

# TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

## November 12th, 2024 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

There's not a club business meeting in November 2024, so there are no November business meeting minutes to share.



Tim Lovett—Club President

### About GSWAM

The Greater Southwest Aero Modelers radio control flying club is a non-profit organization. Membership is non-discriminatory 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.

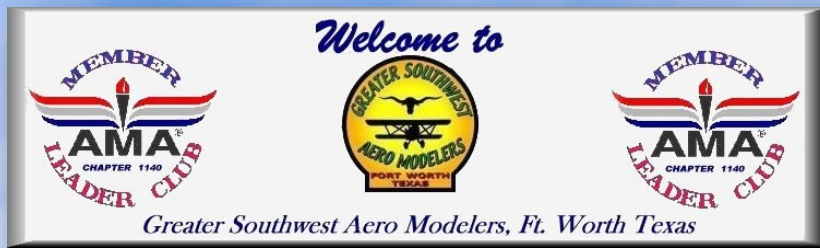
## Special Meeting Called November 7th 2024

Club president Tim Lovett called a special club meeting for November 7th 2024 to address a serious incident that occurred at the club flying facility on Thursday evening October 24th 2024. Notification of the impending special meeting was sent out (emailed) to club membership seven days prior to the special meeting. The special meeting notification email included the date of the special meeting (November 7th 2024), Place and time of the special meeting (Massy McDonalds 769 Airport Freeway Hurst, TX 76053 at 7:00 PM).

### Agenda:

- Discussion Topic:** The discussion topic for the special November 7th 2024 club meeting was to discuss the possible removal of a Greater Southwest Aero Modelers club member for rules violations of GSWAM club by-laws. (Continued P-2)





## Special Meeting Called November 7th 2024 (Continued)

2. Attending club members first heard both sides of the incident then there was an in-depth discussion by club members regarding the incident to help determine if there are valid reasons for the member in question be removed from the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers club. After the discussion phase there will be a vote cast by club members to choose either to remove the club member for a period of one year or vote to **not** remove the club member from the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers club as per the GSWAM By-Laws Article III Section H **Expulsion.**

**Notice:** Meeting attendees who cast their vote were all GSWAM club members in good standing. A member in good standing has a current (2024) GSWAM club membership card and a current AMA card. Members who wished to vote were first asked to have their 2024 club membership card and their current AMA card present with them at the November 7th special meeting. Members who forgot their club membership cards and/or current AMA card were verified using the 2024 club membership roster. Tim Lovett was listed as the contact person in the notification email for those who had any questions prior to the coming special meeting.

Parties on both sides of the incident were allotted time to describe their view of what happened at the flying facility on the evening of October 24th 2024 to the attending club members. Many questions were asked and answered by individuals at the "Special Meeting". Information gained from the questions was used by club members to determine, as much as possible, what indeed happened the evening of October 24th.

### Results:

GSWAM club member Dave Horton stood accused by Sky Elements employee (and GSWAM club member) Cameron Ellis of using his motor vehicle in a dangerous manner by attempting to block the Sky Elements employee (Cameron) from setting up for a drone practice session when the incident occurred. Both Cameron Ellis and Dave Horton were current members in good standing of the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers club at the time of the incident.

Dave explained he was not using his motor vehicle to intimidate, cause personal injury, or damage Cameron's (Sky Element's) drone equipment. Dave stated he was trying to position his vehicle in such a way as to prevent the Sky Elements employee from setting up at the location south of the control line area east of the big dirt hill. Dave did not know at the time Sky Elements had been given permission by club president Tim Lovett to practice at that location.

Cameron Ellis stated he was actually bumped by Dave's vehicle at which time he then removed the antenna from Daves vehicle. Cameron also stated he threw the antenna on the ground after removing it from Dave's vehicle. Dave then got out of his vehicle and picked up the broken antenna from the ground and moved towards Cameron in what he (Cameron) considered to be in a provocative manner holding the broken antenna.

Some verbal expletives were then exchanged back and forth and after a short period of time Dave left the flying facility. No one was injured and no property was damaged during the incident except for Dave's antenna.

