

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

November 11th, 2025 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

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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



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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday November 11th, 2025 at 7:30 PM by
club president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 19

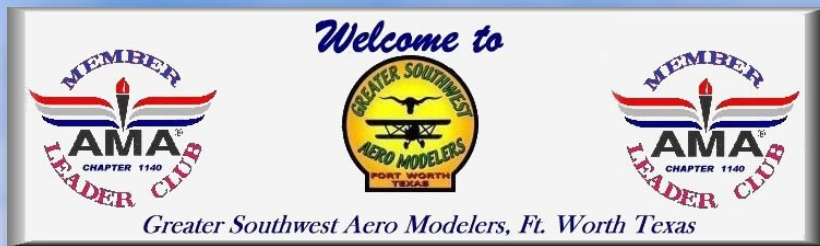
New Members/Visitors: Attending club members welcomed two new
GSWAM club members, Ronald A. Arif and Kevin Karkos. Welcome Aboard
Guys!

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The October 2025 Business Meeting
Minutes posted in the October 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 *****

2025 GSWAM Club Officer Election Day: There were no GSWAM club
members running/volunteering for a 2026 club officer position. A motion to
retain the existing club officers passed unanimously by a show of hands
vote by attending club members. 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 Rick Shook - Safety Officer .

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Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported all GSWAM related bills were paid. A detailed treasurers report is included in this (November 2025) newsletter.

Front Gate Relocation Discussion: There were questions from attending members asking why the club needs to move the front gate back, (away from Randol Mill), 30 feet from the existing location. Answers included the existing gate location forces club members to park right next to Randol Mill Rd when stopping to open the front gate. The location where members have to stop and get out of their vehicles is so close to Randol Mill that an opened car door is way too close to oncoming traffic and often, (depending on the time of day), the traffic at that location can be quite busy making for a potential serious accident possible. Also, with the ever-increasing housing developments in the area the added traffic will eventually necessitate the widening of Randol Mill which will force the club to move the front gate back away from a widened Randol Mill Rd. While on the Front Gate relocation subject, the attending club members voiced a majority preference to have a wrought iron gate installed instead of a chain linked gate. There was a majority show of hands vote by attending club members to have a wrought iron gate installed thus replacing the chain link gate with a wrought iron gate (30' further back away from Randol Mill Rd).

Concession Cage Area Vandalized Again: This month (November) vandals cut a hole in the chain link cage front in order to steal the club's large white ice chest, cold drinks and snacks from the refrigerator. The concessions cage gate leading into the concession area was chained and locked, but didn't stop the deceitful local thieves. Ryan Anderson repaired the hole in the concession area chain link cage hole, but in a few days another access hole was cut by the local low life thieves. Now there will be no drinks, snacks or anything of value stored in the concession area, so club members who want to enjoy a nice cold drink or a snack are advised to bring their own drinks and snacks to help deter future thievery in the concessions cage. It's a sad state of affairs yes, but this is the current reality of storing goods at the flying facility.

New "Provisional" Membership Level for New Members: The one-year probationary membership level, previously discussed, serves as a trial period for both new club members and the GSWAM organization. The goal of the new membership level is to see if new members are a good fit with the GSWAM organization and to ensure the new members abide by GSWAM organizational rules and regulations. There was a discussion among the attending club members regarding changing the somewhat derogatory name "Probationary", so the membership level name was changed to "Provisional" via a show of hands majority vote. To make such a change in GSWAM membership levels a by-law change is necessary before the GSWAM club can add or change an existing membership levels. The attending club members voted via a show of hands vote to determine if the Provisional membership was to be accepted and to accordingly change the GSWAM by-laws. Attending club members voted unanimously, via a show of hands vote, to incorporate the Provisional membership level into the GSWAM organization's by-laws. So now when a new GSWAM member signs-up to be a member of the GSWAM organization they will join as a "Provisional" club member. A new club member at the provisional membership level has full club membership rights with the exception of voting rights. After a one-year term of membership Provisional members automatically become "Regular" club members with full GSWAM club member privileges including voting privileges.



