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# The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

P.O. Box 1171

Bedford, TX 76095

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

**Next Meeting:  
March 13, 2018  
7:30pm**

**McDonalds  
Central #10230  
2100 Central Park Blvd.  
Bedford, TX 76022**

<b>President</b> .....	Darrell Abby.....	(817) 692-7380
<b>Vice President(s)</b> .....	Lewie Moore .....	(682) 553-2806
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Frank Rowell.....	(817) 265-2471
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Bob McDuff.....	(817) 939-6131
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> .....	Roy Baker.....	(817) 455-0922

### President's Notes

I am a bit late with this reminder concerning renewals at Roy's Hobbies. When you stop by to renew make sure you have your **old club card** and **current AMA card**. The store does this as a favor to the club; therefore, wait patiently until a clerk is free and not helping or checking out a paying customer. Do not get impatient or belligerent. To save time, print an application from the web site and fill it out prior to going in. Of course you may also renew at a club meeting or catch an officer at the field.

If you attended the last meeting, you know that there was a lot of discussion on the proposed electric arming rule. Three 'electric' members are working on revised wording based on this discussion to bring to the March meeting. The nitro/gas proposed rule was approved.

Spring is a good time of year to sell any unwanted planes or equipment. Three easy ways to do this: send Roy Baker an email want-ad for the next newsletter, put it in the 'GWS Classified' section on the club web site, or write it down and pin it to the field bulletin board.

When you check the club calendar, you will notice that the TAG date has moved forward to April 14. Please pencil this in on your datebook because we need lots of manpower. We look forward to hosting the Civil Air Patrol squadron from Meacham Field. The spring rainy season may have started early and the recent 6" plus flooded our field. This was one of those rare occasions when we closed the field with a permanent lock. We

do this to protect our turf from damage. If you go to fly after such rain, please use your good judgement as to the firmness of the runway. Large or warbird type planes may leave undesirable ruts. Smaller planes might be appropriate. Please do not leave footprints on the runway. One more reminder: RC cars are not allowed to run anywhere on our leased property. If found in vehicles, they may be kidnapped for ransom.

See you at the field.

**Darrell Abby, President**

### VOLUNTEER MEN NEEDED!

Do you have a heart for helping children?

Alliance For Children- Tarrant County needs you!

Alliance For Children promotes awareness of child abuse and helps kids 17 and under heal from trauma caused by abuse.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities, including hospital visits, room make-overs, camp participants, etc.

Men and women volunteers are needed, but there's a critical shortage of male involvement in these programs.

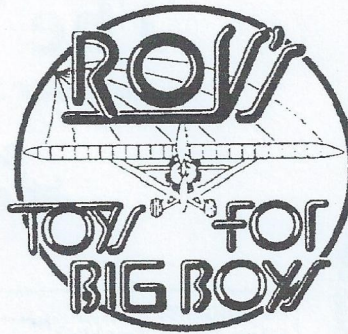
Activities are supervised and all that's usually needed is just 'being there'- your availability to spend time and show a caring interest in a child. The

### 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)



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## GSW 2018 Event Calendar

Date	Event	Coordinator
Sat after	Work Day – 09:00 every Saturday following	GSW Officers
Mar 23-25	Red Stick Classic	Jeffery Pike
April 14	TAG (Take-Off and Grow) Civil Air Patrol	Mike Kopf
May 6	GSW Float Fly	Jerry Burton
May 19	Biplane Fun Fly (S)	Darrell Abby
Jun 2-3	US Scalemaster Qualifier (S)	Lawrence Harville
Jun 30	Independence Day Family Fun Fly	Chuck Rovell & Scott Farrow
Sep 8	Big Bird (S)	Tim Lovett
Oct 13	All-Scale Fly-In	Barry Ponder
Nov 3	NEED Food Drive	Chuck Rovell & Scott Farrow
Nov 4	Annual party –Location TBD	GSW Officers
Nov TBD	Control Line Event	TBD
Dec 1	Toys for Tots	Chuck Rovell & Scott Farrow

Anyone can be an event coordinator.

New type events are welcome with club approval.

Fun-fly's are totally informal—volunteer and coordinate with me;

Any date including a Sunday.

(S) Indicates AMA sanctioned event.

Jimmy Stanford, Event Coordinator (202) 725-5565 or [rescuejim@yahoo.com](mailto:rescuejim@yahoo.com)

## February Secretary's Report

The February business meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lewie Moore, 7:30PM at the McDonald's Restaurant #10230 2100 Central Park Blvd, Bedford, TX 76022

### Business Meeting Minutes

The January 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written by attending members by a show of hands. Secretary Frank Rowell reported that GSW has 103 membership renewals and 7 new members as of this meeting.

