

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-22 — October 2025

AMA Chartered Club #1140

October 14th, 2025 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday October 14th, 2025 at 7:30 PM by club
president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 24

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

McDonalds Receipts: Chuck Rovell reminded attending club member to be
sure and deposit your food purchase receipts into the receipt container next
to the cash register. The club receives a check for the club's annual "Toys
for Tots" event from Massey McDonalds so be sure and drop off your re-
ceipt when purchasing your food order at the monthly business meeting.

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

2025 GSWAM Club Officer Nominations: There were no club officer vol-
unteers or individual club officer nominations at the October 2025 club busi-
ness meeting. Chuck Rovell made a motion, seconded by Paul Lange, to
retain the existing cadre of GSWAM club officers. The motion to retain the
existing club officers passed unanimously. All of the existing club officers
agreed to serve another term as club officers. 2026 club officers are: Tim
Lovett – President, Randy Mayhew – Vice President, Sonny Coleman –
Club Secretary, Michael Madar – Club Treasurer, and Safety Officer – Rick
Shook.



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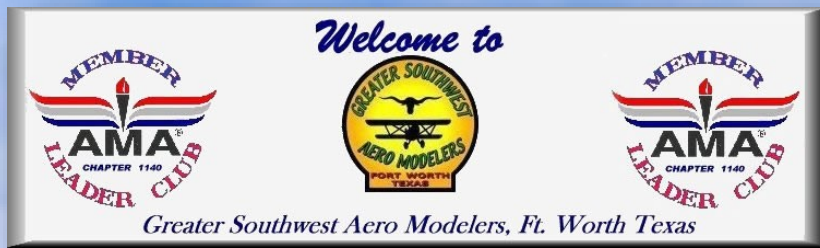


Tim Lovett—Club President

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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GSWAM Annual Big Bird Event: The annual Big Bird event fielded 22 pilots and loads of spectators. The event was well attended with a parking lot full of cars and there was some great flying happening. Chef Jim Keller was there cooking up his world-famous hamburgers, bratwurst, and hot dogs (which are quite good). The weather was excellent for flying with light and variable winds. The event ended up bringing in \$521.00 into the club. The event contest director was Tim Lovett.

Hogs and Helis Over GSW Event: Event contest director Chase Watkins reported there were 27 helicopter pilots registered at the event with several spectators also there watching the event. The Heli event had a drink sponsor and the extra drinks (308 cans) of soft drinks were donated to the club.

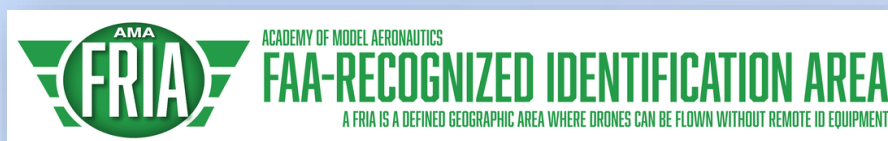
New Probation Membership Level for New Members: A probationary or new member introductory period serves as a trial for both new club members and the GSWAM organization. The goal of the new membership level is to see if the new member is a good fit with the GSWAM organization and to ensure the new member abides with GSWAM organizational rules and regulations. The topic of adding a new probation level membership was table for future discussions (again).

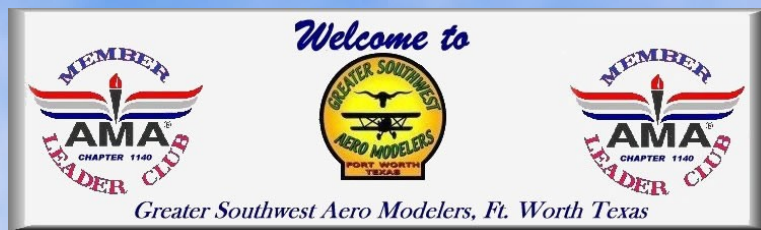
Club Dues Increase Discussion: There was a discussion lead by Chase Watkins regarding possibly increasing the annual club membership dues because of the substantial increases in the cost of living. No decisions were made and the subject of increasing dues was tabled for a future discussion.