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Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the local feral hogs are very active within the GSWAM flying facility and recently damaged areas near the Control Line circle. The hungry hogs are actively seeking food in and around the flying field facility making it absolutely necessary to close all electric fence gates if you are the last one to leave the flying field. Darrel also noted if you come to the field early, or leave late, be sure to check to see if the electric fence power generation device, in the concessions cage, has a red light on. A red light "ON" (illuminated) means the electric fence is active so the electric fence will deliver a truly shocking experience if touched. Darrel reported eight club members came out with their shovels and rakes to repair the runway ruts at the north end of the runway during the November work day.

NEED Food Drive Event: Need Food Drive director Randy Mayhew reported GSWAM club members delivered 1,350lbs of food to the 2025 NEED food drive event held at the club flying field facility. The pickup truck that hauled off the donated food goods was filled to the top with food stuff for the Fort Worth area less fortunate individuals who will certainly benefit from such a large donation of food. Randy also reported he will be purchasing three new bicycles for the upcoming "Toys for Tots" event.

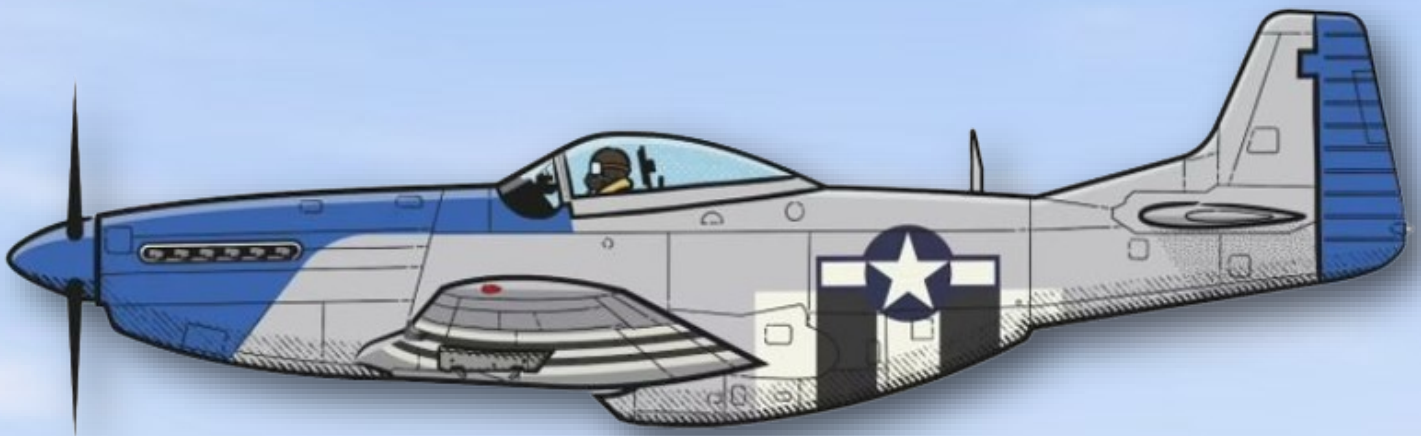
Spitfires and Targets Event: Contest Director Bob Mueller reported the 2026 Spitfires and Targets event is scheduled for March 28th.

