

THE TAIL SPINNER

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

Volume-1—January 2024

Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting Location: McDonalds Restaurant
1732 Pipeline Rd Hurst, TX

The January 9th 2024 GSWAM business meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by club president Tim Lovett

Meeting Attendance: 19

Visitors/New Members: New member Tony Kiscellus -
Welcome Aboard Tony!

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The December 2023 Business Meeting Minutes posted in the December GSWAM newsletter were approved as written by a majority show of hands vote by attending club members.

Presidents Report: Sky Elements drone operation relocation proposal ****Update**** - Tim Lovett, GSWAM club president, had a discussion with a Sky Elements manager at the flying field recently about relocating the Sky Elements drone practice area from the helicopter area to a much larger area on the west side of the large dirt hill behind the control line flying area. Tim also spoke with a couple of control line club members about the possible impact of having an access driveway on the north perimeter of the control line area and they had indicated they had no negative issues with the proposed Sky Elements relocation or with having an access driveway on the northern outskirts of the control line area to the proposed Sky Elements practice area. No reply as yet from a Sky Element upper management representative regarding any interest in the relocation proposal.

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Tim Lovett—Club President

About GSWAM

The Greater Southwest Aero Modelers radio control flying club is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by club rules. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The club flying field is located on the north side of Randol Mill Road, 0.4 miles east of Highway 820 at 6903 Randol Mill Rd. Visitors are welcome whenever the gate is unlocked. Regular club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the McDonald's restaurant at Precinct Line #25720 769 Airport Fwy at 7:30 PM.





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Rick & Sparky

Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Mike Stephens reported all club bills were paid-up and current. TruGreen Discussion - The GSW club currently uses TruGreen to fertilize the facilities turf/lawn and for fire ant control. A discussion ensued about ways to help reduce the club's lawn treatment costs by reducing annual fertilizer treatments, by TruGreen, from six treatments to four fertilizer treatments. Club member Chase Watkins offered to price out bulk fire ant treatment so the club could remove all fire ant treatment duties from TruGreen and use our own purchased fire ant treatment and treat the facilities fire ants ourselves and save on TruGreen lawn treatment costs.

Old Business:

GSW Weather Station Discussion: Last year (2023) club member Sean Dickerson donated a new weather station that provides current weather conditions from the GSW flying facility. Along with the donated weather station hardware Sean also donated installation labor and all the electrical boxes and electrical hardware costs involved in implementing a remote weather station, and Sean still pays the associated Wi-Fi internet service fees monthly. The club weather station communicates via Wi-Fi to report current weather data through the internet. Wi-Fi service providers typically offer multiple usage plan tiers based on bandwidth speed and data transfer capacity needs. Sean reported the current Wi-Fi service data plan provides more data transfer capabilities than what is needed. Sean is looking into changing the current Wi-Fi service plan to a lesser plan that better fits the needs of the club weather station at a lower monthly cost. There was a discussion among attending club members regarding transferring monthly Wi-Fi service payment responsibilities from Sean to the club. Costs for a minimal Wi-Fi internet service would be less than \$30.00 per month. The exact service cost will be determined by the February club business meeting.



Mark Fuess and his Ultra Stick

Rock Crawlers and R/C Tanks: There was a club discussion about allowing for R/C rock crawler and R/C tank owners to operate their surface models either on the west side of the big dirt hill or in the existing drone track area. Member discussion on the topic included adding a "non-flying" club membership level at a reduced cost of a regular club member group. The new non-flying membership group was proposed to be a "non-voting" member group. More discussion regarding a possible rock crawler/tank area to follow.



*Lawrence's SE5A At the Tyler
2023 Dawn Patrol Event*

Anyone Can Be An Event Coordinator

New type events are welcome with club approval

Fun-fly's are totally informal

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New Business:

Tail Spinner Submissions

Items for the Tail Spinner are due by the 22nd of each month. Remember that ads are free to club members. Send them to:

Sonny Coleman
(682)-408-1830

Sonny@camnet.net



Mark's "Stray Dog" Stick



Sonny's Jungmeister

"Members Only" Facebook Group: Tim Lovett reported the new "Members Only" Facebook group had members who managed to join the group that were not GSWAM club members. Non-club member individuals were removed from the group by the group's admins.

New Club Newsletter Editor: The "Tail Spinner" club newsletter's main purpose is to document and publicize club business through business meeting minutes, publicize planned club events, help connect new members with the club, and encourage communication among members. The club newsletter is also sent out to non-club members and acts as a public relations platform for reporting club activities. A good GSW newsletter should provide flying field photos, club event updates, club business updates, field status, and more. Beginning in January 2024 the club will have a new newsletter editor. Sonny Coleman accepted the duties of publishing the Tail Spinner newsletter with lots and lots of input help needed from GSW club member friends. The club newsletter is an outlet for any club member to contribute input through modeling projects, photos, and event update reports. All newsletter photos/articles will be due by the 22nd of each month with a publish/delivery date on the 24th. Any new GSW club newsletter editor has really big shoes to fill coming in following newsletter publishing legends Roy Baker and Mark Fuess who set the standards for what an excellent club newsletter should look like.

