

# TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

## Merry Christmas GSW Members and a Happy New Year!

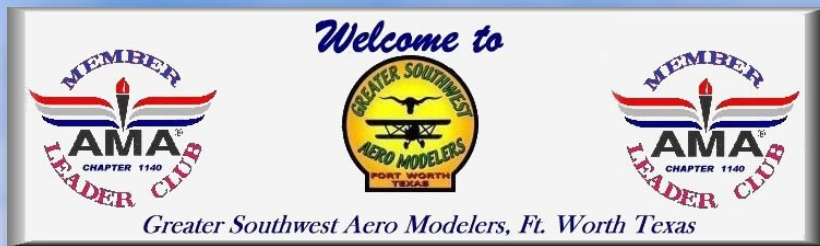


Tim Lovett—Club President

### 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





## *Presidents Report*

Merry Christmas!!!! I hope this finds you and your family well and we hope all the best for you.

Things are moving right along. There has been some activity from the City of Fort Worth along Randol Mill Road to the east of our property. We have discovered that a re-routing of Randol Mill Road as part of a surface flooding project is starting. There have been trees cleared on the west side of the Mallard Cove housing addition along the new right of way. This project starts on the east side of the housing addition and comes west to the eastern corner of the flight field. The two culverts that run under Randol Mill Rd are to be re-worked to aid the water flow during rainstorms.

This has been the wrong week to find out about this project, but I am attempting to find out where the relocation of the traffic lanes are headed ultimately. I did manage to contact the project manager yesterday, who did not know the answers to my questions. I have received the phone number for another contact with the City, but he is out for the holiday. The manager I did speak with said that within five years Randol Mill Road will be 5 lanes wide in front of the air-field. But, he couldn't tell me if the roadway that is there now will be the south or the north side of the new road. Obviously if it is the south side, the City will be taking a good portion of our field north of the fenceline.

Your officers are working to gain information as quickly as we can. The movement of the front gates will be placed on hold until that information can be gathered. Bear with us, we will keep you posted and informed.

Coming up to the end of the year I have been looking over the field. The field maintenance crew has really got the field looking good. Make certain you thank those men often for the job they do.

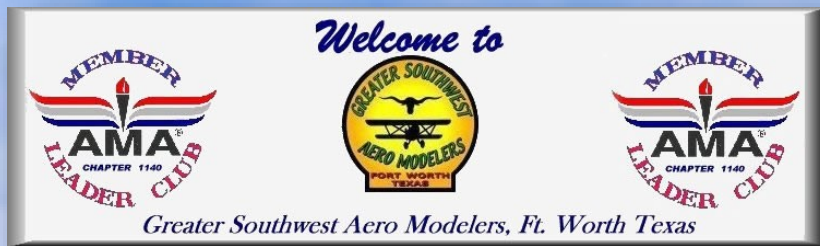
Hope to see you at the field!

*Tim Lovett*

President







## *Treasurers Report*

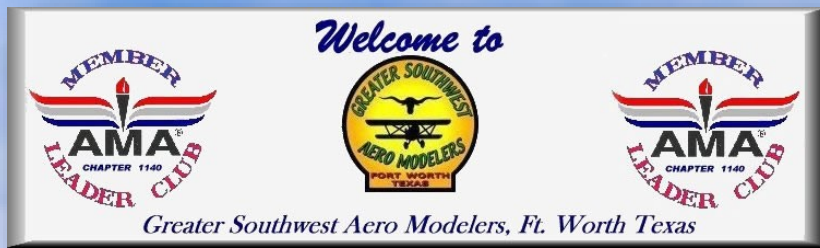
December... And if you are like me... you are walking around your resident grounds trying figure out just where you will store that newly bought, gifted or built "aviation vehicle".

Club bills are all paid to date and with one more bill yet to arrive so we can closeout the year. Membership renewals are starting to filter in; again you can renew your membership at club meetings, Hobby Town in Hurst, or try to catch Rick Shook at the field.

