

# TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

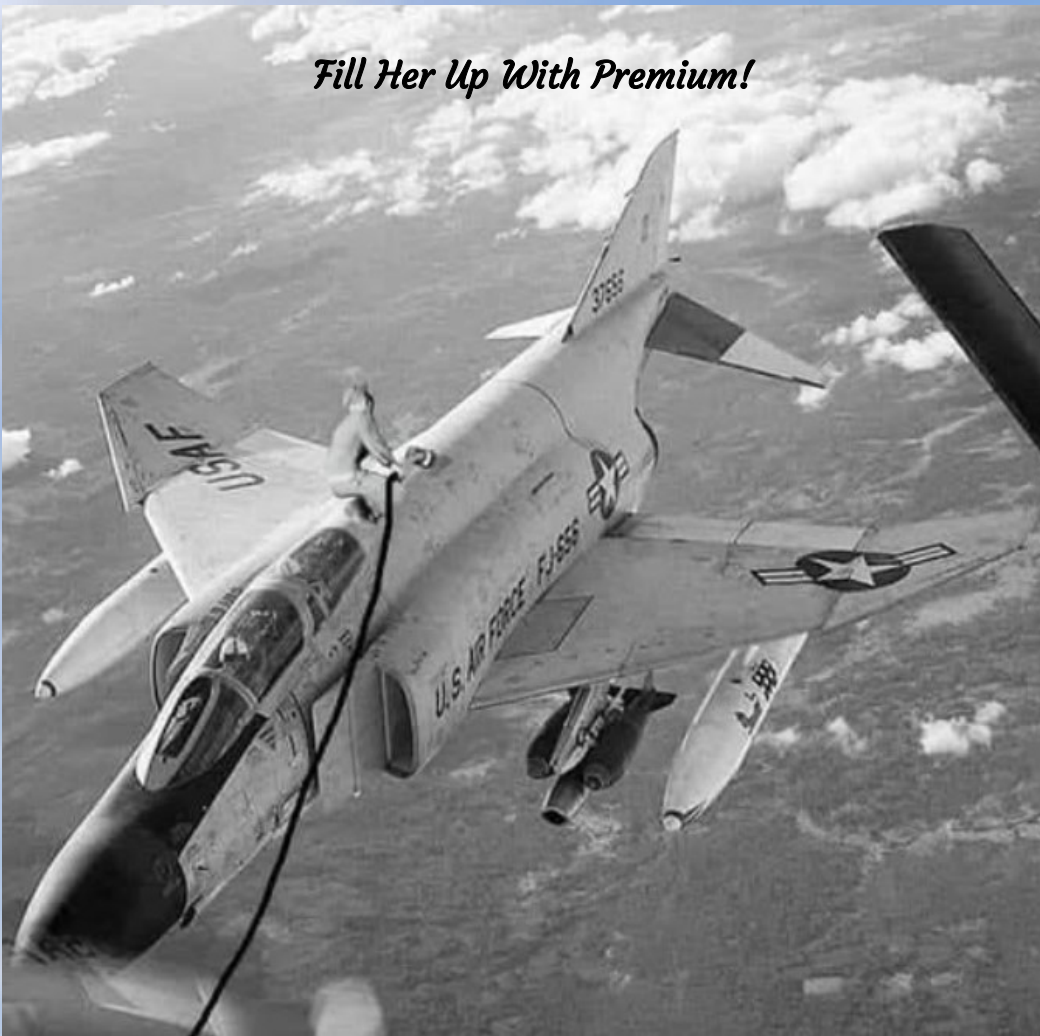
**No March Business Meeting due to Severe storms predicted in our area by Weather.com during the meeting period.**

