

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-21 — September 2025

Newsletter Editor ~ Sonny Coleman

AMA Chartered Club #1140

September 9th, 2025 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (page-1 of 2)

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday September 9th, 2025 at 7:30 PM by
club president Tim Lovett.

Members In Attendance: 16

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

Please Note: * There Will NOT Be a December 2025 Club Business
Meeting *****

Lawrence Harville Scale Masters Qualifier Report: Those of you who
were at the qualifier event experienced a cool rainy beginning to the event,
but soon the weather turned near perfect around 10 AM in the morning. The
weather was nice for flying with light and variable winds and the competing
pilots certainly took advantage of the situation posting above average flight
scores. The event award plaques, made by Randy Mayhew, were a cut
above previous award plaques with a photo of the pilot and an engraved
metal inlay on the wooden plaque.

Front Gate Signage: There was a discussion regarding the flying facilities
front gate signage. Club information that the general public needs to see is
on the two gates themselves and when the front gates are open their at-
tached signage cannot be seen easily from Randol Mill Rd.

Concession Cage Locked: Due to the repeated thievery of concession
area drinks, snacks, and associated proceeds from purchases, a chain and
lock have been installed to prevent the local park bandits from stealing
items in the concession cage. If you are the last person to leave the flying
field be sure the concessions gate is securely locked. The concessions lock
combo is currently the same as the front gate combination.



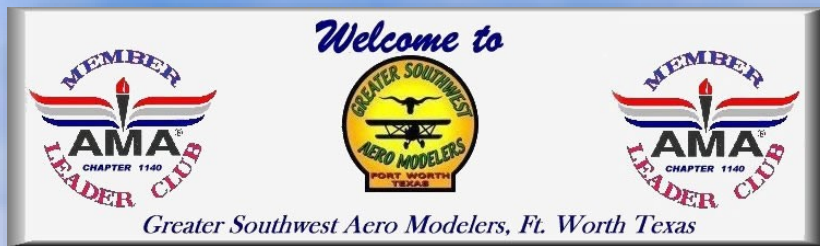
Tim Lovett—Club President

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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Club Dinner: October 19th GSW Club Dinner at Bellissimo's located 3809 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville TX 76034. Meal ticket price \$30 Each.

Field Report: Feral hogs regularly pay the GSW flying facility nightly visits and recently the destructive hogs damaged a large area outside of the electric fence area. Paul Lange shared, with attending club members, the possibility of using solar powered electric fencing for outlying areas within the flying facility (control line and helicopter areas). Current battery and solar panel technologies enable current electric solar powered fences to operate up to two weeks without sunlight. Paul reported solar panel powered electric fencing costs beginning at around \$129.00. Further information regarding solar powered electric fencing will be gathered and reported at the November 2025 club meeting. Mark Foster reported the helicopter area's perimeter ground timbers, (that contains the gravel under the assembly tables), are to be moved closer to the heli area assembly tables to get more parking area space. Mark also reported he would be adding more gravel to the heli shelter area within the relocated ground timbers. Mark Foster is donating his time, labor, new timber, and gravel to the club. Thank You Mark!

GSW Halloween Nite Flight Event: On November 1st the GSWAM club will host the "Halloween Nite Flight" event. There will be the usual night flying and later show a "G" rated movie friendly for any attending kids. Youngsters at the event are invited to wear their Halloween in their costumes as well.

Treasurers Report: Tim Lovett reported all GSWAM related bills were paid and current.

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.

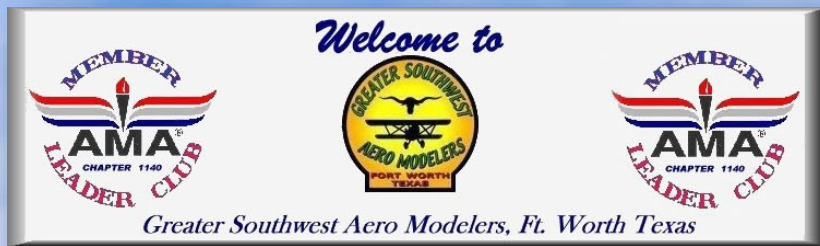
Weather Station Camera and Weather Station Link: <https://ambientweather.net/dashboard/ff2250c569b053cf4d360e635bae44dc?show=webcam>

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.

