

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

January 13th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (Page-1)

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday January 13th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club
president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 16

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The November 2025 GSWAM busi-
ness meeting minutes were approved by attending club members unani-
mously via a show of hands vote.

Chuck Rovell Notes: Chuck asked members attending the January 2026
club business meeting to please put your McDonalds food receipts into the
receipt container next to the cash register. Chuck also made mention of long-
time club member Dave Hortons recent passing. Blue Skies and Tail Winds,
my friend.

April 25th, 2026 GSWAM Swap Meet: Will be held at the Life Fellowship
Church gym, northeast corner of Precinct Line Road/State Highway 10,
Hurst, TX. Club president Tim Lovett said the club will be seeking out donors
and sponsors for the event.

Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported all GSWAM re-
lated bills were paid. A detailed treasurers report is included in this (January
2026) newsletter.

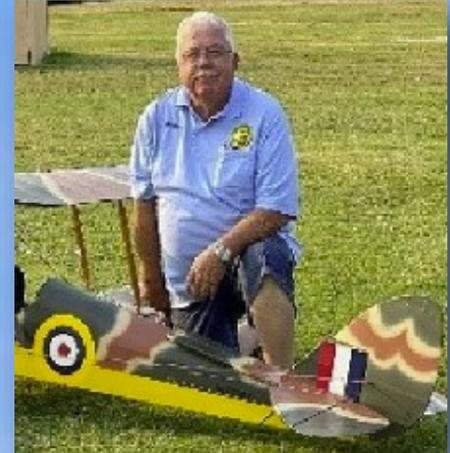
Front Gate Relocation Discussion: Due to the ongoing Randol Mill Road
construction project scope not being fully known as yet the front gate reloca-
tion will be postponed for now. The City of Ft. Worth Randol Mill Road Haz-
ardous Road Overtopping Mitigation (HROM) Improvements are planned to
prevent storm water flowing over Randol Mill Road. The portion of the road
from west of Territory Trail to near Goldeneye Lane will be realigned, wid-
ened and raised.

Project Improvements include:

- Re-aligning and raising of Randol Mill Road from West of Territory Trail
to near Goldeneye Lane
- Culvert improvements
- Adding additional storm drain system
- Replacing water and sewer lines

Link to the City of Ft. Worth Rando Mill Project: [https://
www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-randolmill-hrom](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-randolmill-hrom)

City of Ft. Worth Randol Mill Project Official PowerPoint Handout Link:
[https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/files/assets/public/v/1/tpw/documents/2024-
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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



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GSWAM Feral Hog Update: I'm pleased to report there were no feral hog damage issues recently reported at the GSWAM flying facility. One reason for this positive report is the protective electric fence gates have been kept closed not allowing the dastardly feral hog population to access the club's main runway grounds. An electric fence can only work when the gates are kept secured. Kudos go out to club membership for securing the electric fence gates!

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the field maintenance crew is currently performing mower repairs and maintenance tasks during the mowing off season. Darrell reported the mower lift device, which allows access to the under-workings of the mowers, is currently broken and in need of replacement. Also reported is the #3 mower won't start, the new mower blades have been delivered and need to be installed, and the mowers will soon have their oil changed.

New (to us) Storage Container: Tim Lovett reported the Seven Towers R/C Club recently lost their flying field and, unfortunately, has since disbanded. Sad to say there are far too many reports of R/C clubs losing flying fields nationwide due to development encroachments. The GSWAM club welcomes any and all Seven Towers club members to come fly with us by joining the GSWAM organization. The Seven Towers club leadership gave the GSWAM club their storage container and two older mowers. Tim Lovett to arrange the transport of the storage container to the GSWAM flying facility. **(Update)** The Seven Towers storage container as since been delivered to the GSWAM flying facility.

Dog Fest Event Date: The 2026 4th of July Celebration event will now include the Dog Fest event.

Zipline Logistics: A Zipline Logistics representative recently contacted club president Tim Lovett to setup a meeting with Zipline representative Emme Miller to discuss their organizational plans and the GSWAM organization. Zipline is a drone delivery service. Link to find out about Zipline Logistics: <https://www.zipline.com/>

The 2026 Texas Scale Championship: The 2026 Texas Scale Championship event is now the NASA West Regional Shootout and will be held September 11th, 12th and 13th.

