

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-20 — August 2025

Newsletter Editor ~ Sonny Coleman

AMA Chartered Club #1140

August 12th, 2025 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (page-1 of 2)

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday August 12th, 2025 at 7:30 PM by club
president Tim Lovett.

Members In Attendance: 17

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The July 2025 Business Meeting
Minutes posted in the July GSWAM newsletter were approved as written by
a majority show of hands vote by attending club members.

Presidents Report: Tim reported the flying facilities perimeter area will be
mowed by brush hog contractor Doug Haas. The bid to brush hog the pe-
rimeter area grass overgrowth was \$750.00, which is the same price as the
previous perimeter area mowing bid. Doug is scheduled to mow the perime-
ter areas Friday August 15th at which time the field will be closed from 8:00
AM until 4:00 PM. An email blast to club members will be sent out notifying
club members of the temporary field closing on Friday. Tim reported the
coming Lawrence Harville Scale Masters Qualifier polo shirts are now on
sale for \$25 each. Be sure to get your shirt ordered ASAP as they cannot be
ordered at the event. Tim also reported the north end hog wire fencing had
been repeatedly cut by unknown persons.

Club Dinner: October 19th 2025 GSW Club Dinner at Bellissimo's Italian
restaurant located 3809 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville TX 76034. Meal ticket
price \$25. per person.

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the flying field runway being in good
shape. The runway irrigation system is now running two days a week and
the mow crew is mowing twice a week. Electric fencing wires on the north
end wooden walkway, (providing access from the parking lot to the shelter),
is frayed and will soon fail if not repaired.

Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported all GSWAM re-
lated bills were paid. Mike also reported concessions money had been ston-
len again.



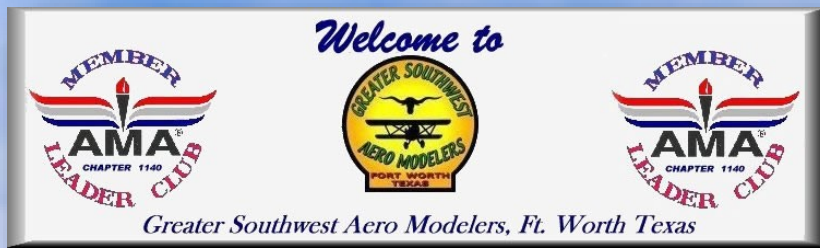
Tim Lovett—Club President

About GSWAM

The Greater Southwest Aero Model-
ers 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 Mod-
el Aeronautics (AMA). The club fly-
ing 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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Recessing The Flying Field Front Gate Back for Vehicle Safety: Dana Pierce reported he received three bid options:

1. New chain Link fencing material while reusing the old chain link gate. Estimated cost \$5,500
2. 8' cedar fencing material option \$4,700
3. Black powder coated fencing material \$4,600

Tim reported he planned on going to see if the city of Ft. Worth leasing representative might get a city crew out to assist in digging new fence and gate post holes. The gate post holes need to be dug at least 4' deep. The brush overgrowth will need to be removed on both sides of the gate prior to fencing contractors beginning work on moving the fence gate. The goal of moving the front gate back is to move the gate back 30' from the current gate location so when club members need to open the front gate their vehicle will be safely inside the fence perimeter and away from Randol Mill Road traffic. Those with longer vehicles will not have to park right next to Rando Mill Road while unlocking the front gate.

