiting such activities. In short, we were able to get the city council to table the item until we could meet with the City Parks directors to see if a compromise could be reached. Lee Rice and I met with the City of Hurst Parks folks and explained to them the possibility of Park Flyer, electric powered, planes and electric powered helicopters being able to use the city park on Precinct Line Road. We were able to show them a usable layout that would include pilot stations and some rules for use in the park. They were very receptive in the meeting. It was also discussed how to utilize some of the other parks for on-road cars and off-road cars. I felt really good as we left that meeting.

Just before the end of January I received a call from the parks director saying the item has been completely removed from

## February Events Calendar

FEB 18--El Paso, TX (C) Patriot Fun Fly Benefitting Wounded Warrior Project. Site: Patriot Field. GPS Coordinates: 31.99, -106.388 Events: Sponsor: El Paso Radio Controllers #1043. CD: Ross Jackson, 4925 Abston Street, El Paso, TX 79906. Phone: 502-417-1252(day) E-Mail: [rossjackson@earthlink.net](mailto:rossjackson@earthlink.net) WebSite: [www.eprcflyers.com](http://www.eprcflyers.com)

FEB 25--Huffman, TX (A) Annual Frozen Fickle Finger of Fate Fun-Fly. Site: Jetero Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.061667, -95.020315 Events: 705 JSO Sponsor: Jetero RC Club Inc. #1218. CD: Horrace Cain, 31619 Bohlssen Rd., New Caney, TX 77357. Phone: 281-399-5627(day) 281-399-5627(eve) E-Mail: [cainhd@aol.com](mailto:cainhd@aol.com) WebSite: [www.jetero.com](http://www.jetero.com) See club web site for map. FM 686 Awards 80% of total entry fees. Entry fee \$20. Free Lunch for pilots and workers. 4 two easy task rounds. ROG required. Pilot drawings. Tasks: 01-15-2012. SPECIAL: Top Jr. and Sr. each get \$50 Gift certificate to local hobby shop.

FEB 25-26--Dallas, TX (C) Not Presidents' Day Contest. Site: Dallas Hobby Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.866894813795, -96.671481808784 Events: Saturday: Old Time Stunt; Sunday: Classic Stunt Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Micheal Scott, 1111 Pack Drive, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Phone: 214-478-6263(day) same(eve) E-Mail: [MikeScott15@gmail.com](mailto:MikeScott15@gmail.com) WebSite: <http://www.DMAA-1902.org> Both events will use VSC rules. Dallas Hobby Park at corner of Northwest Hwy and Garland Road

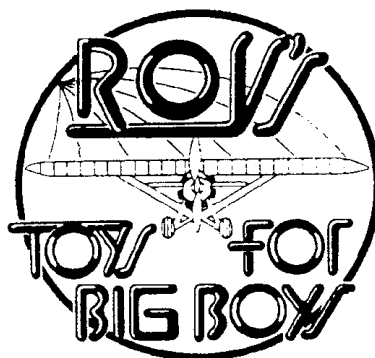
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MAR 03--Texas City, TX (C) Texas City RC Heli Fun-Fly. Site: Holland Park. GPS Coordinates: 29.440686, -94.996378 Events: Sponsor: Texas City RC Club #1075. CD: James Grassmuck, P.O. Box 1203, Santa Fe, TX 77510. Phone: 409-789-6009(day) 409-789-6009(eve) E-Mail: [grassmuck@verizon.net](mailto:grassmuck@verizon.net)

WebSite: [www.tcrcc.org](http://www.tcrcc.org) All Helis welcome. \$20 landing fee includes lunch. Fun and relaxed event. Normally throw together a Drag Race and auto contest. We will take the input of the pilots to put contests together.

