

# TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-12 — December 2024

Newsletter Editor ~ Sonny Coleman

AMA Chartered Club #1140

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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

## December 10th, 2024 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

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

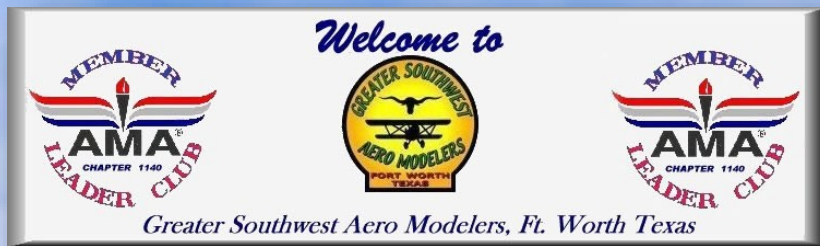
**Meeting Attendance:** 15

**Meeting Called to Order:** Tuesday December 10th, 2024 at 7:30 PM by club president Tim Lovett.

**Business Meeting Minutes Approval:** The October 2024 Business Meeting Minutes posted in the October GSWAM newsletter were approved as written by a majority show of hands vote by attending club members. There was no November business meeting in 2024.

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**Presidents Report:** Club members at the flying field who fly are required to have their current membership cards visible on their person. We are blessed to have many new club members this year who may or may not know they are required to wear their name badges so if you see someone without their name badge present take advantage and introduce yourself and let them know about club safety rules and the visible name badge requirement. Also, a north end shelter walkway gate (part of the electric fence system) was left open (again). The local feral hog population is very active now with signs of hogs all around the perimeter of the main runway. PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON LEAVING — **LATCH THE WIRE GATE(S)!**

**Treasurers Report:** Attending club members cast their votes electing Michael Madar as the new club treasurer. Mike will begin serving the club in an official capacity as the GSWAM club treasurer ASAP.

**2025 Elected Club Officers:** Tim Lovett – President, Randy Mayhew – Vice President, Sonny Coleman – Secretary, Michael Madar – Treasurer, and Rick Shook – Safety Officer.

**Field Report:** Frank Rowell reported the runway is in good condition, and that the armadillo/skunk pests have not been digging any new holes. Most existing holes in the runway have been filled. Darrell Abby re-strung new electric fence wire on the runway perimeter where there had been previous wire breaks and repairs in the old wire.

**Starter Stand Discussion:** Some of the flying field's starter stands are in need of some serious repair due to wood rotting over time and general use. There was a discussion regarding building concrete pads for the starter stands to sit on thus reducing having to move the stands during weed eating around the stands making maintenance tasks much easier. There was also a discussion about installing non-wooden feet on the starter stands that would reduce moisture from wicking up the wooden starter stand legs and inviting wood rot. Also, Tim Lovett called for a work day in January but no date was set.

### Old Business:

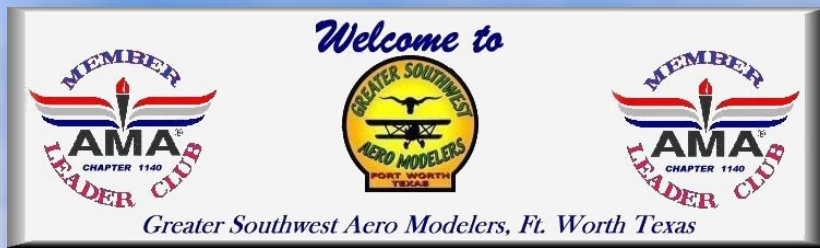
**2024 Toys for Tots Results:** There were 100 total toys handed off to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots representatives. There were nine new bicycles donated by the club with Chuck Rovell donating three new bicycles. Due to the cold weather most, members dropped off their gifts and left.

There was a discussion regarding contacting a Walmart representative to see if the club can procure a "Charitable Organization" status in order to receive any available product discounts for future club events.

**Helicopter Area Trash:** Chase Watkins reported the Heli area trash can has a trash can lid with a lock on it so the club maintenance crew is currently unable to empty the helicopter area trash can.

**December 2024 GSWAM Club Member Count:** The final 2024 club member count is 144 total club members. The 2024 membership was made up of 115 renewing members, 27 new members, 1- family member, and 1- youth member.





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**Raffel Winner:** The winner of the \$10.00 Hobbytown gift certificate raffle prize was club member Chase Watkins with his electric powered Goosky helicopter.

December 2024 Business Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary: Sonny Coleman

### Blast From The Past – Old Club Banquet Member Photos



### *Paintball Mayhem*

Back in the day the GSW club used to fly an old beater plane down the runway at a reduced speed so the club paintball flak battery could shoot them down. When the “Old Dog” plane came around we found it could take a serious paintball beating and keep on ticking. We need to revisit this event in the near future. Fun, Fun!





## President's Report

Here is hoping you and your families have a Merry Christmas! And we are looking forward to a wonderful New Year!

I know many of us have AMA Memberships that expire the last day of 2024. Please check yours and get those renewed before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Club memberships also expire at the end of the year. New memberships and renewals can be done at Hobby Town in Hurst, or catch Rick Shook or another officer at the field! Thank you.