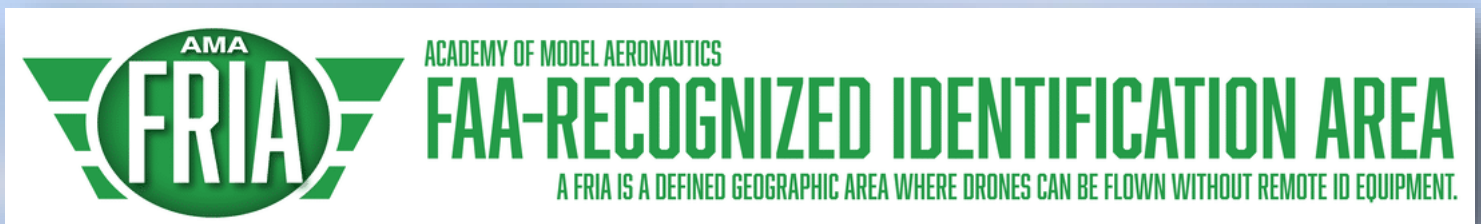
November 2025 Work Day: On November 8th there will be a club work day to fix the huge ruts at the north runway threshold. A couple years back the Fort Worth fire department responded to a grassfire on GSW property and drove their fire trucks across a muddy north end of the GSW runway. Some of the rut damage was filled at the time but not all. Also, there will be a tree clean-up during the work day.

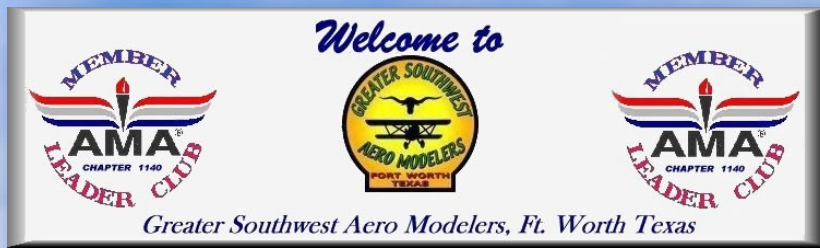
Weather Station Camera and Weather Station Link: <https://ambientweather.net/dashboard/ff2250c569b053cf4d360e635bae44dc?show=webcam>

GSWAM Club Apparel: Remember, local vendor Daisies Ducks and Doodles offers GSWAM specific apparel like short sleeve polo shirts with pockets (\$30.00), without pockets (\$24.00), and long sleeve T-shirts (\$28.00). [Link to DD&D](#)

2025 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.

August 2025 Business Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary: **Sonny Coleman**





Presidents Report

Summer has fully arrived! Be very careful to stay hydrated while you are at the airfield! We have had some of our flyers have some minor problems with the heat.

The Lawrence Harville Texas Scale Championship contest is coming up soon! September 6-7! Come out and fly with us. I see many scale airplanes in the hands of more than capable pilots at the field almost everyday of the week. Come try your hand at competition. You might find yourself enjoying it. Several of us have been competing for many decades and still enjoy it.

If you have a scale airplane, whether you built it, somebody else built it, or even if it is an ARF or Foam model, we have classes for you to enter. You don't have to compete with pilots that have been flying in contests for many years. We have all sorts of novice classes all the way up to Designer Class which is for the person that designed the model himself with no plans; just a set of 3-view drawings to start with. Come give it a try!!!!

The big helicopter fly-in is also coming up in the next month or so. I think it will be a pretty large event. Come watch them fly, come fly your own helicopter as well.

Check out all the events in the event listing in this newsletter.

The field has been mowed in the outlying areas. We do this twice a year to keep our field looking GREAT! It was done last week and looks good. The runway, helicopter area and control line circle with their pit areas are mowed often and the lawn crew keeps them looking and functioning well. Please consider giving a hand with the labor on this front. And above all; please tell those guys "Thank You!" They keep it nice for the rest of us.

We have been discussing moving the gates back into the field about 30'. This will give us a safety margin when opening the field in the morning and locking up in the evening. At this point, if you have a large van, or are pulling a trailer, it is very close to Randol Mill Road. By moving the gates back, we can help protect our membership.

We also have a thief that is coming into the field late at night. He is coming through the gates as they do not close together tight enough to keep him from squeezing through. We are working on "helping him out". This is another area that the moving of the gates will help with security issues. We are working on it.

That is all for the time being. Stay safe and well and I hope to see you at the field!