January 2026 Club Swap Meet and Auction: Lawrence Harvill requested the club to host a Swap Meet and Auction sometime in January of 2026. Club president Tim Lovett responded that he needed more information from Lawrence regarding the requested club swap meet/auction event. Tim volunteered to ask the nearby Temple Baptist Church leadership if the GSWAM organization could use their facility for the auction/swap meet event. The GSWAM club had previously used the church facility for a swap meet.

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.

Flying Field Facility Electrical Issues: There was a discussion regarding the recent Helicopter event electrical issues. Chase Watkins reported the circuit breaker serving the helicopter area repeatedly tripped causing disruptions with pilots flying battery powered helicopters. Generators were used to supplement power to the Heli area during the event. To rectify any future power issues Tim Lovett is to obtain bids, from electrical contractors, to see what needs to be done and what the costs would be to be able to maintain the increased amp load of electric model aircraft battery chargers because electric powered model aircraft are becoming more and more prevalent and will become more popular in the near future.





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Field Report: Feral hogs regularly pay the GSW flying facility nightly visits and recently the destructive hogs broke through the electric fence surrounding the runway and damaged two areas at the south end of the runway. Club members hauled additional dirt to the damaged areas to fill in the holes created by the dastardly feral hogs. Darrell Abby reported the damaged electric fence had been mended and tested. Darrell also reported the club tractor mowers were in a functional condition for the 2026 mowing season. Paul Lange reported there are plastic chairs (the tan chairs) that are cracking where the arm rest support connects to the seat. Please check the chairs before sitting down in a tan plastic chair or you could get bucked-off a plastic chair with broken legs and possibly injure yourself. Paul also reported the field weather station and camera system were working fine with plenty of online bandwidth to handle the load. Paul also mentioned the club should contact Thomas at Legend Hobbies to see if he could help sponsor GSW events.

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: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported all GSWAM related bills were paid (except for the club dinner costs which have not been posted yet).

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>

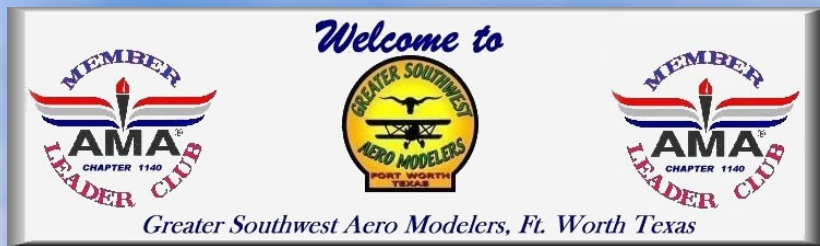
GSWAM Club Apparel: Remember, local vendor Daisies Ducks and Doodles offers GSWAM specific apparel like short sleeve polo shirts with pockets (\$30.00), without pockets (\$24.00), and long sleeve T-shirts (\$28.00). [Link to DD&D](#)

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.

Club Safety Officer Rick Shook won the coveted \$10.00 gift card from the Hurst Hobbytown during the October 2025 monthly club business meeting.

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



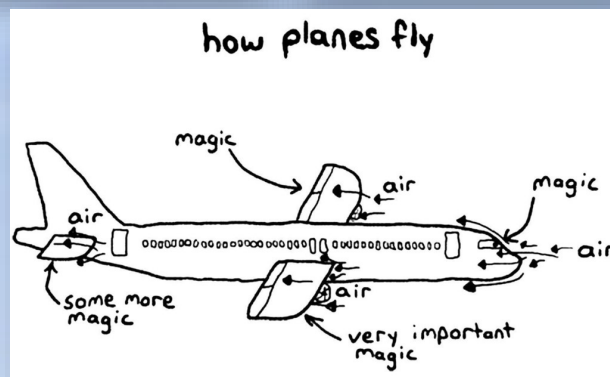


Special Solo Flight of 8yr Old Grayson Carlos

Grason is the youngest pilot to solo in the history of the GSWAM Organization

Congratulations Grayson!

Grayson Carlos with flight instructor Chris Moon
on Grayson's solo flight



Field Report — October 2025

Wild hogs damaged the south end of the fixed wing runway one night only and damaged the edge of the CL circle as well. Skunks also have been doing some minor damage. Repairs have been made and maintenance on the hog fence is on-going. The actual fence current is checked twice a week.