Through your participation the club has strengthen its financial position over the course of the year. This was possible by your active involvement in being a member, participating in Fun-Flys, as well as your generous donations plus vital volunteering efforts. Thank-you! Hoping you enjoy the Season and have a GREAT New Year!

*Michael Madar*

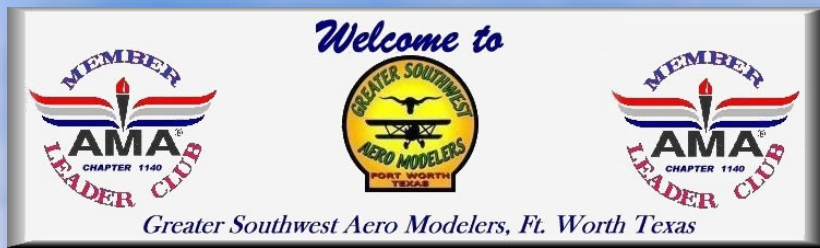




# Flying Field Photos—1







# Flying Field Photos—2



Brian Riffel's RV-4







## Aircraft Maiden Voyages In December 2025

**MARK FUESS DECEMBER 11 2025**



*Michael Madar 12/12/2025*

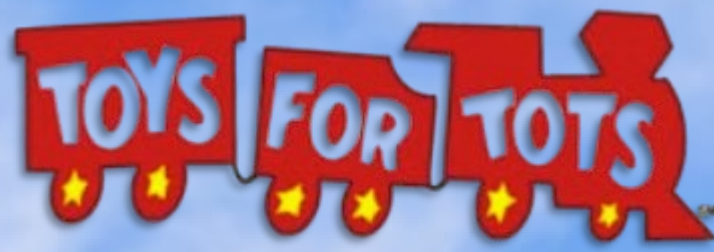
*Spitfire*



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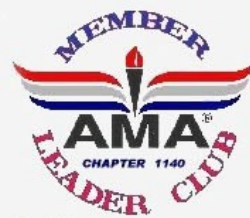
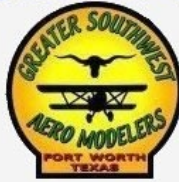
## 2025 GSWAM Toys for Tots Event







Welcome to



*Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas*

## Paul Lange's New Blackhorse Zero

My 1st time ever to achieve perfect neutral CG balance upon completed assembly with battery placement mock up!!! All up flying weight is 18lbs.







## 2026 NASA Sponsored Scale Contests

Region	Contest Name	Club	Date	Location
East	Cape Coral Scale Classic	Cape Coral R/Sea Hawks	Feb 7-8	Cape Coral, FL
East	Mint Julep Scale Meet	Rosewood RC Flyers	Jun 12-14	Elizabeth, IN
East	Mid-South Memphis Belle Classic	Memphis Prop Busters	Jun 20-21	Arlington, TN
East	Northeast Scale Challenge	Binghamton Aeros	Jun 27-28	Binghamton, NY
East	Columbus Scale Classic	Westerville Model Aero Assoc	Aug 15-16	Westerville, OH
East	CORKS Scale Classic	Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Soc	Aug 22-23	Centerburg OH
East	NASA East Regional Shootout	Memphis Prop Busters	Sep 18-20	Arlington, TN
West	Gun Smoke Scale Classic	Arizona Model Aviators	Apr 17-18	Mesa, AZ
West	Texoma RC Modelers Qualifier	Texoma R/C Modelers	May 23-24	Sherman, TX
West	NASA West Regional Shootout	Greater SW Aero Modelers	Sep 11-13	Fort Worth, TX
West	Fresno Radio Modelers Scale Chlg	Fresno Radio Modelers	Sep 19-20	Fresno, CA
West	Rocky Mountain Scale Classic	LoveAir RC Club	Sep 26-27	Fort Collins, CO
West	49er Scale Classic	Woodland Davis Aeromodelers	Oct 9-11	Davis, CA
US	CL NASA Scale Shootout	Treetown Modelaires	6-Sep	Aurora, IL
Nats	National Scale Aeromodelling Championships	National Association of Scale Aeromodelers	Jul 9-12	Muncie, IN

Scan the QR code for additional contest details

Join the National Association of Scale Aeromodelers at <https://nasascale.org/>



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## GSW WARBIRD SQ.