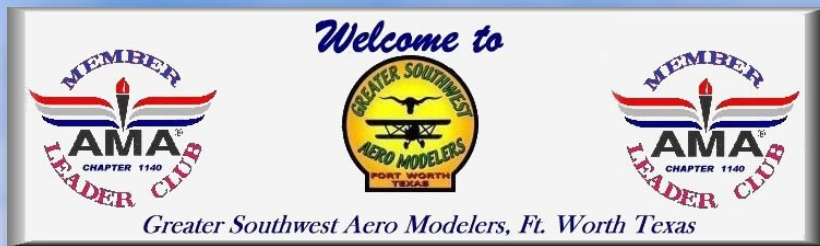
Model of the Month Omitted in October's Business Meeting Minutes: Last month, October 2025, Darrell Abby won the coveted Model of the Month award with his well-crafted, (and good looking), Cherokee 140 built from Jerry Bates plans. The Cherokee 140 is powered by a DLE 40cc gas engine. The fixed landing gear were custom made by Darrell. Darrell added a brief build log article with photos in this months newsletter.

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

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.

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





Treasurers Report

November is a great month where many of us modelers either start conceptualizing or start our winter modeling projects and purchases. The successful October events such as Hogs Heli Event and Big Bird Fly-in contributed funds that continue to support the operation of our Club and field operations, and all known GSW Club accounts and debts have been paid in full. As events and cost wind down, your Club's Leaders are reviewing our cost structure in preparation for next year's budget as we are starting to see increases in fees of 4% from our service providers. Club Renewals are now on going and your prompt renewal helps provide the Leadership with a foundation for working on that budget. Club renewals can be made at the flying field with Rick Shook, Hobby Town in Hurst, and at Club meetings. Please remember VP Randy Mayhew runs an excellent TOY for TOTS Operation which will be on 6 December. Your generous donation of toys at that event also provides another good opportunity for your club renewal.

Thank-you, *Mike*

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





Field Report 11/18/2025 P-1 of 2

The wild hogs have repeatedly attacked the control line circle recently. With that in mind, please repair the runway hog fence if you damage it. There are a few stakes and some wire in the box in the cage. If you are at the field near sunrise or sunset, we advise you to check the flashing red light in the cage to see if the fence is 'hot'. Light vandalism and theft is continuing in the cage area. The water fountain will be removed at the first sign of freezing weather.

The runway is in good shape; mowing is now 'as needed'. The entry gate area brush has been cleared and the stump is being removed. All mower blades will be removed over the winter and sent to a sharpening shop.

On Oct 31 we had a dirt moving workday to fill in rough areas at the north end of the field. Thank you to all the workers: Mike M, Frank R, 'Sparky', Dwain K, Wayne K, Bill S, Chuck C, Lawrence H, Rick S, Darrell A, and Doug Hass. See pictures.

Darrell Abby



Photos by Darrell Abby

Field Report — November 2025



Field Report Photos



Dirt Work Day 10/31



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Field Action Photos

Chuck Explaining the Virtues of Quantum Physics to the Peanut Gallery (good luck)



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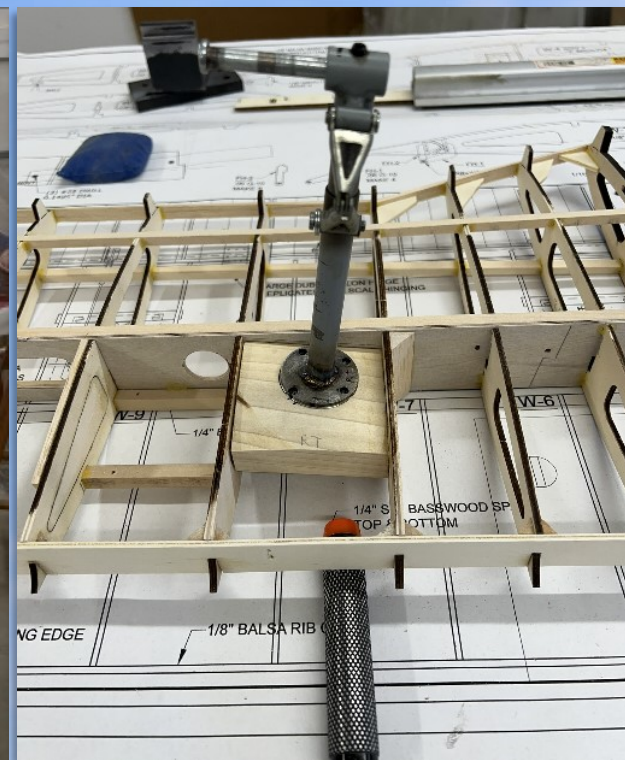
FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.