Tim Lovett



GSW August 2025 Maiden Voyages





Field Perimeter Being Mowed





Field Report

August 20th 2025

The GSW flying field remains in fine condition for all aircraft types. The grass is turning a little brown since the rain has decreased but the sprinkler system is running overnight on Tuesday and Friday. Since the grass growth has slowed down, we still mow the runway twice a week but other areas are rotated and generally mowed once a week. The 'outfield' high grass has been mowed. That same contractor will return to transport/spread dirt in the north areas that are still very rough. Another future project is clearing the front gate area for the new entry configuration. All mowers are operational.

REPEAT: If you should mess up the hog fence for some reason, here's what YOU do: go to the storage bin in the cage and get a cardboard roll with a short length of 'hog wire' and a stake, if needed, and repair your boo-boo.

We anticipate excellent field conditions and cooler weather for the approaching event season (Sep and Oct). Come out and participate.

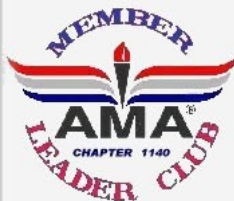
Darrell Abby



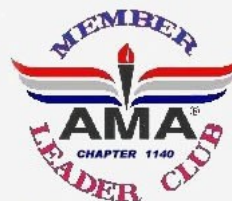
Dana Pierce



Robert Wallace



Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

2025 Lawrence Harville N.A.S.A/Scale Masters Qualifier

Lawrence Harville TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

2025

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCALE AEROMODELERS
U.S. Scalemasters Qualifier –AMA SCALE CONTEST
DATE: SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025

2025

Hosted by the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers
No Turbines!

6903 Randol Mill Road, Ft. Worth TX 650 by 50 grass runway

EVENTS

2025 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*****

WARBIRD CLASS-

REGISTRATION

\$35 1st Entry

\$15 Additional Entry

Sat. Lunch included

Drawing for Contestants

Gas Turbines not allowed

ARF's are Allowed

520-523-Warbird Class

and Electric Classes

Texas Championship Shirts
available by pre-order only

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

CONTEST DIRECTOR

Tim Lovett

PO Box 1324

Hurst, TX 76053

817 239-6401

Tim@crashdynamics.com

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

Assistant Contest Director

Randy Mayhew

817 919-3803

Texas Scale Champion

Tim Dickey, Arizona

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

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

520 Fun Scale- -Electric

Only documentation required is a photo or drawing of your plane.

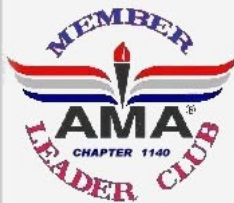
Full Documentation required for:

511, 512, 515, 522, 523 Expert, Sportsman, Team,

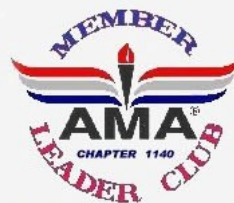
Open/Advanced, Designer

Texas Champion all scores are combined for highest total.

Team Scale not eligible.



Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

Warbirds over Tulsa

October 3rd and 4th 2025

TULSAGLUEDOBBER.com

Any Size or Era Warbird

Over \$3,000 in Pilot's Prizes!

Current AMA Membership is required

Turbine Flyers must have Waiver

Spectators Welcome – Free to public

Pilot Lunch Provided Saturday

Food truck on-site

Landing Fee \$20.00

Early Arrivals Welcome

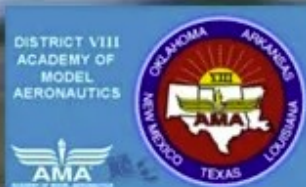
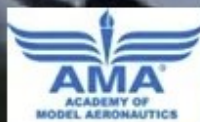
Field address: 2817 South Lynn Lane (177th)

Tulsa, OK 74128

Event CD contact: Freddie Farmer

918-728-4876 ffarmer1946@gmail.com

tulsagluedobbers.com



Candid Camera by: DARRELL ABBY



Robert flying a Hellcat on his Simulator, at GSWAM Airfield?