After hearing both sides of the incident the issue came to a vote, and the results were the GSWAM club voted **30** votes to remove and **10** to retain. The end result was Dave was voted out of the club by the attending club members for a period of one year beginning November 7th 2024. There were 45 GSWAM club members in attendance at the special meeting and there were five club members who abstained from the voting process.

Special Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary — *Sonny Coleman*





## President's Report

It seems like 2024 has flown past us. Before we know it the New Year will be here. Thanksgiving is upon us. I hope each and every one of you have a happy holiday season!

We had a good turnout for the N.E.E.D. Food Drive fly-in. We collected a very full pickup bed of goods. They were very appreciative of our efforts. It is always rewarding to help others in a time of need. I am always very proud of our club when we do stuff for the community. Thank you!

Speaking of that, The Toys for Tots fly-in is December 7<sup>th</sup>! Bring an unwrapped toy as a landing fee to fly that Saturday. The club has purchased bicycles again this year. Randy Claus found a good deal on the bikes and got them for almost ½ what we normally spend! And, you know, of course, you can bring more than one toy!

We had the annual GSW party the night of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. The food was very good, the fellowship was wonderful and the band played great bluegrass/Irish style Christmas music. If you missed it, shame on you! Three musicians playing fiddle, acoustic guitar, piano and hammered dulcimer. They blended well and it was a pleasure to hear. The group was The Vanderveer Brothers.

As told before, you can renew memberships at Hobby Town on Grapevine Highway in Hurst. You can also catch Rich Shook at the field during most pretty days and he can get you fixed up! Double check your AMA membership to make certain it is current, too.

The area west of the large dirt hill has been mowed in preparation for Sky Elements' usage. I think there will still be some leveling that will have to be done before it is completely ready. In the meantime, if they need to test any drones, they will do it on the parking area by the trailers south of the control line shelter.

Mike Madar is in the process of putting together a T-28 Trojan wing at the field. Most of the pilots are using the yellow 2-meter birds from Horizon Hobbies. They appear to fly great! Get with one of those guys and get involved with them! The only question I have is, "How do you know which plane is yours after a few rounds about the field?" I am sure it will be fine, what could go wrong?

The weather has been pretty nice now that it is not above 100 degrees. Come on out and join the fun!

Ed Couch and Billy Law have both had trips to the hospital. If you get a minute, you might call them to say "Hi" and have conversation with them. Recovery times can be pretty lonely.

I will see you at the meeting in December! Keep the shiny side up!

*Tim Lovett*

# GSW Field Maintenance Report

As of November 12 the field is in excellent shape. The armadillos/skunks have left us alone for 5-6 days. Cross your fingers. All areas have been mowed probably for the last time for a few months with the exception of the runway. We have two John Deere's in good order. Please stay tuned for a workday to be scheduled for tractor maintenance (oil and filter change, check blades, etc.). Please plan on helping that day. The hog fence is still in need of more wire replacement.

Note that the "mowing crew" is now known as the "Field Maintenance Crew". Why? Because we are doing much more than mowing/trimming. We spend a lot of time working on equipment, hog fence, runway repair, sprinkler repair, bridges, trash, wind socks, chopping down trees/stumps, field improvements, etc. Note the group photo on a day that most of the crew was present. Absent that day was John Bender and C.E. Dingman.

Come on out and fly something.

*Darrell Abby*

## ***Have you ever wondered how our runway Magically stays in such great shape?***

Actually, the club member's below spend time working and making their own magic keeping all the mowers and trimmers in good running order. The running mowers and trimmers are guided by ***The Mow Crew***. "That's" the Magic that keeps our flying field in prime condition.

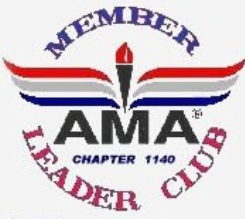
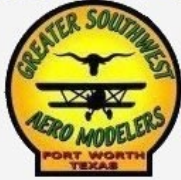

## **The GSW Field Maintenance Crew**



Years ago Mr. Lewie Moore set the standards of how the GSW club's grounds should be maintained. Today, basically the same group are still maintaining those same high standards.