THE PIPER PA-28 CHEROKEE 140 BUILD (P-1 of 2)

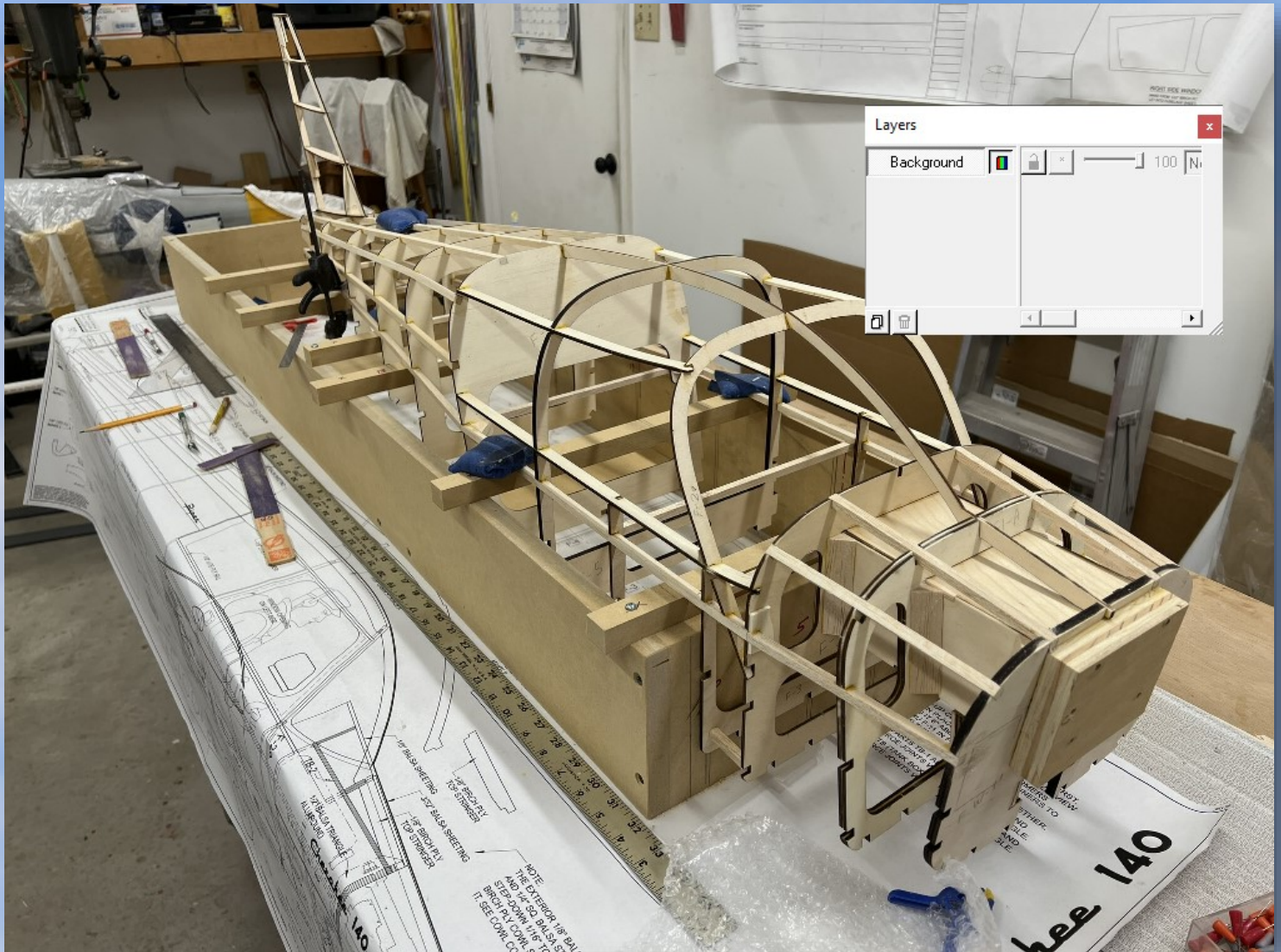
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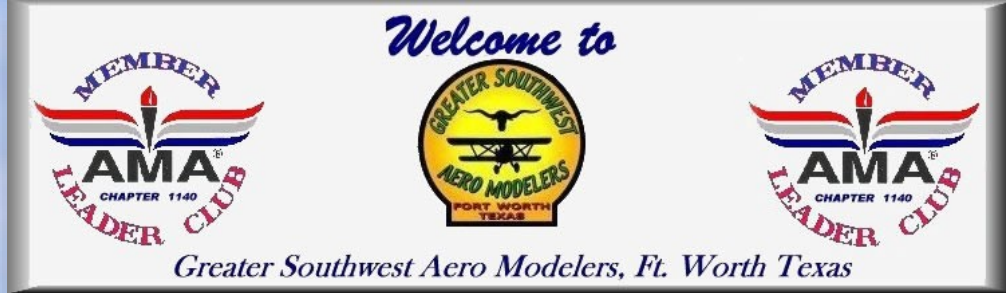
I owned half of a Cherokee 140 while living in Minnesota so this was a nostalgic build. Jerry Bates plans with 80" span were used and Al Cannon laser cut a short kit. The best fitting engine was a 40 cc gasser from Mark Fuess. The wing build was standard; the flaps and ailerons used grooved plastic sheets from Sparky which were perfect. Grooves in the vertical and horizontal stabs were routed by hand into the 3/32" sheeting before assembly. The main fixed gear were assembled from old Robart struts with a custom removable mounting. Steerable nosewheel is from Sierra. The fuselage was formed on a crutch box to get it started. No cowl was available, so Ed Newman steered me through the many steps of making a fiberglass cowl. He also helped with making the computer file for laser cutting and engineering the gear. Paint is Behr acrylic from Home Depot. The build took about 9 months.