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Greater Southwest Aero Modelers



Annual banquet 2025



Come to this years banquet!!!! It's a time for fellowship, friends and food. How much better does it get than that? We will have good food to eat, and some times to reflect on the years events and happenings.

SUNDAY October 19th

LOCATION: Bellissimo's Italian Restaurant

3809 Colleyville Blvd.

Colleyville TX 76034

The Fun Starts at: 6:00pm

**Tickets are \$30.00 each
and available from**

**Tim Lovett: 817.239.6401
or
Mike Madar: 817.371.6380**



25th Anniversary

J. H. Rice Memorial Fly In

October 10th - 11th 2025

Old Kingsbury Aerodrome

Kingsbury, Texas

WWW.TRICITYFLYERS.COM

Friday - Registration 08:00. Flying 09:00 - 5:00

Saturday - Flying 09:00 - 2:00 Prizes Following

Wear an old Rice Memorial shirt and get 5 free raffle tickets when you register! All proceeds from Raffle donated to AMA Foundation and Honor Flight San Antonio

At least 16 aircraft in the raffle, most RTF some Rx ready!!!

We love Multis so bring bipes, twin engines and twin tailed aircraft!

\$25 Entry (includes 1 pilot lunch)

Bring your own shelter

Food and Drink Concession

RV Parking - No Hook-ups



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LOTS OF PRIZES!

For further information contact:

Gary Rice (CD)
(210) 286-2717
Email: BraveGary2@yahoo.com

Jim Rice
(210) 213-0299
Email: JorLRice@aol.com

Hwy I-10 to Exit 620 (10 mi. East of Seguin) Turn N on Hwy 1104 for 1.5 mi



GSW 2025 Event Schedule - 1



Aug 31: Rockwall RC Sailplane Fun Fly/Contest

Chico Romero

Sept 6-7: Texas Scale Qualifier (S)
(Drone/ Helicopter Field Closed)

Randy Mayhew
Tim Lovett

Sept 9: GSW CLUB Meeting

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

Oct 3-5: Hogs Helis over GSW

Chase Walkins

Oct 4th Runway Closed

OCT 11: GSW Big Bird Fun-Fly

Tim Lovett

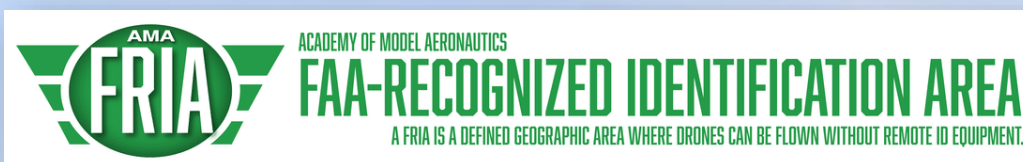
Oct 11: 3rd Annual Dawn Patrol Fly-in (WWI Only)

Tyler TX

Oct 14: GSW CLUB MEETING

(Oct 17-19 Hogs over GSW rain date)

GSWAM Event Calendar Maintained by Michael Madar





2025 GSWAM CLUB EVENTS - 2

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****OCT 19: GSW Club Dinner @ Bellissimo's Tim Lovett**

Oct 25: GSW All Scale Fun-Fly

Barry Ponder

Oct 25: Electric Expo

FtW Thunderbirds



Nov 1: Need Food Drive @9:00-1:00

Randy Mayhew

Nov 1: GSW Halloween Nite Flight @6:30pm



Randy Mayhew

Nov 8: GSW Field Work Day



Nov 14: Dec 6: Toys for Tots

Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 8/17

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



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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>