**The April 2026 GSWAM business meeting will be held as usual on Tuesday April 14th at 7:30 PM.**



**Tim Lovett—Club President**

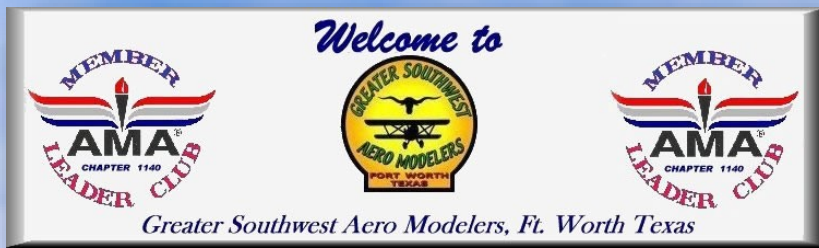
*Fill Her Up With Premium!*



#### 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





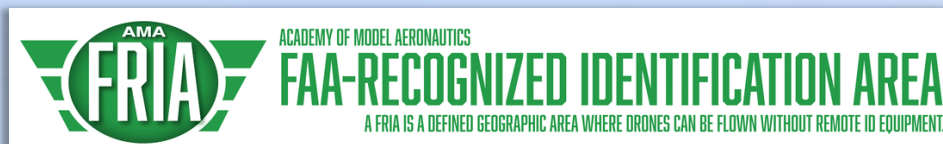
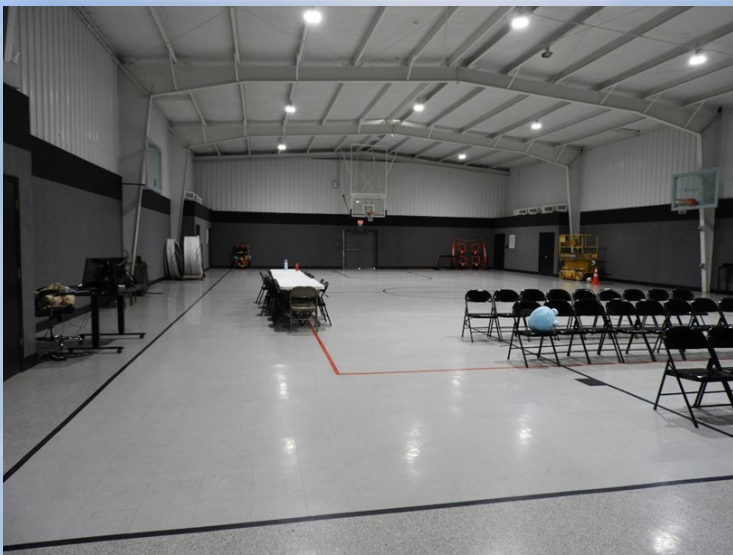
## President's Report

Hello to all flyers/collectors/members and guests! March is nearly over. And the weather has been in complete disarray with itself. We have had cold weather, warmer weather and then frigid weather with and without rain. Wind has halted many days of decent flying, that is for certain! It is never a dull moment in North Texas to say the least.

The meeting was cancelled due to weather and forecasts for severe thunderstorms with hail and possible tornado activity. This was supposed to strike right during the meeting time. We felt it was better to keep all concerned safe and not have the meeting. That will explain why there are no minutes for you to review this month.

There are some interesting building projects being built by several of our members. I know of several RV-4s that are underway. A couple of warbirds and some sport planes. Of course, those all take supplies to build! We have a fix for some of that. On April 25<sup>th</sup> the GSW Swap Meet will take place at the gym of New Life Fellowship Church, 760 W. SH10, Hurst, Texas. This is on the northeast corner of SH10 and Precinct Line Road. There is a flyer in this newsletter and posted on the District VIII website of AMA and also at Hobby Town in Hurst. Feel free to distribute copies of the Flyer to friends that might be interested. The gym is big enough to handle this event and has a kitchen. The youth group will have concessions for us and there will be burgers or hot dogs or something else for us. Come hungry! The concessions will help the youth group of the church!