THE PIPER PA-28 CHEROKEE 140 BUILD (P-2 of 2)

Darrell Abby





Rockwall RC Fund Raiser Fun Fly 11/8/25



Photos by Darrell Abby



Warbird Wednesday Images



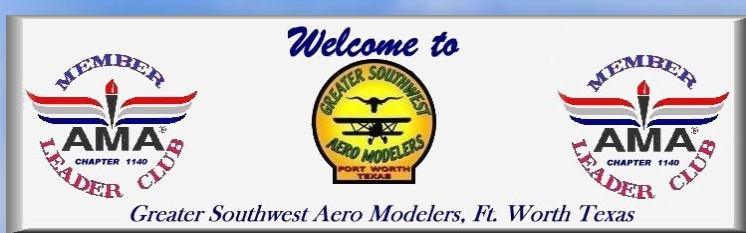
Warbird Wednesday 11/12

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All Scale Event Images





GSW 2025 Event Schedule

Dec 6: Toys for Tots



Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 11/19

✓ New Event

**Date Change



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

Next Year's Event Calendar (2026) is starting to fill in, mark your calendars!

- ***Spitfire and Targets Fun -Fly***: 28 March 2026
- ***Biplane Fun-fly***: 7 June 2026
- ***Texas Scale Qualifier***: 12 & 13 September 2026
- **Sailplane Fun-Fly?** Might be nice to have...anyone?

