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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 Airport Freeway, Hurst TX 76053. The McDonalds is on the south access road just east of Precinct Line Road.

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday
January 13, 2015
7:30PM**

**McDonalds
769 Airport Fwy
Hurst, TX 76053**

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President's Notes

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a great Holiday season and found yourself blessed as a result. This is always the time of new resolutions. Right? Well, I determined I am tired of those old worn out resolutions that never seem to be accomplished. You know the ones. I am going to lose weight, I am going to quit smoking, I am going to quit drinking, etc. I figure the resolutions we attempt to achieve should be set on the positive side instead of the quitting side. So, my resolutions are like this:

- I am going to fly more often.
- My airplanes need more of my building time spent on them.
- I am going to support the hobby shops as best I can!

See, new resolutions should be positive; don't you think?

At this meeting we will be discussing scheduling events for the year for those that have not already been scheduled. There have been cows visiting the field and have walked on the runway. As I write this article, the runway is in pretty sad shape. We have a flier that reported losing a wheel on landing in a big divot on the runway. The plan is to fill in the many hoof prints on the runway on Saturday, Jan 3rd, if the weather will permit. Please check the website to get the final notice of go/no go on the project. I will put it on the website Friday night.

We will have a load of topsoil brought to the field as soon as dirt can be screened and delivered. It will probably be to the field the second or third week of January. This is in preparation for work on the runway when it begins to warm up for the growing season. This year we need

to fill in the middle part of the runway and some places that have settled. We will be calling for workers when these workdays approach. Enjoy the cold, wet weather by working on your aircraft and getting them ready for the pretty weather ahead! Hope to see you at the field!

Tim Lovett, President

GSW 2015 Event Calendar

The new year calendar is shaping up. Anyone can be an event coordinator. New type events are welcome with club approval. Fun-Flys are totally informal--volunteer and coordinate with me; any date including a Sunday. (S) indicates AMA sanctioned event. Darrell Abby, Event Coordinator 817 692-7380 or darrellabby@att.net

March 21	Fun-Fly	Seth/Mike Kopf
April ??	TAG	Frank Rowell
May 16	Biplane Fun Fly(S)	Darrell Abby
June 6-7	Scale Masters Qualifier(S)	Lawrence Harville/Max Ficken
July 4	Family Picnic Fly-In	Chuck Rovell
August 15	"National Model Aviation Day"	
Sep 19	Big Bird(S)	Tim Lovett
October 11	All Scale Fly-In	Barry Ponder
October ??	Fun-Fly	
November 7	NEED Food Drive & Fun-Fly	Chuck Rovell
November 8	Annual Party	
November 14	Control Line Event	Stephen Jeansonne
December 5	Toys for Tots	Walt Fisher

Jan/Feb Events

JAN 17--San Juan, TX (C) Fun Fly. Site: Tejas RC Flying Field. GPS Coordinates: 26.1523755, -98.1505519
Events: Sponsor: Tejas RC Association #227. CD: Richard L. Ware, 501W.Owassa Rd. #218, Pharr, TX 78577. Phone: 937-423-0236(day) 937-423-0236(eve) E-Mail: warerv@aol.com

All aircraft are welcome; landing fee \$10 includes lunch ticket. Take Expressway83 to San Juan and exit on Stewart Rd. Go South for 2.5 miles and you will see a steel gate on the East side of the road. This gate is the entrance to the airfield. If you go over the levee, you have gone too far

FEB 14--St. Hedwig, TX (A) HOTSS Open Sailplane. Site: Ingram Field. GPS Coordinates: [29.472347, -98.209254](https://www.google.com/maps/place/29.472347,-98.209254) Events: 444 (JSO) Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Soaring Society #2203. CD: Willis P. Van, 2223 Sun Pebble, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Phone: 210-385-6447(day) E-Mail: wvan15@satx.rr.com WebSite: www.hotss-rc.org

FEB 20-21--Rockdale, TX (C) Freeze Fly At Apache Pass. Site: Fly Apache Pass. GPS Coordinates: [30.686148, -97.140528](https://www.google.com/maps/place/30.686148,-97.140528) Events: Sponsor: Fly Apache Pass RC #5204. CD: Doug C. Nelle, . Phone: 512-925-0064(day) E-

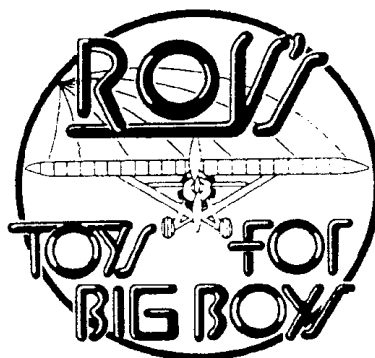
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urday evening. \$30 landing fee includes the chicken dinner; additional dinners \$10 each.

FEB 21--Dayton, TX (A) Jetero Annual Fun Fly. Site: Jetero RC Club. GPS Coordinates: [30.06163, -95.02137](https://www.google.com/maps/place/30.06163,-95.02137) Events: 705 (JSO) Sponsor: Jetero RC Club, Inc. #1218. CD: Larry L. Rogers, . Phone: 713-503-1191 (day) E-Mail: larry5926@gmail.com WebSite: www.jetero.com From 9am to 5pm. Lunch provided for pilots. Flying 705 (JSO) Competition Fun Fly.

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

December Secretary's Report

December 2014 business meeting was called to order by club president Tim Lovett at McDonalds Restaurant - Precinct Line #25720 - 769 Airport Fwy. Hurst, TX 76053 at 7:30 P.M.

Business Meeting Minutes: November 2014 business meeting minutes approved as written.

