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# The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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Bedford, TX 76021

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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, 450 Grapevine Hwy, Hurst TX. The McDonalds is on the north side of Grapevine Hwy, about .1 mi north of Hurstview Dr.*

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday  
August 14, 2012  
7:30PM**

**McDonalds  
450 Grapevine Hwy  
Hurst**

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**THIS AND THAT  
by Darrell Abby**

I was going to get back to talking about actual airplanes this month but something else came spinning by. Namely: Spinning Razor Blades! Saturday evening, Jul 21, we had a double accident at the field. Stan Brock and Doug Packer gave me permission and the story goes something like this: Stan has a new foam F-18 with the prop in the back. The underhanded launch toss didn't go as planned when the prop flew forward into the outside of Stan's left wrist making several slices and a bloody, messy wound. Now we know why we have that first aid kit at the field. Chris Boice and Doug Packer helped get the bleeding under control and Stan off to an Arlington emergency room. This could have been much worse had the cuts been on the inside of Stan's wrist where the arteries, veins, and tendons are located.

A few minutes later, Doug was packing up his gear and turned off his transmitter which had been left on in the rush to assist Stan. As he did this, his electric Slow Stick went full power, took off from the table, flew about 8 feet and hit him in the back of his left arm near the elbow. (See picture). Yes, the battery had inadvertently been left in the plane also as a result of the previous emergency. We don't know why it powered up. Blood gusher number 2 required 11 stitches.

This should serve as another wake-up call that this hobby can be very dangerous. It doesn't matter whether it is a small electric motor, nitro engine, or a large gasser. All these propellers are very sharp and have no respect for body

parts. Here's a review: Don't fly/work on engines alone. Use a starting stand or have someone hold your plane. Pay close attention and concentrate on what you are doing. Double check for idle throttle. Stand behind your plane once it is running. Follow club/field rules. Be aware of strangers, kids, any distractions, and anyone who is not familiar; they will stick their hand through an invisible prop in a split second. You can add many more. But accidents still happen. All we

**GSWAM 2012 Events**

- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**            **Big Bird**
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**            **Fun Fly**
- October 20<sup>th</sup>**       **All Scale Flyin**
- October 27<sup>th</sup>**       **Fun Fly**
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>**       **Food Drive**
- November 17<sup>th</sup>**     **Control Line  
Event**
- November 24<sup>th</sup>**     **Fun Fly**
- December 8<sup>th</sup>**       **Toys for Tots**
- December 9<sup>th</sup>**       **Christmas  
Party**



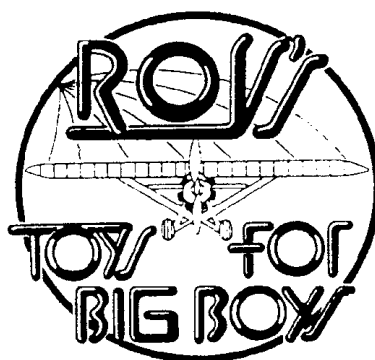
## August Events Calendar

AUG 18--San Antonio, TX (A) HOTSS Radian/  
RES. Site: HOTSS Field. GPS Coordinates:  
29.472347, -98.209254 Events: 444 & 609  
(JSO) Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Soaring  
Society #2203. CD: Perry 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)  
Radian will be stock. See club web site  
for more info.

AUG 18-19--Odessa, TX (C) DIY Fly-In. Site:  
Club Field. GPS Coordinates:  
31.8058333, -102.337215 Events: Sponsor:  
Permian Basin MAC #618. CD: Glen Tabor,  
1527 N. W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Andrews, TX 79714.  
Phone: 432-553-2022(day) E-Mail:  
[xcell19@hotmail.com](mailto:xcell19@hotmail.com)

AUG 24-25--Austin, TX (C) 14th ARCA Big  
Bird. Site: Lester Field. GPS Coordinates:  
30.32401, -97.6033 Events: Sponsor: Austin  
Radio Control Association #877. CD:  
Christophe Oliver, 10001 Brightling Lane,  
Austin, TX 78750. Phone: 512-731-9097(day)  
E-Mail: [coliverus@yahoo.com](mailto:coliverus@yahoo.com) WebSite:  
[www.austinrc.org](http://www.austinrc.org) \$20 landing fee. Free  
diner Friday for pilots - Steak Dinner Saturday.  
Mega Raffle. Plane 80" or higher. Biplane 60"  
+ and 140" total for Turbine. RV electric Hook-  
up; \$10 per night