*Welcome to*



*Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas*

### Field Photos of "The Mow Crew"



Field Maintenance Crew Filling Shunk/armadillo holes in the runway



# Food Drive Photos





# More Field Photos





# More Field Photos





# PLANES FOR SALE — Page-1

Previous club member Bryan Bueret is selling his fleet. He is in NRH; you may call him to discuss details and prices—817.917.7396. These planes are clean, pristine, and very nice except for the Stick repaired nose. You may also contact Darrell Abby





# PLANES FOR SALE — Page-2



Carl Goldberg \_\_\_\_\_ with OS 75 4 stroke (red purple black on white) \$50

Twist OS 55 2 stroke \$150

AT-6 OS \_\_\_ Gorgeous \$400

Four Star 120 1 piece wing with huge wing bag OS 120 4 stroke built by Jim Whitworth \$350

Super Cub (manufacturer unk) 1 flight over 8' span DLE 60 twin custom wheels & gear \$1500.00

HiTec X4AC Multi Charger with connectors \$100

HiTec X2AC Multi Charger with connectors \$75



# November 2024 GSWAM Event Schedule



(© Mathieu Belanger/Reuters)



**7 Dec: GSW Toys for Tots**

(S) = AMA Sanctioned

**Randy Mayhew**

*Anyone can be an Event Coordinator...have an idea for event, just notify an GSW Officer*



**New Event added**  
**\*\*Date Changed**



## On board of a plane



- Me
- Declined his seat all the way back
- Crying baby
- Needs to pee every 20 minutes
- Coughs permanently
- Quiet and relaxed passengers



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## FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

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



# RTL Fasteners Store Wide Sale



## Store-wide!

**15% Off** your order. (\$50 minimum) Simply use coupon code **6715** at step 2 during checkout. Or take **50%** off our big assortments! See [Store Front](#) for details.

Link to RTL Fasteners: <https://www.rtlfasteners.com/>



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## 2024 GSWAM 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.

## GSW Club Flying Field Current Weather Status

Weather station reports current temperature, winds/gusts, barometric pressure, precipitation rate, and dew point. Live weather info from the flying field.

Link: <https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KTXFORTW1527>

## Club Apparel - Hats & Shirts



Link: <https://daisies-ducks-doodles.myshopify.com/collections/gswam-1>





# GSWAM Information/Documents Website

Find needed club information, like club event schedules, official club documents, map to field, club roster, newsletter archive, and membership applications can quickly and easily be accessed without having to search Facebook.

Information for visitors and newcomers about where to find the club flying field, what is required to fly at the club flying facility, and how and where to sign-up and become a new/renewing club member. There are links to the AMA for AMA signup and AMA/FAA information. Links to register with the FAA and a "TRUST" test link.

Club Website: <https://gswam.org> Check it out!

\*\*\*New\*\*\* Club Member Action Videos: <https://gswam.org/index.php/action-videos/>

The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation links: Home, Map, GSWAM Facebook Group, Roster, and Events. The main heading reads "WELCOME TO THE GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO MODELERS". Below this, a banner for "TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS – September 7th & 8th" features a digital countdown timer showing 020 days, 17 hours, 12 minutes, and 30 seconds. The event title "2024 Lt. Col Chuck Ravell TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS" is prominently displayed. The page content includes details about the event dates (September 7-8), AMA scale classes, and a list of participating classes: Electric Military Expert and Rookie, Electric Civilian Expert and Rookie, and Team Scale. It also mentions that free lunch is available for contestants and that overnight camping is an option. A note at the bottom recognizes Lt. Col. Chuck Ravell as a long-time modeler and worker for the club.

The advertisement features the Massey McDonald's logo and the slogan "i'm lovin' it" at the top. It lists five McDonald's locations around the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers field:

- Eules #2182, 105 Airport Fwy
- Beach 3186, 3901 Airport Freeway
- Altamere 32934, 525 Alta Mere Dr.
- Central #10230, 2100 Central Park Blvd., Bedford, TX 76022
- Wichita 24126, 3200 SE Loop 820

The field location is identified as Precinct Line #25720, 769 Airport Fwy. Yellow arrows labeled "MEETING" and "PLACE" point towards the field location from the Eules and Wichita locations, respectively.