Chuck Rovell won the coveted monthly meeting raffle prize.

September 2025 Business Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary: Sonny Coleman



Presidents Report (p-1 of 2)

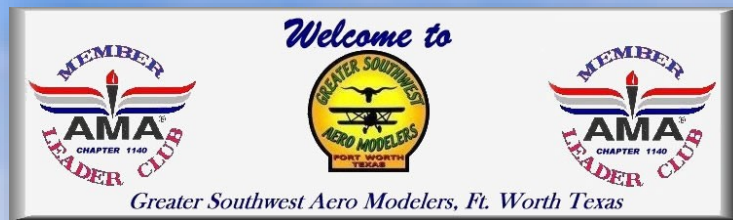
I was hoping to tell you the HOT weather was behind us, but I think maybe the next little bit will still be HOT! Make certain you remain hydrated when at the field. We had a flyer become dehydrated at the field and was taken to the hospital by ambulance! Please take care of yourself and be watchful of others around you, as well.

The Texas Scale Championship Contest is done and behind us. We had 18 airplane entries belonging to 13 pilots. The weather was misting rain for Saturday morning and scared off several pilots. By the time it rolled around to launch the first (delayed) flight of the day the mist had mostly dissipated and we had very good weather for the rest of the day. Sunday morning was pretty and the flights were finished, we had an Appreciation presentation to Lawrence Harville for being the Contest Director for this contest for 40 years.

Lawrence was the spark plug that got many of us into the scale competition arena. He helped, guided, cajoled, and pushed us to be better pilots. He will continue to compete, but wanted to retire from running the contest. I am now taking on the CD duties of this contest and finding out there is a lot more to it than I thought! There is always something more to do. Thankfully Randy Mayhew has joined me in this effort and with his help I think we will get it done. Thanks, Randy!

The following is a list of the classes, pilots and placing:

EXPERT CLASS	Lawrence Harville	Stuka	1 st place
	J. Hays	Waco biplane	2 nd place
ADVANCED	Darrell Abby	P-47 Thunderbolt	1 st place
TEAM	Harville/Johnny Hunt	Fokker D VII	1 st place
STATIC ONLY	Royce Lumas	Super Tucano	1 st place
	Royce Lumas	Fairchild 24	2 nd place
	Royce Lumas	Aichi D8A	3 rd place
ELECTRIC CIVILIAN	Chico Romero	Cessna 150	1 st place
	Paul Lange	J-3 Cub	2 nd place
	John Guarigula	Decathlon	3 rd place



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ELECTRIC WARBLER	Paul Lange	Fiesler Storch	1 st place
	Lawrence Powell	Mig 29	2 nd place
	Chico Romero	P-47 Thunderbolt	3 rd place
	Jason Brown	P-47 Thunderbolt	4 th place
PRO-AM PRO	Sonny Coleman	Super Tucano	1 st place
	Sean Dickerson	P-47 Thunderbolt	2 nd place
	Bob Mueller	Spitfire	3 rd place
PRO-AM SPORT	Michael Madar	Laser	1 st place

TEXAS SCALE CHAMPION For 2025 - J. HAYS - Waco Biplane

The Texas Scale Champion is awarded by adding the static score plus all 6 flight scores. This year was another example of the axiom, "Consistency is what matters". J. Hays was the only pilot in the running that got all 6 flights. Other pilots either missed a flight or had partial flights due to mechanical issues.

Congratulations Mr. Hays!!!!

Events

The GSW HOGS Helicopter event is coming October 3,4,5. The main runway will be shut down on the 4th for this event. It will re-open for Sunday. Come support this event!

A flyer is in the newsletter for the GSW Big-Bird fly-in on October 11th. Come out to fly big birds with us! And remember, "If its big to you, its big to us". \$30.00 landing fee, free pilot lunch and a whole lotta good time! Hope to see you there!

Concession Gate

We have placed a chain/lock on the concession gate to keep thieves out of the cage. Please, please, please make certain that gate is locked when you leave. If you are leaving and someone else is in the field; talk to them and make certain they will lock up. I came out Sunday, 09-21-2025 at 3:00 pm and found the lock unlocked with the code still in place and the gate open and the chain dangling loose. I know it was locked at 9:30 pm the night before. Someone flew Sunday morning and left the cage open. If you want to have concessions available, we all have to police this. It might be better if we just lock it back up even though there are still people at the field.....

