

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

March 11th, 2025 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes



Tim Lovett—Club President

Meeting Attendees: 17

Last Month's (February 2025) Business Meeting Minutes: Dana Pierce made a motion (seconded by Frank Rowell) to accept the February business meeting minutes. Minutes approved by a majority show of hands vote of the attending club members.

Field Report: Frank Rowell reported three mowers have completed their maintenance tasks and are ready for the 2025 mowing season. The club took up a donation for a newer 300 series John Deere mower with a 42" deck. The new mower is still under a four year/300 hour warranty. Darrell Abby fronted the \$2,921.88 purchase price while 11 club members donated \$3,011.00 of which Darrell was reimbursed. Thank You Darrell!!! We still have to depend on three older mowers holding up besides the one new mower. The 300 series John Deere mowers carry a \$3,799.00 price tag when new.

Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported all bills paid. Also reported was club president Tim Lovett renegotiating the clubs dumpster fees and achieved a \$130.00 reduction in service fees. We are still working with Trugreen to minimize service fees for their lawn service keeping up the runway grass. After comparing the costs for Trugreen to maintain the grass vs having the club maintain the runway grass the costs between the two are a wash not making it feasible for club members to fertilize the runway grass. The cost of fertilizer alone was reported to be \$600.00.

Recessing The Front Gate Back for Safety: Dana Pierce with assistance from Paul Lange are looking into planning and getting cost estimates to widen and move the gate back from Randol Mill Rd so those who open or close the gate are not exposed right next to the main roadway when getting out of their vehicles to open/lock the front gate.

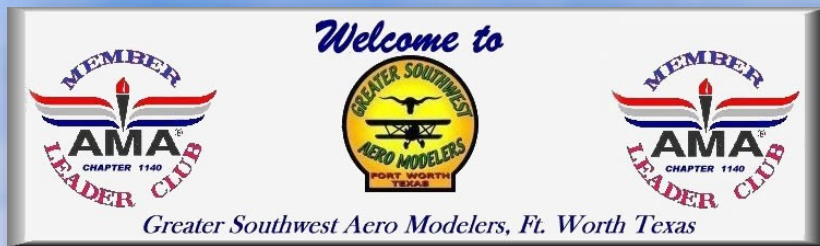
Starter Stand Lumber Donation: Dana Pierce offered to purchase the lumber for a new starter stand. To help prevent future starter stand leg rot and to make mowing and cleanup around the starter stands adding concrete pads under the starter stands to sit on was discussed. The new starter stand will be assembled at this months work day. Thanks again Dana!

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



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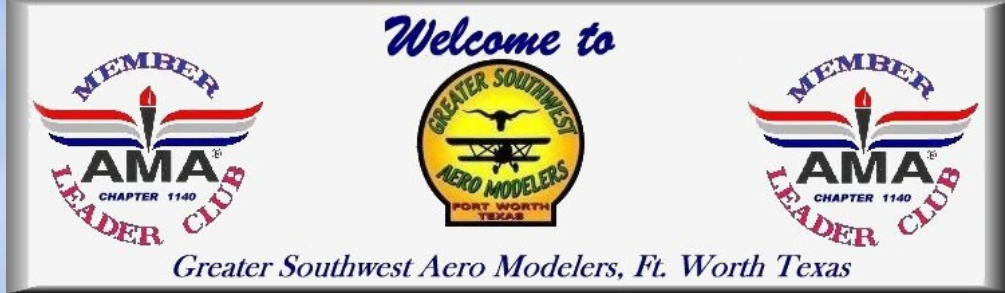
Spitfire and Targets Fly-in: Bob Mueller is running the 2025 Spitfire and Targets fly-in on March 22nd. Lawrence Harville is offering his famous free pizza (for \$3.00) for lunch.