GSWAM First Aid Kit: There was a discussion regarding restocking the GSWAM first aid kit and adding larger bandages and a tourniquet. The larger bandages would be available in case of a serious injury requiring better coverage of the more serious wounds. Darrell Abby recommended obtaining a defibrillator and Paul Lange recommended setting up a paramedic triage training session at a GSWAM monthly business meeting.

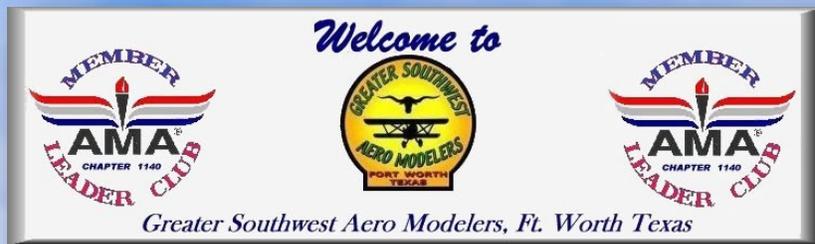
January 2026 Calendar Raffle Winner: John Miller won the calendar raffle.

“Live” Flying Field Weather Station Camera: <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](#)

2026 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. *Link to 2026 GSWAM Membership Application:* https://gswam.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_membership-application-oct_15_2025.pdf

January 2026 Business Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary: Sonny Coleman



President's Report

Happy New Year!!!! I hope this finds you and your family well. There has been a bug floating around with several of our members and family being sick for about 10 days to 2 week. Take care of yourselves, please!

I think most of you know that Dave Horton, a previous longtime member, passed away close to Christmas. Dave piloted both fixed wing and helicopters. He was always willing to help those around him.

Another member, Bob McDuff has also had medical issues that is keeping him home from the flying field. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ok, on to business. We have received the gift of a 20' container from 7 Towers R/C Club. They recently lost their lease and had to move off their property. I told them they could place their container on our place while they looked for land. I was later told they are not going to be looking for new land, but will filter into other clubs. We had the container moved to our field this week and placed on the south side of the control line shed. It will be used to store items for use at the field. Part of this donation was a couple of riding mowers. The maintenance crew will make assessment to see how they will fit in with our needs.

Save the date!!!!!! We will have a huge swap meet on April 25th! It will be at the Life Fellowship Church gym, northeast corner of Precinct Line Road/State Highway 10, Hurst! Look for sanctioning, advertising, table cost, etc. very soon! I would like to see this become a good, long-running event.

The front gate project to inset the front gates approximately 30-40' inside the fence line has been postponed. The Randol Mill roadway to the east of the field is undergoing some construction. That roadway is going to take some of the south side of Mallard Cove, Mallard Cove Park and the asphalt plant to our east. I have been told that Randol Mill Road will be 5 lanes within an expected 5 year span. I have not been able to get the information where the roadway will run exactly.

Until I can get that information, I don't wish to spend the money to move the gates only to have construction just tear them down again. We will also probably need to consider getting dirt moved to the north end of the runway to move flight operations to the north a bit.

Be certain to look at the coming events list to see when we will be holding flying contests, fly-ins, benefits, picnics, swap meets, etc.

It is past time to renew memberships! Get them done at HobbyTown, a club meeting, or at the field if Rick Shook is there. Make certain your credentials are displayed on your person when you fly! Members will soon be given a new lock code for the gate.

I hope you are ready to fly when the snow/ice recedes! And I hope to see you at the field!