See you at the field,

Tim Lovett



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2025 Lawrence Harville Texas Scale Championship



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2025 Lawrence Harville Texas Scale Championship Texas Scale Champion — J. Hays



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2025 Lawrence Harville Texas Scale Championship

1st Place Pilots and Planes Photos

Team Scale 1st Place—Lawrence Harville and Johnny Hunt



Electric Warbird 1st Place—Paul Lange



Pro-Am Pro 1st Place—Clint & Sonny Coleman



Electric Civilian 1st Place—Chico Romero



Advanced 1st Place—Darrell Abby



Expert 1st Place—Lawrence's Stuka (minus Lawrence)



2025 Lawrence Harville Texas Scale Championship

1st Place Pilots and Planes Photos

Pro-Am Sport 1st Place—Michael Madar



Event Photos



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Field Report

September 20th 2025

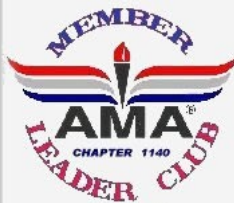
The GSW flying field remains in excellent condition for all aircraft types.

The grass is mostly green again after a couple of rains. The runway is still being mowed twice a week with other areas once per week. The main water pump that drains the lake after heavy rains failed. Joel Gerabek spear-headed the work team that installed the replacement pump. Mark Foster has been maintaining and upgrading the helicopter area.

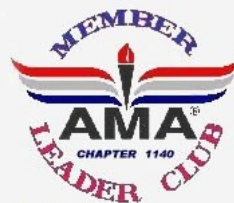
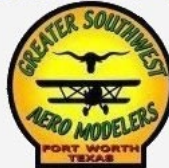
The wild hogs are seen regularly and continue to patrol everywhere. The hog fence is currently activated at 7:15 pm and will be updated as dusk gets earlier. So if you are out in the late evening, be aware. And please make sure that all hog gates are closed and the cage is locked if you are last to leave. We have a lot of events in October so come out and participate.

Darrell Abby





Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

GSWAM Big Bird Event

Listen up boy, I say listen up...

this event is for big birds

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

Big Bird Event
October 11th
0900 hours



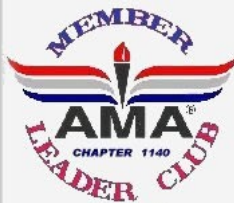
Contest Director: Tim Lovett 817-239-6401 * tim@crashdynamics.com

\$30.00 Landing Fee and includes Lunch

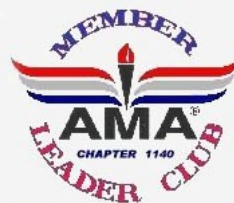
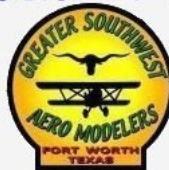
All airplanes welcome!
even chicken hawks!



6903 Randol Mill Rd. Ft. Worth TX 76120



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

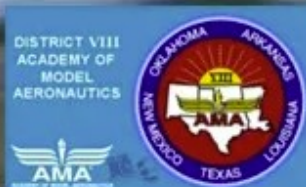
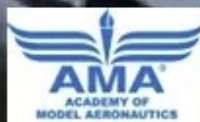
Field address: 2817 South Lynn Lane (177th)

Tulsa, OK 74128

Event CD contact: Freddie Farmer

918-728-4876 ffarmer1946@gmail.com

tulsagluedobbers.com



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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For further information contact:

Gary Rice (CD)
(210) 286-2717
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Jim Rice
(210) 213-0299
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Hwy I-10 to Exit 620 (10 mi. East of Seguin) Turn N on Hwy 1104 for 1.5 mi



GSW 2025 Event Schedule

Sept 27-27: Warbird Fly in **Cancelled** 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 12th: Rockwall RC Sailplane Fun Fly/Contest Chico Romero

Oct 14: GSW CLUB MEETING

(Oct 17-19 Hogs over GSW rain date)

Rockwall Challenge Fun-fly Event Fundraiser Rockwall R/C Club

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

Oct 25: GSW All Scale Fun-Fly Tim Lovett & Randy Mayhew

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 11: GSW CLUB MEETING

Nov 14: Dec 6: Toys for Tots



Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 9/21

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

GSWAM Event Calendar Maintained by 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.

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



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