Lewie Moore Memorial Fun-Fly: A Lewie Moore Memorial Fun-Fly is scheduled for April 26th and will have lunch for participants. We are hoping to have Chef Jim Keller cooking up his delicious burgers, hot dogs and brats for the event.

Dawn Patrol Event: There was a discussion regarding having the GSW club host a Dawn Patrol event scheduled May 17th.

Probation Membership Level: Next month the club will be looking into establishing a new member "probationary" membership level that allows new members to have full flying privileges but not be a full voting member for a period of one year. After the one year probation period expires club members vote to either add the member as a regular club member or not. Many other clubs in the area offer the same probationary membership level. The probation period is one calendar year after which time a probationary member's status can be voted on at a regularly scheduled monthly club meeting. Adding a probationary membership level requires a substantial club by-law modification and as such the by-law change particulars will be made available via discussion at the April 2025 club business meeting after which the results will be posted in the club newsletter. After the probationary membership level membership discussion has been completed and the resulting information is posted in the club newsletter there will be a club vote to either accept the new membership level or not. GSW club officers with an assist from club member Paul Lange will provide a by-law change proposal document for the general club membership to approve/disapprove via a show of hands vote at a regularly scheduled monthly business meeting.



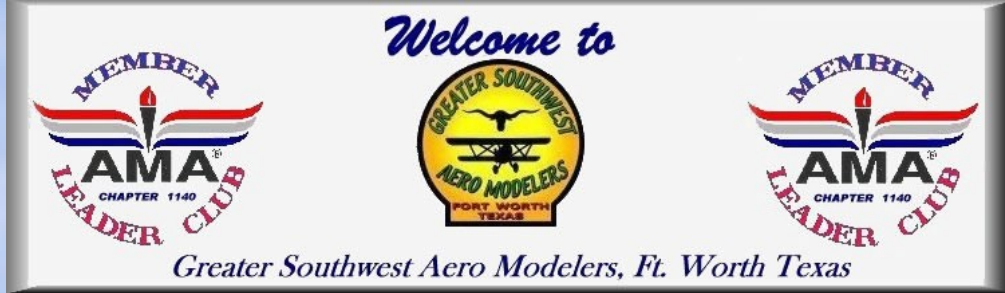


Something To Be Said About Lewie Moore's Passing On 2/26/2025

For those who were not GSW club members in the early 2000's and did not experience the club's original main runway perils I would like to share with you how we ended up with the wonderful flying facility we enjoy today. The original club runway was very rough, short, and made up of mostly dirt, clay, lots of rocks, gullies, and sparse weeds and was nothing like the current runway. Lewie Moore stepped up and provided the GSW club with heavy construction equipment, equipment operators, and his expertise to pull all the needed heavy equipment and operators together to layout, level, and build the runway we enjoy to this day. Lewie Moore had countless hours invested in building the runway, sewing grass seed, covering the grass seed with sand using a rake, and then deploying and moving the heavy watering hoses to help keep the new grass seed ready to germinate into beautiful new Bermuda grass, and germinate it did! Back then we didn't have an automatic sprinkler system. Workers had to unroll large diameter heavy watering hoses and connect them to the sprinklers on the runway multiple times a week during the growing season, and then roll the hoses back up to be ready for the next watering session. The newly planted grass seeds soon grew into the lush green turf on the runway we are blessed with today. Lewie ran the mowing crew back then and spent many, many a hot summer's day mowing the runway along with all the other members of the mow crew (of which many are still around and working today). I had the pleasure of working with Lewie mowing the main runway, as Chuck Rovell did before me, using the ganged reel mower and the 1980s vintage John Deere tractor mower to pull the reel mower (which we still have today). If our R/C flying club ever had a club member known for his dedication to the success and upkeep of the GSW flying facility that person would be my friend Lewie Moore. Flying model airplanes with friends is a privilege of which I am very thankful for. May Lewie have clear blue skies and tailwinds forever more.