Interested in warbird flying? Have a warbird, want a warbird to fly, just enjoy watching warbirds fly?

GSW has a large number of pilots that enjoy flying warbirds and we all get to witness some marvelous scale warbird models flying at the field. EDF jets and foam plane warbirds are rapidly improving, amazing and very popular. A number of warbird pilots conceptualized a communication “phone thread” where short notice weather changes or plans could be “broadcast”, mostly on or for Warbird Wednesdays, but any fly day is good. This could be used to declare to fellow pilots that tomorrow will be a Spitfire Day for them or perhaps a Zero Day or maybe the Luftwaffe will be out to terrorize the skies at the field. And perhaps even boldly announce of a warbird maiden flight. Or just maybe a “there I was...” story as well. Sort of a high tech coconut telegraph if you will...

So... a GSW Warbird Squadron was recently developed.

If you are interested in being on such a phone thread and in the Squadron let me know and I will add your name, Please email me at: [treasurer@gswam.org](mailto:treasurer@gswam.org)

**WARNING**: there are a large number of pilots communicating, and at times it gets **VERY CHATTY**!

*Michael*







## *A Black Friday Adventure*

By *Mark Fuess*

Black Friday 2025 was an overcast and windy day. I decided to go fly in spite of the weather. When I arrived, I found the gate open, so I went in. Scott was there but hadn't unpacked his airplane. I asked him if he was going to fly and he replied yes now that someone else was here. We proceeded to unpack our stuff. My Gas, radio gear and fuselage were on the table when I went to get my wings, when all of a sudden Scott shouts my fuselage was blowing off the table. Yep, it blew off the table with the rudder stuck in the ground and my landing gear resting on the table. Luckily, no damage to my airplane. I got my airplane (my Revolver) ready to fly.

I fired up the Revolver and took off into a very windy Southeast wind. No big deal! I was having a great time flying in the unpredictable winds. I was in my fifth minute of flying when a gust of wind caught my cap and blew it off. Instinctively, I reached out to try to grab my cap, that's when all hell broke loose...

I hit my radio while reaching for my cap and KNOCKED my radio out of my right hand and it hit the ground face down in the dirt. Yes, my airplane is still flying, And I have a radio stuck in the ground! I quickly look down and reach down to grab my dirty radio with mud/dirt stuck to the gim-bals.

Well, I now have my radio back in my possession, so I begin looking for my airplane that was flying about 150 feet high and headed East Southeast over the school soccer field at about half throttle. I quickly got my orientation and maneuvered my airplane back to the airfield! I managed to make a text-book perfect landing right in front of me. Scott and I were in shock and awe at the adventure I had just endured.

All's well, that ends well! Me and my Revolver go home in one piece so I can see what adventure Black Friday 2026 will offer!



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## **GSW 2026 Event Schedule** (And surrounding events)

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

- ***Spitfire and Targets Fun –Fly (S)***: 28 March 2026
- FtW Thunderbird Warbird: 16 May 2026
- ***\*\*Biplane Fun-fly(S)***: 6 June 2026
- ***NASA West Regional Shootout (S)***: 12 & 13 September 2026
- *Sailplane Fun-Fly? Might be nice to have...anyone?*

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 12/19/2025

✓ New Event

\*\*Date Change



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

Events Listing Maintained by *Michael Madar*





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## 2026 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>