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>

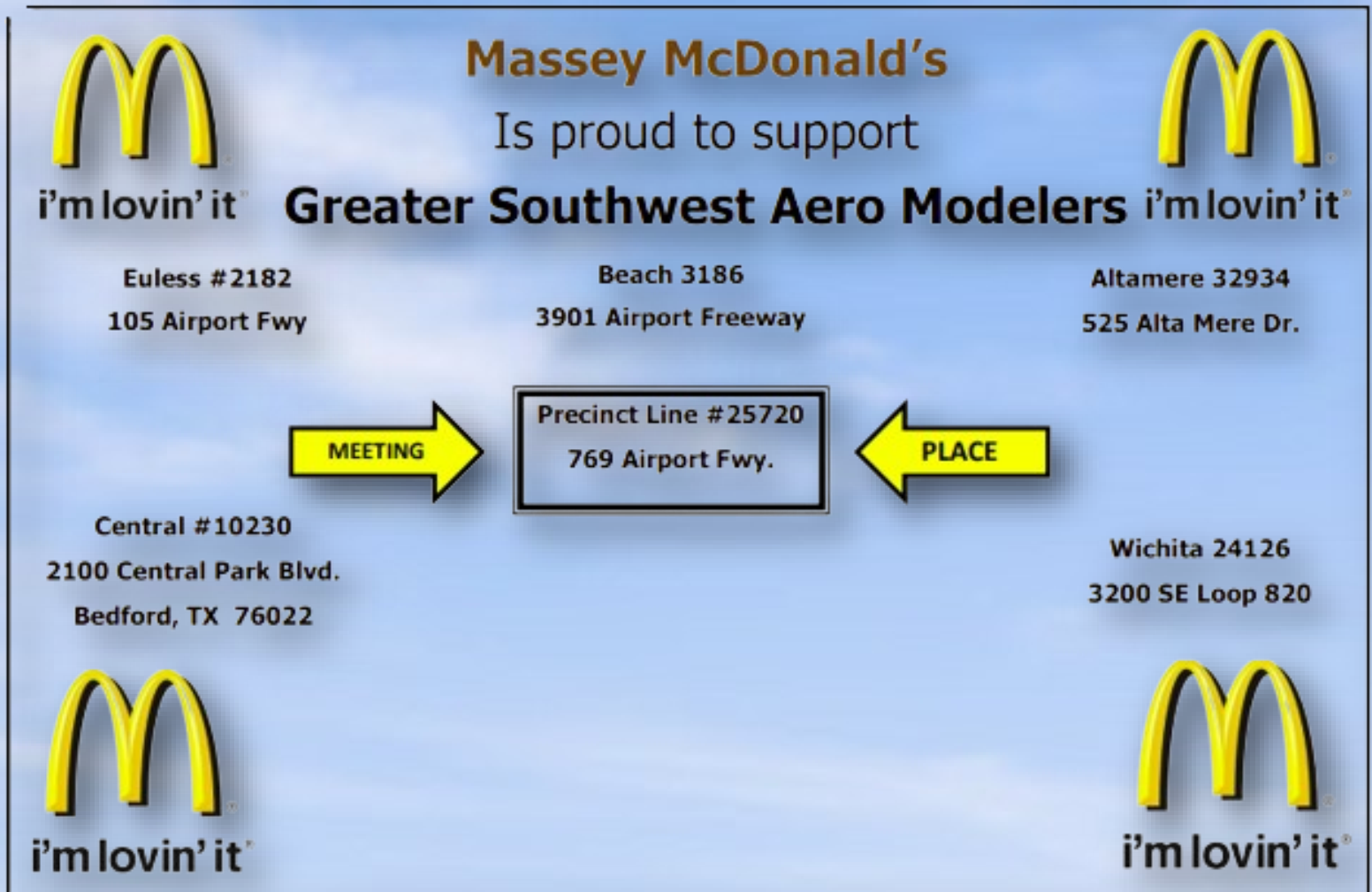


GSWAM Information/Documents Website

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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