Finding Sponsors to Help with Club Event Costs: There was a discussion about the club seeking out local and national sponsors to help offset club event food/drink costs. More discussion regarding club sponsors to follow next month

2024 Membership Registration: New/Renewing club members can sign-up at the Hurst HobbyTown USA store located at 746 Grapevine Hwy, Hurst, TX 76054. Members can also sign-up at the flying field if a club officer is present. New and renewing members can also sign-up at any regularly scheduled monthly club meeting.

January 2024 Business Meeting Minutes Provided by Club Secretary: Sonny Coleman



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.

2024 GSW Event Calendar

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Chuck "Smoothie" Ezell and Airplane



Sparky's Falcon (Mk2?)

5-6 April: NASA Gunsmoke R/C Scale Mesa, AZ (S)

Tim Dickey

11 May: GSW Biplane Fun-Fly (S)

Darrell Abby

18-19 May: Sherman TX Scale Qualifier (S)

22 June: GSW 3rd Annual Dog Fest Fly-In

Mark Fuess

4th July: GSW Family Fun-Fly

Randy Mayhew

AMA NATS Muncie, IN (S)

R/C CL Scale: July 11-14

R/C Scale Aerobatics: July 16—August 19

R/C Aerobatics (Pattern): July 29—August 2

R/C Helicopter: August 4-7

Control Line (All Disciplines except CL Scale) August 4-9

22-28 July: Oshkosh, WI

EAA

7-8 Sept: Chuck Rovell Texas Scale Qualifier (S)

Lawrence Harville

28 Sept: GSW Big Bird Fun Fly

Tim Lovett

11-12 Oct Warbirds Over Texas North Dallas R/C Club

12 Oct: GSW All Scale Fun Fly

Barry Ponder

9 Nov: GSW NEED Food Drive

Randy Mayhew

7 Dec: GSW All Scale and Toys for Tots

(S) = AMA Sanctioned

**** Anyone can be an Event Coordinator ****

Have an idea for a club event? just notify a GSW Club Officer



Runway Mower Storage - Paint Job by Mike Madar

January 2024 Field Report

John Deere Runway Mower Repair Project—Darrell Abby

The feral hogs are active; it is **IMPERATIVE** to close the walkway hog gates when you leave. Recent winds have caused no damage to the roof. We are into our real winter season so flying traffic has been curtailed. When a good day comes along, all of the field is open so take advantage. Hook up the hog gates behind you. The reel mowers have been taken in for sharpening. The ground crew walked the hog fence repairing and ensuring that all is intact. Bob Score's father (visiting from Florida) and Mark Smith spent 2 hours replacing the drive belt on the old John Deere. Next session will complete that task once we repair a part and receive a replacement spring. Did I mention the hog gates? The hog fence has been very effective so please help with this. It only takes one night for them to ruin the runway.

Mark Smith and Bob Shore Sr. Replace the mower's transmission belt with Frank and Rick Supervising the operation. Special thanks to Mark and Bob for sharing their expertise and helping out the club!



CORSAIR MAKEOVER - Darrell Abby

The 8-year-old Top Flite Corsair with 250 flights is undergoing a complete make-over this winter. All equipment was removed except the receiver and fuselage servos. The electric retracts are being replaced by new Robart pneumatics. All control surfaces were removed; new Robart pin hinges will be used in a new location next to the old locations. New batteries will be installed. Some of the covering stripped easily and other areas were difficult. Hanger rash dents, ARF cracks, holes, etc. were filled and sanded. Bondo Glazing and Spot Putty sands and feathers real nice. The wheel wells were modified since there will be no main gear doors. The same DLE 55 will be reinstalled. In order to install an air tank for the retracts, I had to reach into the rear of the fuse and cut out parts of some formers with the Dremel and make new partial formers around the tank and scab them onto the old former stubs. Problem: with the fuse upside down, all the cutting sawdust mess fell down into the enclosed cockpit. So far all I have done is blow compressed air into the cracks trying to blow out the dust and dirt.

Next the one-piece wing and the fuse were glassed with 1 ounce cloth and 2 coats of Z-Poxy sanded with each coat. The key here is to ensure that the cloth grain is filled but not excess which adds weight. I used Rust-O-Leum gray automotive primer (spray cans). This primer sands good starting with 220 grit and then 320. I want to remove most of the primer down to where the wood starts to show. Once it seems perfect, one can take the part out into the sunlight and view all the remaining defects that you thought weren't there.