AUG 25-26--Midland, TX (C) Calling of the  
Hogs, Astrohogs. Site: Club Field. GPS  
Coordinates: 31.915, -102.04417 Events:  
Sponsor: Hi Sky RC Club #851. CD: A.J. Lee,  
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At the field today I was told about two injuries that resulted in one member taken to the hospital and another with deep cuts to his elbow. I also had a recent personal experience by burning myself on a hot engine. When first aid is required most of us know there is a first aid kit fastened to the cage wall near the soda machine. I want to let everyone know there are more items available and also a high quality first aid kit that is in a large plastic container with a RED top. This container is in the cage under the serving table. This is the counter or table that the hamburgers are served from. If you need more than a band aid, please look in this container.

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## July Secretary's Report

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Inc was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on 7/10/2012 at the McDonalds Restaurant at 450 W. Grapevine Hwy Hurst, TX. By club Vice President Lee Rice.

### A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### B. Old Business

#### 1. Runway Sprinkler System Repair:

The sprinkler head relocation project has been postponed until the end of the flying season in October or November of 2012.

**2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fun-Fly:** This year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was a great success. There were many pilots, aircraft, and spectators in attendance. Lee Rice reported that over 60 hamburgers and 30 hot dogs were served, so most everyone in attendance around lunch time must have had a good dinner.

**3. Multiple Discussions:** The farmer who usually bails and removes the grass around the perimeter of the flying facility is currently repairing his cutting machine and will proceed in removing the high grass as soon as equipment repairs are completed. Thanks go out to Chris Moon for molding a weed-eater trigger assembly thus enabling the use of an additional weed trimmer. Lee Rice has acquired vents for the new storage building which will be installed during the next scheduled work day. It has been reported that the porta-potty is too hot inside, and it surely is.

### C. Model of the Month

#### Model of the Month for July:

Lawrence Harville's Model of the Month winner was an electric foamie P-38 with dual motors and batteries.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by Lee Rice. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday 8/14/2012 at the McDonalds Restaurant at 450 W. Grapevine Hwy Hurst, TX.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Sonny Coleman – 214-415-1921

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can do is be as careful as we can.

And speaking of first aid kits, in addition to the kit hanging on the fence in the cage, there is a large red topped plastic bin full of gauze pads, bandages, wraps, etc

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



## Seen at the GSWAM July 4th Fun Fly



*Our Military---past, present, & future*

Ed Couch and crew showing off his latest airship!



Bob Mueller and Lawrence Harville were the GSWAM representatives at Warbirds Over Texas.

Walt's new airplane! Everyone is awaiting the maiden flight, and there are at least four pages of advice(?!?) on the web site to help him!



Isn't this the most common sight at the field??



Model of the Month for July — My first grandson, Joseph William Baker arrived July 27. Son Chris and I am happy to be holding a future GSWAM member.

Roy Baker





**August 11, 2012**

# **6th Annual RIC Swap Meet**

Sponsored By

**Highland Lakes Flyers, Inc.**

**8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**Kingsland Community Center**

**3451 Rose Hill Drive, Kingsland, TX 78639**

**Food and refreshments onsite, or enjoy nearby restaurants.**

**Entry Fee: \$5.00 -- Tables: \$5.00 each**

**No charge for accompanying spouse & children twelve & younger.**

**Raffle Drawing Before 2:00 PM.**

**Same location as last year.**

**The Community Center is located one block west of Ranch Road 1431, adjacent to Kingsland Hills Care Center, at the intersection of Rose Hill Dr. and Dilley St., approximately 0.7mi north of Ace Home Improvement, and 0.3 mi south of Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant. It is approximately 4.1 mi south of Hwy 29 at Buchanan Dam, and 13 mi northwest of Hwy 281 in Marble Falls.**

**More Information, contact Mike McDougall (325) 388-3752, [hlflyer@nctv.com](mailto:hlflyer@nctv.com)**

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