All flying areas are in good shape. Runway is still mowed twice a week; other areas once. Mowers are holding their own. On-going problems: members leaving the front gate unlocked when they are the last to leave; cage gate left unlocked, bridge hog fence gates left open. Please pay attention.

Dirt moving is scheduled for Oct 31 0800. This is to repair severe rough areas in various places in the mowed acreage. If you can come help that Friday morning with final raking, we would appreciate it. Also note that a field workday is scheduled Nov 8.

Darrell Abby

Darrell Abby's Hofstetler Skybolt Project Progress

Hofstetler Skybolt upper and lower wings mostly complete. Next is to cut ailerons from upper and some more sanding.



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Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

2026 New Memberships & Renewals begin November 11th 2025

You may renew or Sign up at:

- (1) Club Meetings (2nd Tuesday of each Month)
- (2) Hobby Town (Grapevine Hwy Hurst)
- (3) At the field if an Club officer is there.

2026 Membership Dues are \$120.00



Ryan with his custom painted 2m Eflite T-28



GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO MODELERS

MAIDEN FLIGHT LOG

Mark's Great Flying Gilmore



Chuck's Freshly Maiden Cessna



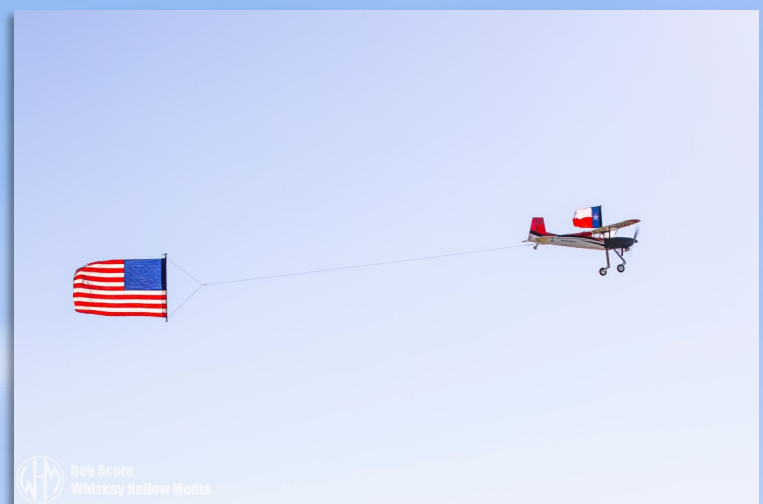
Ed Newman's Ki-61 Tony Maiden with Barry Ponder On Transmitter





2025 Big Bird Event — Images by Bob Score

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers 2025 Big Bird Fun-Fly



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2025 Big Bird Event—*Images by Bob Score*

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Rockwall RC Flyers contingent at the our GSW Big Bird Fun Fly... Great Bunch of Guys!



Field Photos

Sunday October 12th 2025

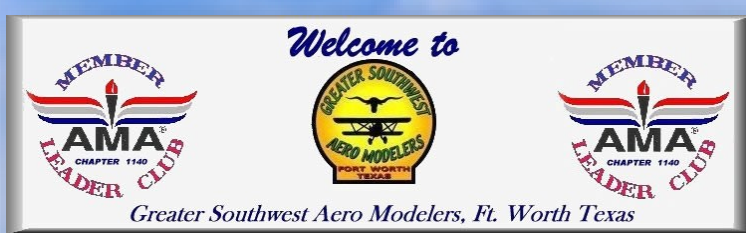


Mark Fuess

Paul Lange

T-28 Day





GSW 2025 Event Schedule

Oct 25: GSW All Scale Fun-Fly

Tim Lovett & Randy Mayhew

Oct 25: Electric Expo

FtW Thunderbirds

✓ **OCT 31: 0800hrs-1300hrs... DIRT MOVING!**



Darrell Abby

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



Randy Mayhew

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



Randy Mayhew

****Nov 8: Rockwall Challenge Fun-fly Event Fundraiser Rockwall R/C Club**

Nov 11: GSW CLUB MEETING

****Nov 15: GSW Field Work Day**

Dec 6: Toys for Tots



Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 10/20

✓ New Event

**Date Change



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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