

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-26 — February 2026

Newsletter Editor - *Sonny Coleman*

AMA Chartered Club #1140

February 10th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (Page-1)

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday February 10th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club
president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 22

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The January 2026 GSWAM busi-
ness meeting minutes were approved by attending club members unani-
mously via a show of hands vote.

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

Belated New Member Welcome: Attending club members officially wel-
comed club member Grayson Carlos to the GSWAM organization. Grayson
has already been flying at the club flying facility for some time and has re-
cently made his solo flight. Welcome aboard Grayson!

Feral Hog Trappers: Scott Jensen reported he had found two feral hog trap-
pers (Scott Mitchell and Stacy Fargo) who are willing to trap feral hogs at the
GSWAM flying facility using only hog traps. No firearms involved. Hog trap-
ping representatives are to schedule a meeting at the GSWAM flying field to
select optimal hog trap locations.

Additional Turf Roller: The GSWAM organization now has two turf rollers
available after having a second one donated by the Seven Towers R/C Club.

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the flying field grounds are in good
shape and recommends members come out and fly. Darrell also reported
some of the field maintenance crew assisted in moving the new (to us) green
storage container to its current location on the west side of the flying facility.

New Storage Container Update: Tim Lovett reported the Seven Towers R/
C Club donated storage container was transported from the Seven Towers
club location to the GSWAM flying facility. Total storage container transport
fees \$250.00.



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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Control Line Area Electric Fence: GSWAM control line club members installed a solar powered electric fence to help defend their entire area from the local feral hog population. Please note the control line area electric fence was reported to be active 100% of the time.

April 25th, 2026 GSWAM Swap Meet: Will be 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.

Randol Mill Construction Update: No updates regarding the Randol Mill construction project.

New City of Fort Worth Leasing Agent: Club president Tim Lovett has requested a meeting with the new city of Fort Worth leasing agent in charge of the land leased to the GSWAM club.

Funeral Services for Bob McDuff: Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM at Lucas Funeral Home located at 1321 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst, TX 76053. Gravesite services to be held at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery located 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75211.

Advanced First Aid Program: 12-year critical care nurse (and GSW club member) Mandi Carlos provided attending GSW club members with a comprehensive first aid program that included basic first aid, how to determine stroke symptoms, discussed serious cut injury treatment, tourniquet use, and how to apply the Heimlich maneuver properly. Mandi's first aid program was very interesting, detailed, and extremely informative. Also discussed was in the event an ambulance is called to the flying field someone will need to be at the front gate to flag down the ambulance to make sure they can quickly and easily locate the injured party in need of emergency transportation to a hospital from the GSWAM flying facility.

January 2026 Calendar Raffle 3-Winners: #1 Frank Rowell (won a calendar) #2 Rick Shook (won a Sukhoi SU-26) Eflite indoor plane) #3 Mark Foster (won a calendar).

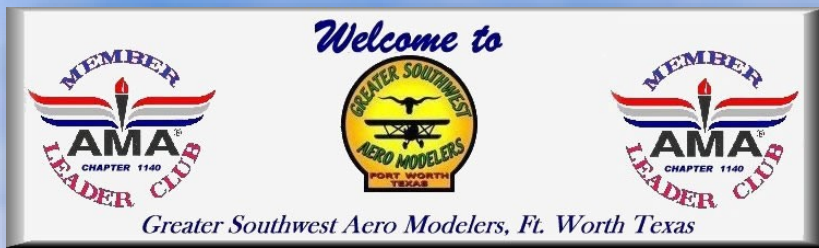
Model of the Month: The February 2026 winner is Tim Lovett with his Eflite P-47 foamy which has flown multiple times.

Live Club Flying Facility 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. See Rick Shook at the flying field to sign up. 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

February 2026 Business Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary: **Sonny Coleman**



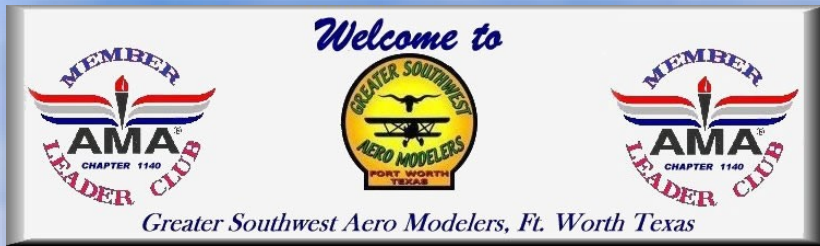
Treasurer's Report

From the GSW Club Treasurer:

As we continue to roll down the runway of the New Year matters on the financial side have been relatively quiet. All required bills have been paid to date. I would like to encourage you to make an effort to renew your membership if you have not already done so; if you have done so Thank-you. Renewing your membership provides The President with a solid understanding of where The Club stands financially; also it is a display of respect for your fellow club members and flying friends. And, it is just nice to get that administrative item off your checklist so you can simply enjoy flying at the field. We've enjoyed a bit of a "False Spring" lately and hoping you were able to get some flights in. The all-knowing "Weather Magic 8-Ball" suggests more warm weather for the end of February and early weeks of March, hoping to see you at the field!

Michial Madar





Bob McDuff Memorial Fun Fly

On February 7th 2026 Mark & Diane Fuess hosted a "Bob McDuff Memorial Fun Fly. They provided hot dogs and baked beans; others brought chips, drinks, pies, and cookies. The weather was perfect with many attendees celebrating Bob's life. The sky was crowded with a lot of flying. What a fun day.