MAR 17--Huffman, TX (C) 16th Annual Anniversary Fly-In. Site: Jetero Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.061667, -95.020315 Events: Sponsor: Jetero RC Club Inc. #1218. CD: Scott Goddard, 25415 Wildwood Lane, Huffman, TX 77336. Phone: 281.324.0241 (day) 281.324.0241(eve) E-Mail: [sgoddard@nctv.com](mailto:sgoddard@nctv.com) WebSite: [www.jetero.com](http://www.jetero.com) Come join the Jetero RC Club in celebrating their 16th anniversary on March 17th. Wheels up 9am till the last pilot drops. Free food and drinks, no landing fees, this is a totally free event! Jetero RC Club 9249 FM 686, Huffman, TX

MAR 17--San Antonio, TX (A) HOTSS Upstart/ Open(Triathlon). Site: HOTSS Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.472347, -98.209254 Events: 441 & 444 (JSO) Sponsor: Heart Of Texas

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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) [reb2ntx@verizon.net](mailto:reb2ntx@verizon.net)

## January Secretary's Report

The January 2012 business meeting was called to order by club president Tim Lovett at the McDonalds Restaurant at 450 W. Grapevine Hwy Hurst, TX.

In December the GSWAM club hosts an annual Christmas Banquet event instead of a regular business meeting. Business meeting minutes are not required or recorded at the banquet event. (Thus no December business meeting minutes approval)

### Old Business:

**2012 Christmas Banquet:** The 2012 Christmas Banquet will be held at the same venue as 2010 & 2011 (La Hacienda Restaurant) and is scheduled for Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Storage Container:** Storage container shopping continues with Frank Rowell seeking out the best prices for a 20' to 40' long storage container. Prices for 20' storage containers range from \$2,200 - \$2,700, and 40' containers price range is \$3,400 to 3,900 (less delivery fees). The search continues.

**Broken Canned Beverage Machine:** Our cold drink machine has been damaged by vandals (again) and is need of repair or replacement. Dave Horton reported that a coin changer device that would work in our coke machine could be purchased for under \$100.00. A motion to repair the existing drink machine with the addition of security bars being installed was made and approved by the attending club members.

### New Business:

**2012 Gate Keys:** New and renewing club members can obtain 2012 gate keys when signing-up or renewing at Roy's Hobbies or Airport Pawn & Hobby. The locks will be changed on the front gate January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Club Fun-Fly Events:** There will be several club sponsored fun-fly events scheduled this spring targeted for the last Saturday of March through May of this year.

**Displaying Membership Badges:** Discussions regarding club members possessing and displaying their club membership cards resulted in a motion to

vote requiring mandatory club membership card visibility of club cards on members actively flying their aircraft. Club membership cards must be on the pilots person and visible to others when on the flight line. Members flying 72mhz radio equipment will secure their respective channels using the existing frequency board by placing their current AMA card into the appropriate frequency slot. Motion to vote requiring club card visibility while actively flying their aircraft at the GSWAM flying facility passed via a show of hands vote by attending club members.

**R/C Car Area Discussion:** There was a discussion among attending club members regarding the addition of an off-road R/C car area to an unused portion of the club facility which would be separate from the existing R/C and control line flying areas. A motion was made and approved by attending club members to allow an R/C car area to be developed and utilized by club members with an interest in R/C cars. In recent years many local municipalities have banned R/C cars (and aircraft) from city park facilities making the development of an R/C off-road car track within the GSWAM club flying facility a consideration that could significantly increase club membership and needed operating revenue.

**2012 Lone Star Nationals Combat Event:** The 2012 Lone Star Nationals combat event scheduled this year March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> will be hosted in 2012 in Sherman TX.

**January 2012 Model of the Month:** This month's Model of the Month award went to Dave Ek and his vintage 1946 Strato Ultimate Trainer control line aircraft. This type of control line aircraft placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1946 Nationals.

**Trash Can Usage:** Reminder: Please put your crashed aircraft remains into the dumpster, and not into the trash cans.

**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 there.

Sonny Coleman – Club Secretary  
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consideration. It will become an item for discussion when the next Master Plan is discussed. This will be approximately four years from now. I was told there is a possibility they will be considering park usage for small aircraft, boats and cars.

What I really want to impress on you is the fact that your usage of public lands can be prohibited very quickly and quietly with no warning until it is too late. We need to keep our ears open to what our local governments are doing. I hope to see you at the field!

Tim Lovett, President

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Soaring Society #2203. CD: Willis Van, 2223 Sun Pebble, New Braunfels, TX 78159. Phone: 210-385-6447(day) 210-385-6447(eve) E-Mail: [wvan15@satx.rr.com](mailto:wvan15@satx.rr.com) WebSite: [www.hotss-rc.org](http://www.hotss-rc.org) See club web site for more info.