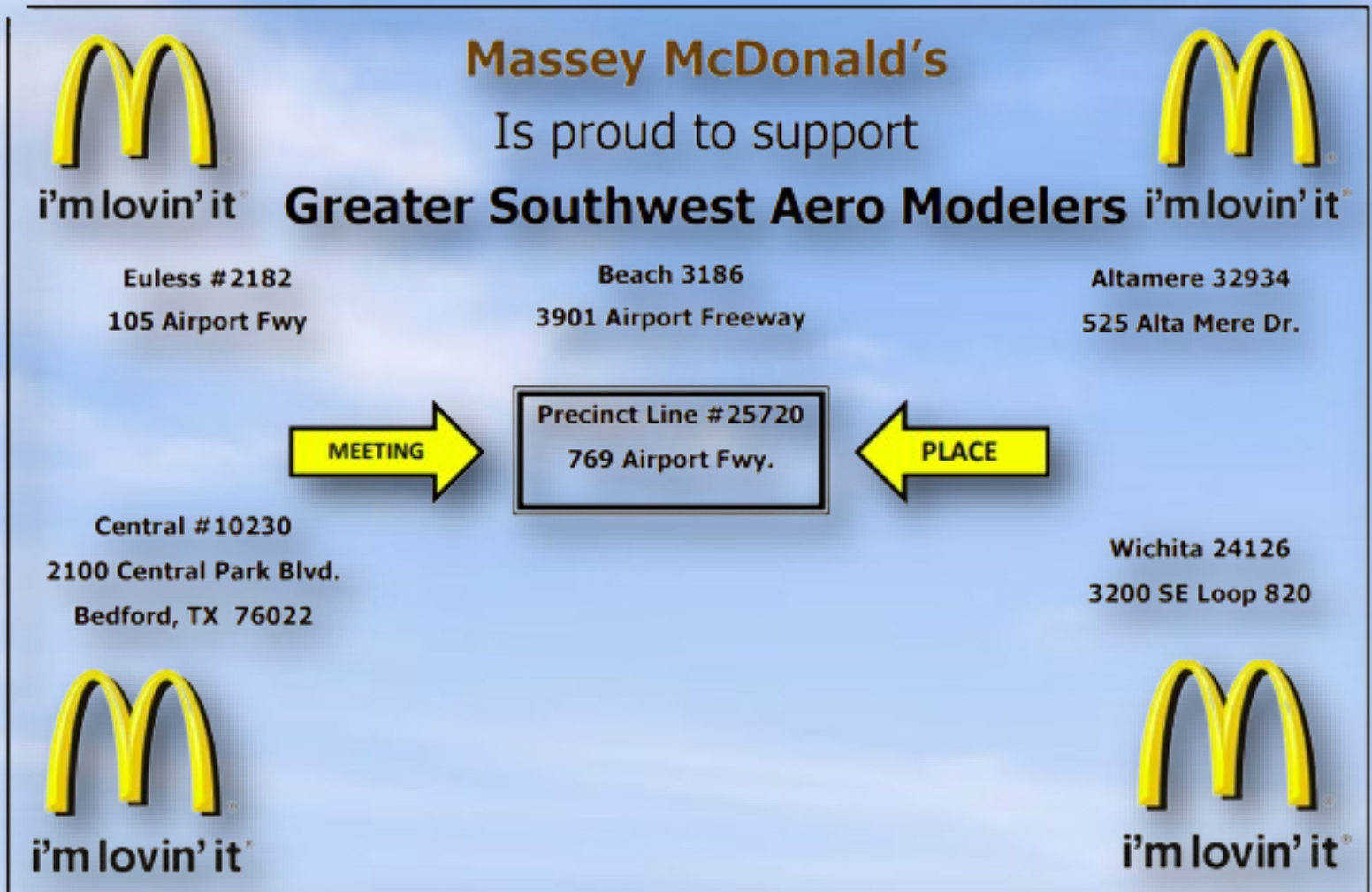


GSWAM Information/Documents Website

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.

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



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MEETING → **Precinct Line #25720**
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