Sonny Coleman





Field Report

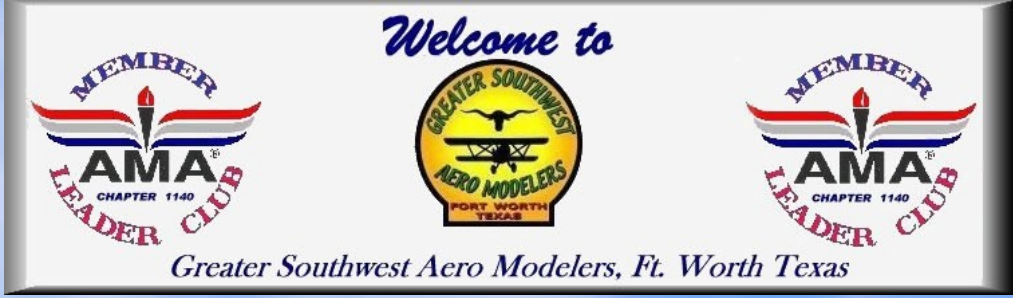
By *Darrell Abby*

THANKS to all who helped on workday, February 22. Many tasks were accomplished including mower servicing, worktable repair, cage water hose bib leak repair, some mowing, fence repair, empty trash cans, and gravel raking. In addition, a big THANKS to all who donated to the 'mower fund'. Fortunately, no real damage was done during the recent very high windstorms other than trash cans and trash being scattered.

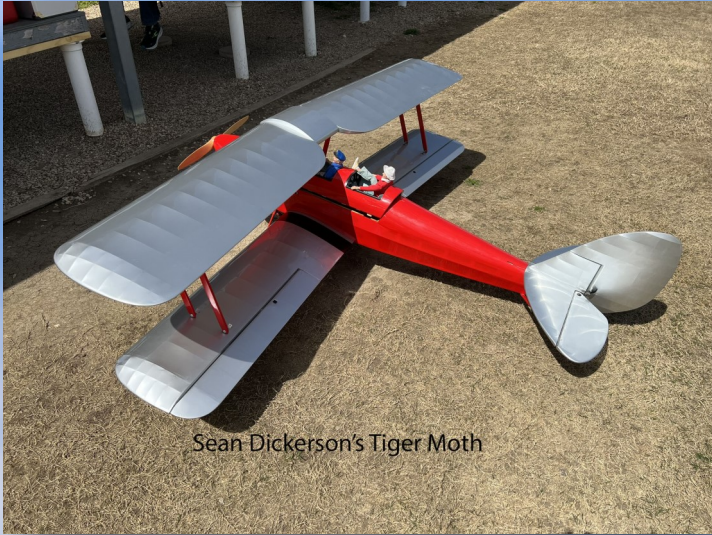
Individual THANK YOUs go to Johnny Hunt for rolling the runway and CL circle and to Ryan Anderson for building a box over the hose bib behind the cage. That faucet will now be protected from damage and we will be able to insulate it from freezing in the winter. Also KUDOS to Dana Pierce for getting materials for a new starting stand and enlisting Frank and Rick to help assemble it.

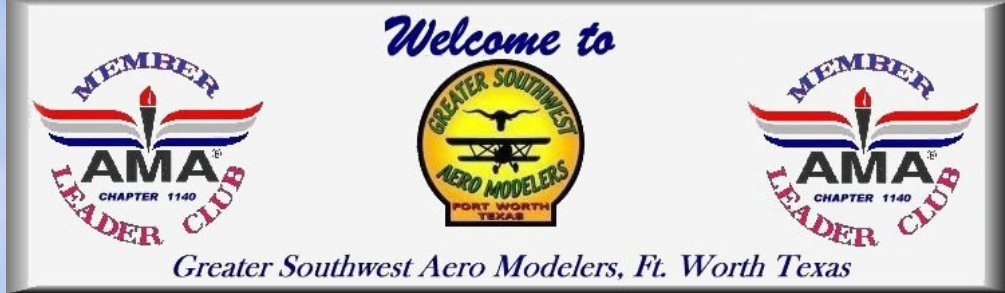
Weeds are cropping up everywhere and Tru-Green is being hounded to work on this problem. Otherwise, all areas of the field are open and in good shape. The 'field maintenance crew' has begun spring mowing and working on all the other chores; normal maintenance times are Tuesday and Friday at 1000 subject to weather, etc. If you wish to join up with us let me know.