Most of the events for 2025 were scheduled at the last meeting. Check out those on the Events Schedule in this month's newsletter. Also discussed was the event pricing at the meeting. On events that we are not cooking the landing fee will be at least \$20.00. If we are providing a pilot's lunch the landing fee will increase to \$30.00 minimum. And, you can still donate to the food jar!

Your club officers for 2025 are:

President – Tim Lovett

Vice-President – Randy Mayhew

Secretary – Sonny Coleman

Treasurer – Michael Madar **Welcome Mr. Madar to his new post next time you see him !!!!**

Safety Officer – Rick Shook

Thank you for your continued confidence in us!

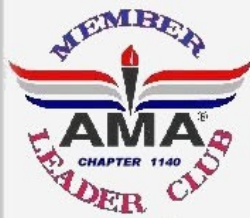
Thank you also for how you contributed to the Dog Fest, NEED Food Drive, and Toys for Tots events. I know I have said it before but I am always proud of the way our members support these charitable events. It makes me glad to be associated with people that realize we have more than some and are willing to share!

Just a reminder, I have found the northern hog gates into the main runway open a few times. Please, Please close the gates if there is no one in the area you are leaving. There is no guarantee someone will come out after you leave!

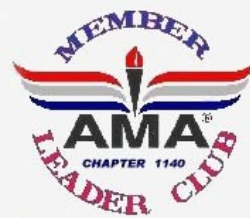
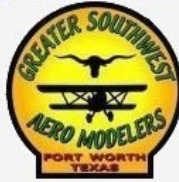
Don't miss good flying days, and keep the shiny side up when landing!!!!

*Tim Lovett*





Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

## GSW T-28 Trojan Squadron



### GSW T-28 Members

Ed Couch

Rick Fraser

Paul Lang

Sparky

James McNair

Rick Shook

Chuck Callaway

Ed Furche

Randy Mayhew

Chase Walkins

Sonny Coleman

Mike Madar

Chico Romero

Ed Newman

❖ Possible T-28 Gathering on 28 December weather permitting

# More Field Photos

Bob Mueller — Photo From Several Years Ago





# *Every Hangar Needs An Ugly Stick.*

*by Mark Fuess*

Going way back in time, "Das Ugly Stick" was an affordable airplane and very friendly to fly. These were tough ol' birds having rubber bands to hold the wing on as well as the front hatch. The Tri-cycle gear was standard issue while more advanced pilots would convert them to Tail Draggers. The "normal" color scheme (as seen here) was (and still is) the iconic main-stay for this WW1 wannabe.

Phil Krafts original Ugly Stick was released to the public in the May-June issue of Radio Control and Model Aircraft World in 1966, and he had no idea this bird would still be flying after all these years! Das Ugly Stick has sired more off springs than any other RC design in modeling history. Which brings me to the Ultra Stick by Hangar 9. This is a high-performance version of the old reliable Ugly Stick. The Ultra Stick is a 30cc sized airplane having options such as Flaps, Tri-cycle gear, and multiple Servo locations.

My version of the Ultra Stick got many upgrades which included Clipping the Wing, installing heavy-duty wing bolts & pegs. The engine(s) I like to use are Twin Cylinder to help reduce vibration and increase prop size. The landing gear is switched to Carbon Fiber (for prop clearance) and the Tire Diameter is increased to 4" as well. Last but not least, I create my own Color





## **GSW 2025 Event Schedule**

Mar 28-29: Jet Rally	Bomber Field
<b>Mar 15: Spitfire  &amp; Target Fun-Fly</b>	<b>Bob Muller</b>
Apr 4-5: Gun Smoke Scale Contest, Mesa AZ	Tim Dickey
<b>Apr 26: GSW Club Fun-Fly Challenge</b>	<b>Rick Shook</b>
May 9-16: Joe Nall Week	Woodruff SC
<b>May 17: GSW Dawn Patrol (WWI?)</b>	<b>Tim Lovett</b>
May 17-18: Texoma RC Scale Contest	David Taylor
<b>Jun 7: Biplane Fun-Fly (S)</b>	<b>Darrell Abby</b>
<b>Jun 21: GSW Dogfest Fun-Fly</b>	
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup>: GSW 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Fun-Fly</b>	<b>Randy Mayhew</b>
Jul 21-27: EAA Air Venture	Oshkosh, WI
Sept 11-14: Roswell Air Races	Roswell NM
<b>Oct 3-5: Hogs Helis over GSW</b>	<b>Chase Walkins</b>
<b>OCT 11: GSW Big Bird Fun-Fly</b>	<b>Tim Lovett</b>
<b>(Oct 17-19 Hogs over GSW rain date)</b>	
<b>Nov 1: GSW Halloween Nite Flight &amp; Need Food Drive</b>	<b>Randy Mayhew</b>
<b>Nov 14: GSW Club Dinner</b>	<b>Tim Lovett</b>
<b>Dec 6: Toys for Tots</b>	<b>Randy Mayhew</b>

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

New Event

\*\*Date Change

Anyone can be an Event Coordinator...have an idea for an event? Just notify a GSW Officer

Updated: 12/14

*Michael Madar*



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## 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/>

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