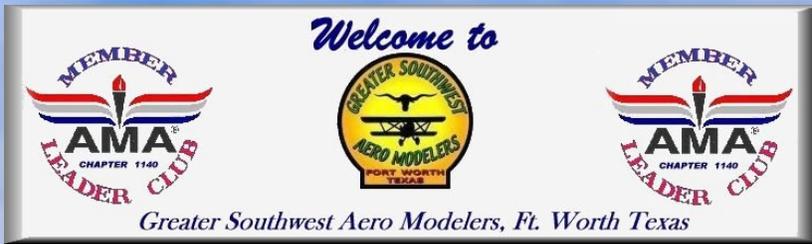


Treasurer's Report

Hope your winter projects are coming along, and we all look forward to seeing them out at the field. Your GSW Club continues to collect "dues money" from renewing members, and we do seem to be keeping pace with last year's renewals. No outstanding bills at this time for the Club as we are all paid up on our accounts. Bit of admiring paper work this month as we did file the required paperwork with the Texas Comptroller's Office for an exemption on the Texas Franchise Tax. As I mentioned at the meeting, through your efforts, participation and generosity we have been able to improve our year over year financial position. Thank-you!

Michael





Bob McDuff



**Thinking about and praying
for Bob McDuff**



Aircraft Maiden Voyages In January 2026



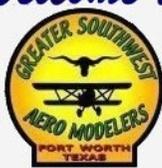
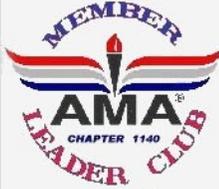


Darrell Abby's Skybolt

This is an early, open cockpit version of the Steen Skybolt aircraft. Starting with Wendell Hostetler plans, National Balsa laser cut a short kit of ribs and formers. The build took 6 months. It is covered with Koverall and glassed then 2 coats clear dope then white primer. Final paint is Klass Kote epoxy glossy finish. Wingspan is 76.5"; total weight is 25.5 lb. Power is a DLE 61 with a 23 x 8 Zoar prop. The maiden flight on 12 January went very well with no issues. Thank you to several club members who helped with various endeavors.



Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

Spitfire's and Targets Event

March 28th — Bob Mueller—CD

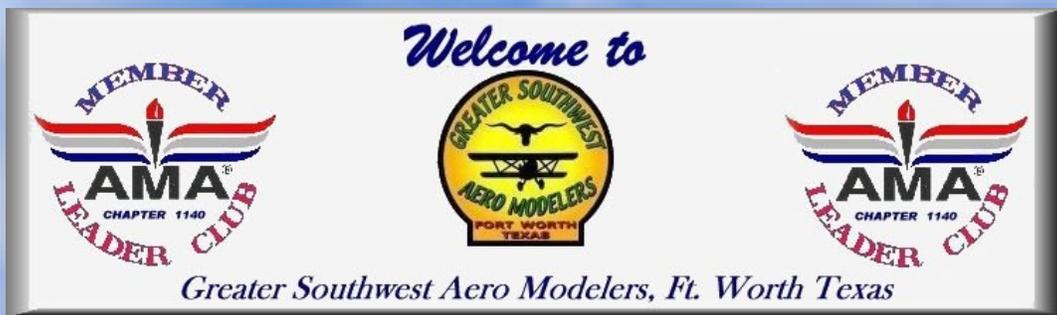




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Jacob Shaver Family



Welcome To GSW!



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 Aeromodellers 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

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

Michael





GSW 2026 Event Schedule (and Surrounding Events)

Feb. 10: GSW Meeting

Mar. 10: GSW Meeting

March 28: GSW Spitfires  and Targets Fun-Fly (S) Bob Mueller

April 14: GSW Meeting

April 17-19 SAE@ FT Worth Thunderbirds

April 25: GSW Swap Meet Tim Lovett

May 8-16: Joe Nall Week

May 16: FtW Thunderbird Warbird Event

May 23-24: Texoma RC Modelers Qualifier Sherman, Tx

June 6: GSW Biplane Fun-Fly(S)  Darrell Abby

July 4th: GSW Picnic and Dog Fest Fun-Fly 

July 5-Aug 5: AMA Nationals

July 20-26: Oshkosh EAA Air Venture

September 11, 12 & 13: NASA West Regional Shootout (S) "GSW"

Sept 16-20: Roswell Air Races

Oct: 9-11: GSW H.O.G.S. Helicopter Fly-in Chase Walkins

OCT 17: GSW All Scale Fun-Fly Barry Ponder

Oct 23-25: GSW H.O.G.S. Helicopter Fly-In Rain Date

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 1/20/2026

New Event
** Date Change

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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.

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

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