Field Photos





****Updated**** The dates for this event are 04/18/25 – 04/19/25

This is a unique event that is held at two separate locations:

Bayou City Flyers

<https://www.bayoucityflyersrc.com/>

Fort Bend R/C Club

<https://www.fortbendrc.com/>

For more information [click this link](#) to visit the event's website and more information.



GSW 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

**Mar 22: Spitfire  & Target Fun-Fly	Bob Mueller
Mar 28-29: Jet Rally	Bomber Field
**Mar 30: Rockwall RC Sailplane Fun Fly/Contest	 Chico Romero
Apr 4-5: Gun Smoke Scale Contest, Mesa AZ	Tim Dickey
<u>Apr 8: GSW Club Meeting</u>	
April 12: The 3rd Warbird & Civilian Fun Fly,	Rockwall
Apr 18-20: S.E. Texas RC Scale Championships	Ed Clayman
Apr 26: Lewie Moore Memorial Fun-Fly	Tim Lovett
May 2-4 SAE Aero Design,	FtW Thunderbirds
May 3 rd : East TX in the Sticks Fun-Fly	Tyler RC Club
<u>May13: GSW Club Meeting</u>	
May 9-16: Joe Nall Week	Woodruff SC
May 17: GSW Dawn Patrol (WWI?)	Tim Lovett
May 17-18: Texoma RC Scale Contest	David Taylor
June 6-7: June Warbirds	Bomber Field
Jun 21: GSW Dogfest Fun-Fly 	John Guariglia
July 4th: GSW 4th of July Celebration Fun-Fly	 Randy Mayhew



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Jun 7: Biplane Fun-Fly (S)

Darrell Abby



Nationals June 7th

- Indoor Free flight: May 24-26
- Rc Pylon Racing: July 5-11
- Control Line Speed: July 6-11
- Control Line Aerobatics: Jul 6-11
- Helicopter: July 6-9
- Control Line Racing: July 6-11
- Control Line Carrier: July 6-11
- Control Line Combat: July 6-11
- Control Line Scale July 10-15
- R/C Scale: July 10-15
- R/C Soaring: July 19-27
- Outdoor Free Flight: July 21-25
- R/C Scale Aerobatics: July 29 - Aug 1
- R/C Aerobatics: Aug 19-23

Jun10: GSW Club Meeting

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| Jul 21-27: EAA Air Venture | Oshkosh, WI |
| Aug 9: Float Fly | FtW Thunderbirds |
| **Sept 6-7: Texas Scale Qualifier (S) | Randy Mayhew |
| Sept 11-14: Roswell Air Races | Roswell NM |
| Sept 18-20: B-17 Gathering | Bomber Field |
| Sept 20-21: Texoma RC IMAC | |
| Sept 27-27: Warbird Fly in | Ft Worth Thunderbirds |



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Oct 3-5: Hogs Helis over GSW

Chase Walkins

OCT 11: GSW Big Bird Fun-Fly

Tim Lovett

Oct 11: 3rd Annual Dawn Patrol Fly-in (WWI Only) Tyler Tx

(Oct 17-19 Hogs over GSW rain date)

Nov 1: GSW Halloween Nite Flight & Need Food Drive Randy Mayhew

Nov 14: GSW Club Dinner

Tim Lovett

Dec 6: Toys for Tots



Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event
New Event

Updated: 3/16

**Date Change

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



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2025 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.

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

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