### New Members/Visitors

Craig Stephens was welcomed to his first meeting. Visitor Jeff Simmons said he is planning to join the club. The members are encouraged to meet and introduce themselves to new members and show them where and how flying is done at the field.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob McDuff reported that all bills are paid. We have new funds from renewals and are in good financial shape.

### Field Report

Vice-President Lewie Moore stated that the field is in good shape. There is no work party scheduled for this Saturday.

### Training Report

Training Coordinator Bob McDuff reported that one student was in training and after a few lessons soloed. Bob did not recall the student's name.

### Events

Event Coordinator Jimmy Stanford reported on the upcoming events.

April 14 (This is a change of schedule) TAG, Frank Rowell Coordinator.

May 19; Bi-Plane Fun Fly. Darrell Abby, coordinator.

June 2 and 3; US Scale Masters Qualifier. Lawrence Harville, coordinator.

June 30 ; Independence Day Fun Fly. Please note the date has been changed

to the Saturday preceding the 4<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Rovell, coordinator.

September 8; Big Bird Fly-In. Tim Lovett coordinator.

There are additional events scheduled. Please see the club website for the dates.

Chuck Rovell is the coordinator for Independence Day, Food Drive and Toys for Tots. Chuck has asked for help in coordinating these events. If you can help please contact Chuck.

### Old Business

Bids for tree and brush removal received from contractors are in the range of \$950. The club can pay up to \$500. Two control line members are donating a total of \$450 to help with this cost. A motion to approve the \$500 expense was made and carried.

Dave Cooke stated that there are several trees that need to be removed from the quad track.

A motion to approve an addition to the field operation rules regarding arming of electric powered aircraft was tabled. A discussion by several members included many safety related suggestions. The most important of which was "Use common sense and be aware of the harm a spinning propeller can cause to the operator of the aircraft and nearby members."

A motion to approve the addition of a field rule regarding the shutting down of fuel powered aircraft was made by Chuck Rovell and seconded by Tim Lovett. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The wording of the rule is;

"All nitro and gas powered aircraft must have a means of engine cutoff from the transmitter using ignition kill, throttle cutoff switch, or by a transmitter operated choke servo."

Bill Bradford has GSW baseball caps. See Bill to get one.

Bob McDuff reported that Spectrum (The cable company) was contacted about installing Wi-Fi at the field. A preliminary bid of \$5000 cost to Spectrum and \$4000 cost to GSW was presented to Bob. It was suggested we use a Wi-Fi hot spot. That equipment would not be practicable due to the environmental conditions it would need to withstand.

The use of night vision cameras was discussed. Wayne Galligan offered the use of a camera he has to conduct a trial.

Sonny Coleman is researching this project for a solution.

### Model Of The Month

Bob McDuff showed his "Sea Lane" sea plane which he says flies better off the grass than the water. One problem is that the grass wears out the bottom of the aircraft.

Dave Ek presented a twin rubber band powered aircraft that looks like a PBY Catalina. It is an indoor flier.

Wayne Galligan presented his Dirty Birdy that he has kit bashed. It is lighter than the plans call for and is glass covered. It is powered by a .61 size glow engine.

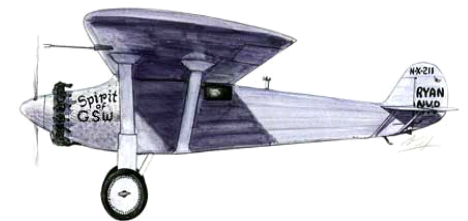
The winner of this month's model of the month was Dave Ek.

### Drawing

Tom Parks winner.

Respectfully submitted

**Frank Rowell, Secretary**



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only cost is your spare time.

Be a man- spend some time with a kid!

For more info contact  
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817-229-9407, or

### Jamie Harton

*Volunteer Coordinator*  
817-989-9075, Ext 103  
[allianceforchildren.org](http://allianceforchildren.org)

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## Club Shirts

Bill Bradford reports that he has a waiting list for shirt orders. The shirt company needs a minimum of six shirts per order and he currently has three on the list. Contact Bill if you would like a club shirt. They are \$20 and \$25 if you want your name embroidered on the shirt.



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3350 Harwood Rd.  
Bedford, TX 76021

**Handly Ederville #10145**  
7305 Airport Fwy  
Richland Hills, TX 76118

Our Meeting Place—>

**Precinct Line #25720**  
769 Airport Fwy.  
Hurst, TX 76053



**Central #10230**  
2100 Central Park Blvd.  
Bedford, TX 76022

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