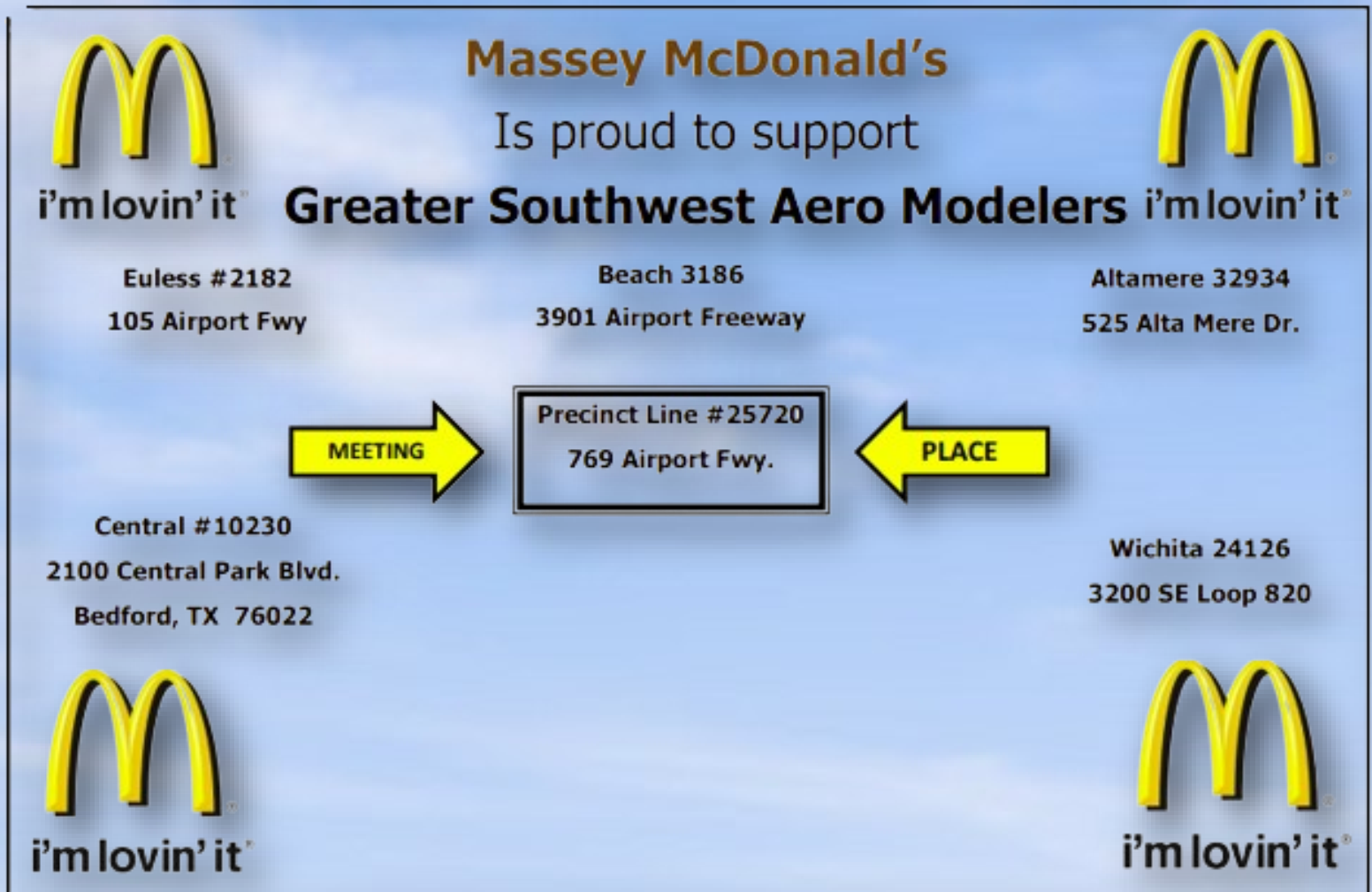


## GSWAM Information/Documents Website

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.

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



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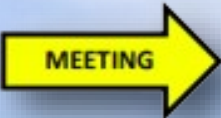
**Euless #2182**  
105 Airport Fwy


**Beach 3186**  
3901 Airport Freeway

**Altamere 32934**  
525 Alta Mere Dr.



**Central #10230**  
2100 Central Park Blvd.  
Bedford, TX 76022

**Wichita 24126**  
3200 SE Loop 820

**MEETING** 

**PLACE** 

**Precinct Line #25720**  
769 Airport Fwy.



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