Darrell Abby

Photos From The Event





Aircraft Maiden Voyages In February 2026

MAIDEN FLIGHT 02/02/2026



Mark Fues

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Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

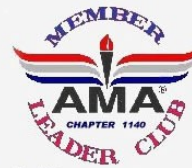
Mandi Carlos and Charlie



*Mandy Carlos with
Charlie, 3 mo old Corgi*



Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

The Shawnee Thunderbirds Welcome You To A



SWAP MEET IN
PRAGUE, OK

MARCH 7, 2026

8:30 AM - ?

7:00 A.M. LOAD-IN



PRAGUE, OK COMMUNITY CENTER

ADMISSION \$5.00

TABLES \$10.00 EACH INCLUDES FREE ENTRY

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED ON TABLES

DIRECTIONS: GO 1/2 MILE WEST OF TRAFFIC LIGHT ON
HIGHWAY 62 TO WESTLAWN. TURN NORTH ON WESTLAWN
AND GO 1 BLOCK. AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF
WESTLAWN AND 13TH ST. EASY TO FIND. LOOK FOR
THE SIGNS.

SHAWNEE THUNDERBIRDS

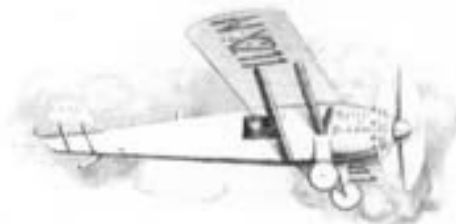


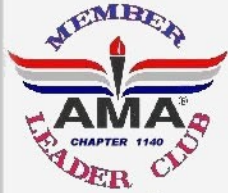
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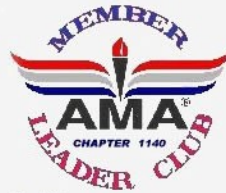
EMAIL:

prgeyedr@yahoo.com or
sandbass389@yahoo.com





Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas

Spitfires & Bandits

at
Greater Southwest Aero Modelers
when

March 28 2026

**AMA sanctioned
Event!**

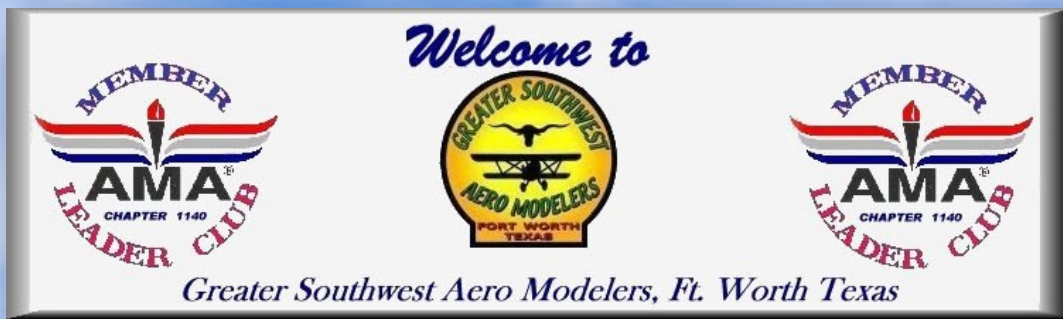


Two pilot prizes to be raffled off. An aluminum mug with a Spitfire etched on it and a Robin Hood Toby Mug made famous in the movie "12 O'clock High".

Sign up starts at 0800 and Flying at 0900 hrs *** Landing fee is \$30.00 (includes Lunch)

CD: Bob Mueller 682.351.8756 *** bobmueller163@gmail.com

**Greater Southwest Aero Modelers
6903 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth TX 76120**



Field Action Photo's by Barry Ponder & Darrell Abby





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/>



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

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



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 (Page-1 of 2) (and Surrounding Events)

Mar. 10: GSW Meeting

Mar 20: 24th Lone Star RC Combat Nationals (S) Sherman, TX

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

Apr 4: Cubs & Friends Fun-Fly Ft W Thunderbirds

April 14: GSW Meeting

April 17-19: SAE@ FT Worth Thunderbirds

April 18: 4th Annual Warbirds & Civilian Fun Fly Rockwall R/C Club

April 24 & 25: Golden Triangle Heli-Fly-in

April 25: GSW Swap Meet@ Life Fellowship Church, Hurst Tim Lovett

May 2: Float Fly N Dallas RC Club

May 8-16: Joe Nall Week

MAY 12: GSW Meeting

May 16: Warbird Event FtW Thunderbirds

May 23: Dallas R/C Club Warbird & Jet Fly-in

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



May 30: GSW Fun-Fly! Tim Lovett & Randy Mayhew

June 4-6: Warbird Rally Bomber Field



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

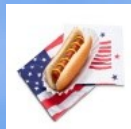
June 12-13: Cowtown Jet Classic Ft Worth Thunderbirds



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June 20: Wings over Granbury Combat Event

WAMS Field Granbury Tx



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

July 5-Aug 5: AMA Nationals

July 20-26: Oshkosh EAA Air Venture

Aug 16: Float Fly

FtW Thunderbirds

Aug 22: National Model Aviation Day

Sept 9-12: B-17 Gathering Bomber Field

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



Sept 16-20: Roswell Air Races

Sep 26 Float Fly

N. Dallas R/C Club

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



Chase Walkins

Oct: 9-10: Tyler WWI Dawn Patrol

Tyler R/C Club

Oct: 16-17: Warbirds Over Texas

N. Dallas R/C Club

OCT 17: GSW All Scale Fun-Fly

Barry Ponder

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

Nov 7: Need Food Drive

Randy Mayhew



Dec 5: Toys for Tots

Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 2/21/2026

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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MEETING → **PLACE**

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