This model is not for competition. A livery scheme was chosen that had very little documentation. Best I can determine it was used by the Naval Reserve unit in Olathe, KS in about 1956. That early Corsair F2G model was manufactured by Goodyear (only about 10 units). In any case, Behr acrylic paint from HD was used. Callie did the vinyl rub-on graphics. Rust-O-Leum matte clear coat will be used. As always, I build a little test frame, cover it, Z-Poxy it, prime it, and paint some color patches to check for compatibility, etc. I plan on trying lead pencil lines for the panel lines; I found that the first clear coat must be super light or else the lead graphite runs and spreads. Not good.



Two Z-Poxy coats. Sand off the shine.

CHUCK ROVELL TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Hosted by the Greater Southwest AeroModelers

2024

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCALE AEROMODELERS
U.S. Scale Masters Qualifier –AMA SCALE CONTEST
DATE: SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2024

2024

EVENTS

2024 TEXAS SCALE CHAMPION

NASA QUALIFIER

SCALE MASTERS QUALIFIER

511 Sportsman

512 Expert

515 Designer

522 Team

523 Open - Advanced

STATIC ONLY COMPETITION

AMA Scale Helicopter

520 Fun Scale

Expert=Pro Pro/Am

Novice=Pro Pro/Am

Best Female pilot 16 under

Best Male Pilot 16 under

Best Female Pilot over 16

Electric Airplane

Military and Civilian Classes

NEW EVENT

**ALL WARBIIRD CLASS-
NO STATIC**

REGISTRATION

\$25 1st Entry

\$10 Additional Entry

Sat. Lunch included

Drawing for Contestants

511-520-523-Warbird Class &

Electric Classes

Texas Championship Shirts
available by pre-order only

Call CD's \$25.00 By 8-29-24

CONTEST DIRECTOR

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SATURDAY 9-7-24

REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M.

STATIC 8:30 A.M.

FLYING STARTS 9:00A.M.

Four Flight Rounds

SUNDAY 9-8-24

REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M.

FLYING STARTS 8:00A.M.

Two Flight Rounds

TROPHY PRESENTATION 1 PM

CONTEST DIRECTOR

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Chuck Rovell

Texas Scale Champion 2024

2023 Ben Andrus Louisiana

Tim Dickey, Arizona

Phil Koury, Mississippi

Darrell Abby

Lee Rice

Sonny Coleman

Olen Rutherford, Oklahoma

Woody Lake

Max Ficken

Lawrence Harville

Glenn Riley

520 Fun Scale- Electric

Documentation required is a photo or drawing of your plane.

Full Documentation required for following classes:

523 Open includes purchased, modeler-built, or factory-built scale models including ARF's.


511-512 -522 Expert, Sportsman, Team and NASA Qualifier, Scale Masters Qualifier -----AMA Scale Rules-

Texas Champion all scores are combined for highest total. Team

Notice: The front gate lock is **STILL** being left unlocked. Also, electric fence walkway connections have been left open. We **COULD** receive a visit from an unwanted visitor like the one below at any time.

Scientific name *Sus scrofa* Linnaeus, 1758
Threat to habitats and wildlife; can transmit disease


Where did they come from?



What do they eat?
Feral pigs eat earthworms, vegetation, insects, fish, reptiles, bird eggs, birds and other small mammals.

Are feral swine dangerous to humans and other animals?
Yes, they carry at least 30 bacterial and viral diseases that can be transmitted to humans and animals.

They are very aggressive. In 2019, a woman was attacked and killed by a group of feral hogs outside a home in the southeastern Texas.




Lifespan
15 to 25 years

Some people call me razorback

They have large tusks 3- to 5- inches long.

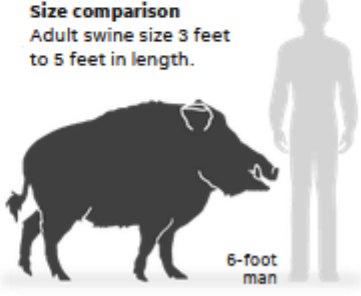
Coloring
Colors vary, ranging in combinations of brown, black, white and red. Most often they are striped or spotted.

States where feral swine have been found




They have been reported in at least **35 states**.

Size comparison
Adult swine size 3 feet to 5 feet in length.



Swines can weigh 75 to 250 pounds.


They're fast!
Feral swine can reach up to **30 mph**.




Come on, keep up!

That's faster than Usain Bolt, the world's fastest human, who ran 27.3 mph.

SOURCE U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA TODAY research



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769 Airport Fwy.

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3200 SE Loop 820

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