**Here are some photographs of the gym.**





## *Treasurer's Report*

A couple quick financial updates since we did not have a monthly meeting due to the forecast for ugly weather. All bills on accounts are paid; notably we paid our annual club dues to AMA, and with the warmer early spring, and resulting nasty weeds, we moved up the field treatment with TruGreen from late April to early March.

Researchers tell us the month of March traces its name back to the Roman Era calendar, being named after Mars which was the Roman God of War. Maybe fittingly then that the Club's first Fun-fly event this year is the "**Spitfires and Bandits Fun -Fly on March 28<sup>th</sup>**". Fun-fly events are an essential aspect of fund raising for your Club. The monies received help fund field upkeep projects, contribute to our savings for emergency repairs and provide for our Club funded 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic Fly-in and our "Toys for Tots" event and donations.

Fun-Flys perhaps more importantly though, provide an opportunity for us to watch the achievements of fellow modelers. We can admire that new model which was beautifully built and on its maiden flight, or just enjoying the flying of that favorite plane. Revel in the progress someone is making in their flying abilities. These events can inspire us to try "something new and different" out of our comfort zone...to challenge our building and flying skills. Or maybe we learned something new from participating, the invaluable support we receive, or can offer, when that "gremlin" shows its "devious side" in our models. Lastly Fun-flys afford us a good solid reason to come together as a group out at the flying field in strong numbers. To relax and visit, to enjoy our friendships, and to enjoy some of the best burgers, dogs and brats anywhere cooked by Jim Keller and assistants.

So come on out and enjoy the outdoors with us, and remember to....Always check your "six"!

*Michial Madar*





AMA Gold  
Leader Club

## Field Report

Cold spells are behind us and the spring grass and weeds are greening up. All areas have been mowed and trimmed; the runway is in fine shape and firm once again after a couple of recent rains. The hog fence on the east side of the runway has been moved 10' away from the runway. One troublemaker John Deere tractor is being worked on by our mechanics and needs an oil change also. Soon we will begin our regular mowing schedule Tuesday and Friday around 1000.

*Darrell Abby*





## WOOD PROPS & SMALL BOLTS

If you own a DLE35RA engine, then you probably know about sheared off prop bolts. Wood props (if not tightened occasionally) will shear off the 4mm bolts. It happens way too often.

There are options available to correct this. The first choice is to use Carbon Fiber props. They don't compress, so the bolts stay tight. Composite Props (such as APC and MAS) are good choices as well.

My choice was to enlarge the 4mm to 5mm bolts. This gives the DLE 35RA the strength of its big brothers the DLE 55, 61, and other larger engines. The bolt pattern for the 35 is a bit smaller, but it works well none the less. Because the hub is drilled & tapped for 4mm, all you need to do is drill it with a 4.5mm drill bit and tap it with a M5 x.8 mm tap. Then drill the prop washer with a 5mm bit.

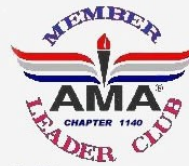
You can still use your 4mm Drill Guide for the prop, then re-drill the prop with your 5mm bit.

*Mark Fuess*





Welcome to



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Ft. Worth Texas



# BUY-SELL-TRADE

**Airplanes, Helicopters, Drones, cars & More!**  
**Electronics-Parts-Engines & Supplies**

**WHERE:** Life Fellowship Church 760 W. Hurst Blvd.  
Hurst TX 76053 in the Gym

**WHEN:** Doors open for Vendors @ 8:00am  
Open to Public @ 9:00am

**TABLES:** \$10.00 each

**ENTRY FEE:** \$5.00 per person

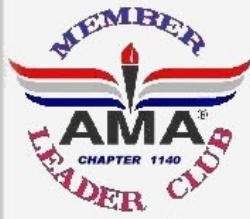
In House CONSESSIONS available!  
proceeds go to the Church Youth Group