Old Business:

Toys for Tots: Chuck Rovell reported 137 toys were donated by club members at the Toys for Tots event, and the club donated an additional \$200.00 to Toys for Tots. The meet was a great success with an abundance of new unwrapped toys brought to the flying field and given to Marine Corps representatives. The giving nature of GSW club members in general is consistently demonstrated at events like the NEED Food Drive and Toys for Tots. The comradery and great club participation is what the Spirit of GSW is all about. There was some discussion regarding donating event profits earned from the Toys for Tots event be given along with any other toy and monetary donations made during the event. A motion was made regarding donating Toys for Tots profits, but the motion was not approved by attending club members as determined by a show of hands vote with the majority of votes declining the presented motion.

North End Runway Extension

Discussion: In an effort to move the club flying field's model aircraft traffic pattern further north, and away from Randol Mill Road, there was a club discussion exploring the possibilities of applying fill dirt at the north end of the runway and thus extend it further north. There will be further discussions with both club members and city officials to see if filling the runway area landscape is a viable possibility.

2.4 Ghz Radio Frequency Discussion:

Some club members flying at the club flying facility have reported temporary radio system lockouts. Those experiencing any radio issues should let somebody know so any radio frequency problems can be monitored more closely.

Model of the Month: No model of the

month in December.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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THIS AND THAT by Darrell Abby

A new year? Already? Wow! Time is flying but I am not. The winter temps and wind continue to clamp down on us. As I remember past years, I usually got out about once a week even this time of year but not so this winter. If it is going to be bad I wish we could get some real rain to help with the lake drought situation. If I were to go by the local meteorologists' weekly rain forecasts, we would be entirely flooded out and the lakes rebounding.

After fighting armadillos and wild hogs, now it is cows. We have now had 3 cow invasions to our field property with the recent one being the most destructive as they meandered across runway 34-16 cutting deep holes. I haven't inspected the control line circle. After inspecting the

damage, for me, the runway is closed. We have had one gear-rip-off event that I know of. Hopefully, by the time you read this, emergency repairs will have been completed. Along with me, I know you want the runway to be ready when we do get a decent flying day. It is not easy maintaining "one of the best grass runways in Texas".

So how is your winter project coming along? I know of a few maidens and test flights awaiting a suitable day. When that time arrives, how about posting your intentions on the web site? I am still surprised at the lack of posts during this "down" flying season. Let everyone know what you are thinking about; share the fun. My P-51A is still progressing along; 5 months into it so far. Considering the hours invested so far, I am doubtful of having it ready for the June Scale-master.

Don't forget to pencil in this year's events into your new calendar. I wish for us all a good, successful, and peaceful 2015.

I'll see you at the field soon....hopefully.

My trip to the flying field

Twas the Sunday before Christmas, and out at the field
Flying our airplanes, too cold to feel
Bill Wilson and I were saying goodbye
When one of the members waved to say Hi

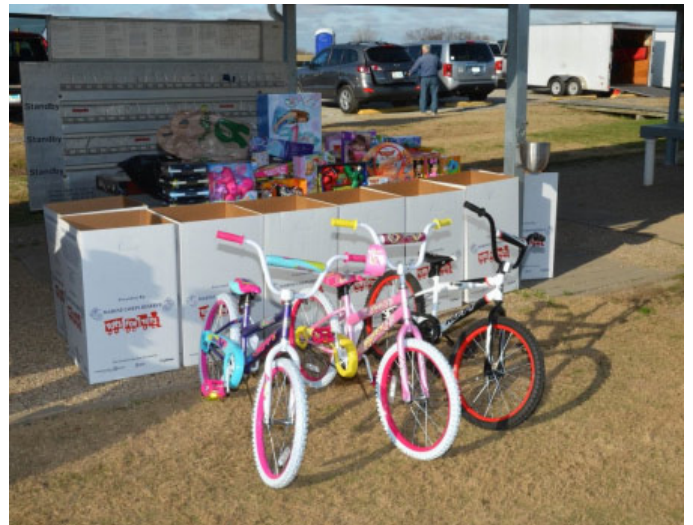
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a handful of cows who thought they were reindeer
They came up the hill, through a hole in the fence
That thin line of chain link, we thought was defense

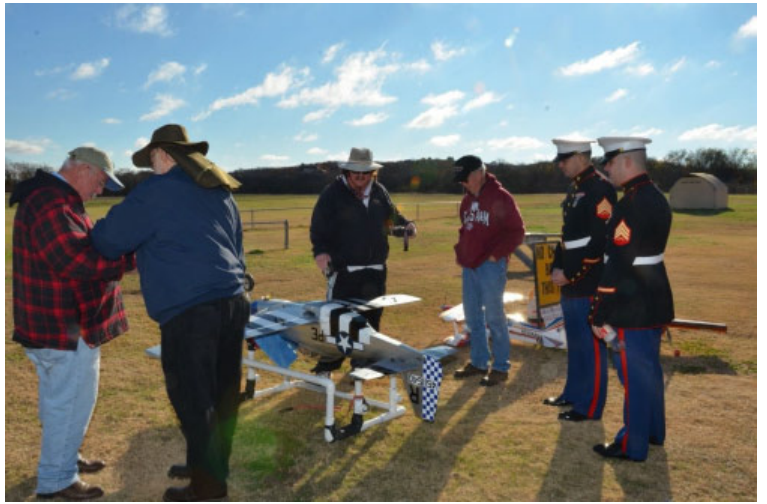
Protecting the runway, was our main goal
Convincing the cows to return through the hole
We shouted and whistled and said "Go home"
The cattle reacted like a dog with a bone

Back down the hill and back through the fence
Bill and I found wire and secured the defense
The last time we looked, they were all out of sight
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night

Dave Ek

Toys for Tots Fun Fly December 2014







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