MAR 23-25--Southmayd, TX (AA) Lone Star Nationals at Texoma. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.644011, -96.750229 Events: 750, 755, 760 (JSO) Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: David Turner, 410 Stetson, P.O.Box 143, Southmayd, TX 76268. Phone: 903-821-4329(day) 903-821-4329(eve) E-Mail: [mrdavidturner@gmail.com](mailto:mrdavidturner@gmail.com) WebSite: [www.texomarc.org](http://www.texomarc.org) Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event, JSO combined.

MAR 24--Rosenberg, TX (C) Spring Swap Meet and Fun-Fly. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.542804, -95.83639 Events: Sponsor: Fort Bend RC Club #615. CD: Richard Jackson, 15022 White Forge Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77498. Phone: 281-684-5295 (day) 281-684-5295(eve) E-Mail: [rc.aviator@comcast.net](mailto:rc.aviator@comcast.net) WebSite: [www.fortbendrc.com](http://www.fortbendrc.com) 2 paved runways, 700' and 525'. Air conditioned club house, covered pavilion and pit area. Tables available on a first come basis. Concession stand for burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Donations accepted for parking. Swap meet starts at 8am.

MAR 30-31--Austin, TX (C) T.E.F.F. "Texas Electric Fun-Fly". Site: Lester Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.32401, -97.6033 Events: Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Doug Nelle, 17902 FM1100, Elgin, TX 78621. Phone: 512-925-0064(day) 512-925-0064(eve) E-Mail: [knelle@swbell.net](mailto:knelle@swbell.net) WebSite: [www.austinrc.org](http://www.austinrc.org) All Electric Fun-fly; airplanes and Helicopters welcome. Electric Outlets everywhere, Concessions, RV hook-ups \$10 per night(no water). Free pilot's & guest dinner Friday night, \$13 steak dinner Saturday night. \$20 landing fee, mega raffle.



**THIS AND THAT**  
**by Darrell Abby**

**GSW Aero Modelers Events for 2012**

Yes, we are in the depths of winter but we have had several good flying days above 50 degrees (my personal minimum)with light winds and sun. That's doable. This is one of the advantages of our area for our hobby; most of the country is much more winterish. Part time work keeps getting in my way; it really hurts when the weather is good and I have to work in this season of few flying days. The runway is in pretty good shape; we had a few wet days then but it dried up. One has to watch the heavy green weedy spots. Landing in those areas is like having auto brakes. Come on out ; you know you need to practice those north landings.

There seems to be more and more electric foamies of all kinds flying these days. This is a good thing. The more variety we have, the more people, the more camaraderie, the more fun! And that's what it is all about. Then there are the big electric planes, the nitros, the gassers, the helicopters, the controlliners, the new experimentals, and the oldies. You never know what will be zooming over the flight line.

Of course, this is the "building season" as they say. So I hope you have something going. Yes, I have my "winter project" under construction (even if it is an ARF). Or maybe you are doing maintenance and repair which is a great idea. We all have that stubborn engine that is not running just right. Not as much fun as flying but, hey, this is the time to work on it. I have replaced 3 batteries this month.

If you missed the January meeting, it was a good one with lots of business. I think we had the largest attendance that I've seen in my 7 years with the club. Way to go! Come and take part, offer your opinion, and see what's going on. Participation is another of those good things. I'm sure a lot of members do not know how much time and effort our officers put in to this end of the hobby. And a lot of non officers also spend a lot of time making the club function smoothly. Our great field facilities don't appear by magic. Oh, one more thing: if you haven't paid your 2012 dues...git 'er done! Then you will be all set for the new season of spring flying.

That's it for now. See you at the field.

<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fun Fly</b>
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tag</b>
<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun Fly</b>
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Biplane Event</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun Fly</b>
<b>June 9&amp;10</b>	<b>Scale Masters Qualifier</b>
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club Picnic</b>
<b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Big Bird</b>
<b>Sept 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun Fly</b>
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All Scale Flyin</b>
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun Fly</b>
<b>November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Food Drive</b>
<b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Control Line Event</b>
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun Fly</b>
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Toys for Tots</b>
<b>December 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>

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## WAMS

### Spring 2012

### Swap Meet & Auction

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#### SWAP MEET

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 9 p.m.  
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#### SWAP MEET & AUCTION

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