**COME HUNGRY!**

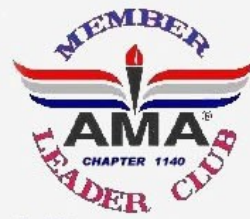
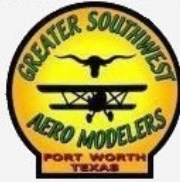
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# Field Photos





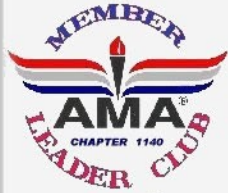
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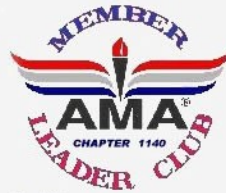
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## Wood Arrives for Project X-883<sup>1</sup>





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# SPITFIRE & BANDITS—THIS COMING SATURDAY!

## Spitfires & Bandits

at

*Greater Southwest Aero Modelers*

when

**March 28 2026**

**AMA sanctioned  
Event!**

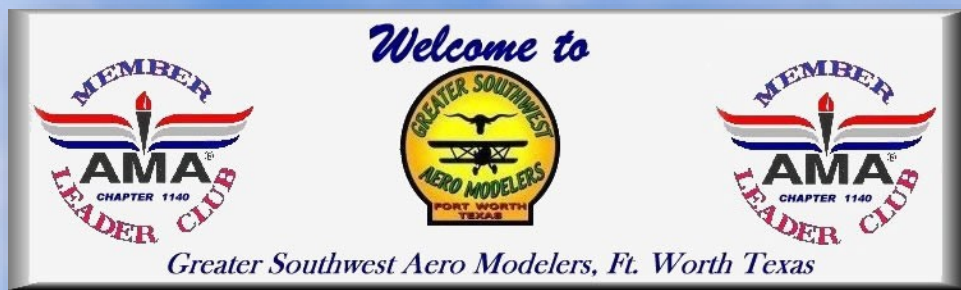


**Two pilot prizes to be raffled off. An aluminum mug with a Spitfire etched on it and a Robin Hood Toby Mug made famous in the movie "12 O'clock High".**

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**



# **ALL S.A.R.\* Missions**

**To RETRIEVE your plane at the Asphalt Property**



***PLEASE* FIRST CALL: Michael Cantu**  
Office: (214) 631-0320 or Cell :( 214)926-9098  
\*search and rescue





## 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*





## 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 2026 Event Schedule (Page-1 of 3)** (and Surrounding Events)



**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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

April 25: In the Sticks Fly-In Tyler RC Club

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

June 20: Wings over Granbury Combat Event WAMS Field Granbury Tx



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

June 4-6: Warbird Rally Bomber Field

**JUNE 9: GSW MEETING**



# **GSW 2026 Event Schedule (Page-2 of 3)** (and Surrounding Events)



**Darrell Abby**

**\*\* June 13: GSW Biplane Fun-Fly(S)**

June 12-13: Cowtown Jet Classic

Ft Worth Thunderbirds

June 20: Wings over Granbury Combat Event

WAMS Field Granbury Tx



**July 4<sup>th</sup>: GSW Picnic and Dog Fest Fun-Fly**

July 5-Aug 5: AMA Nationals

July 20-26: Oshkosh EAA Air Venture

**\*\*Aug 15: Float Fly**

FtW Thunderbirds



Aug 22: **National Model Aviation Day**

Sept 9-12: B-17 Gathering Bomber Field

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

Sept 12: EDF Fly-in

FtW Thunderbirds



Sept 16-20: Roswell Air Races

Sept 26 Float Fly

N. Dallas R/C Club



# **GSW 2026 Event Schedule (Page-3 of 3)** (and Surrounding Events)

**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: N.E.E.D Food Drive**



**Randy Mayhew**

**Dec 5: Toys for Tots**



**Randy Mayhew**

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 3/20/2026

New Event

\*\* Date Change

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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**MEETING** → **PLACE**

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

**Eules #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