

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

April 14th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday April 14th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 22

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The February 2026 GSWAM business meeting minutes were approved by attending club members unanimously via a show of hands vote. The club meeting scheduled for March 2026 was cancelled due to predicted severe weather.

Chuck Rovell: Be sure to turn-in your food and drink receipts into the collection box next to the cash register. Chuck reminded the attending members that the Massy's McDonalds usually donates \$200.00 for the club's Toys for Tots event in December. Chuck also donated to garage opener battery packs to those who could use one.

Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported AMA fees were paid and club IRS taxes were paid. Mike also reported five additional chairs had been purchased and reimbursed for. Mike reported the club made \$492.00 (net) from the recent Spitfires and Bandits event. A detailed treasurers report is included in this (April 2026) newsletter.

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the flying field grounds had been mowed and trimmed recently. Soon the mowing crew will be mowing the flying facility grounds twice weekly (Tuesdays and Fridays). Darrell noted the #3 mower recently had its battery replaced. The replacement battery was donated to the club by Mark Foster. Mark also donated a toolbox to the club maintenance crew's tool collection. Thanks Mark!

Work Day: Tim Lovett reported someone had cut a hole in the north perimeter fence to gain access to the flying facility grounds and has scheduled a May 9th 2026 work day to repair the damaged perimeter fence, clean the floors in the new (to us) storage container, and to paint the wooden assembly tables under the shelter. The new storage container also needs a new security plate welded to secure the storage container and also repair weld the locking handle.

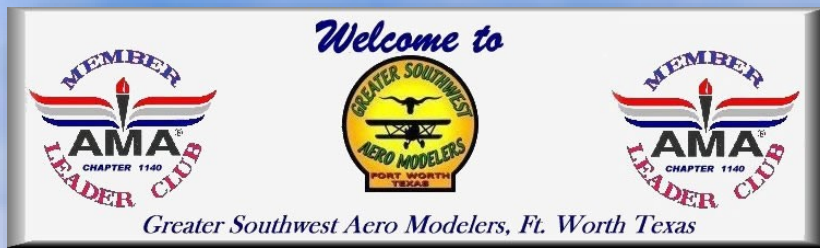


Tim Lovett—Club President

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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Pay attention To Your Surroundings When Flying Alone: Paul Lange reported a woman approaching him after landing his plane standing next to the runway. She asked Paul if she could have the dead feral hog she had found and then proceeded to show Paul the big knife she had on her to try processing the hog with. When flying alone at the flying field you have to pay attention to your surrounding and maybe exercise the option of locking the front gate to help prevent unexpected visitors. It would also be a good idea to have some self-protection on you when alone at the flying facility. Paul also led a group discussion regarding possibly placing game cameras directed towards the concessions area. Our existing camera system is very limited and cannot facilitate an additional camera.

April 25th, 2026 GSWAM Swap Meet: The 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 swap meet tables will be 8' long and cost \$10.00 each. There will also be an area marked-off on the floor for the larger aircraft to be displayed. Event concessions will be provided (available for purchase) by youth members of the church.

Drinks and Snacks Should Return to the Fridge: Frank Rowell led a discussion about returning a limited stock of drinks and snacks to the concessions area refrigerator. Due to local low life thieves', the drinks and snacks were removed from the fridge due to the repeated thievery. Frank asked that the drinks and snacks be returned to the fridge (in limited quantities) with the proceeds in the fridge being removed daily. A motion was made to once again begin restocking the concession area refrigerator with drinks and snacks. The motion passed by a majority show of hands vote. The refrigerator will once again have goodies for those soon to come hot days of summer time.

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

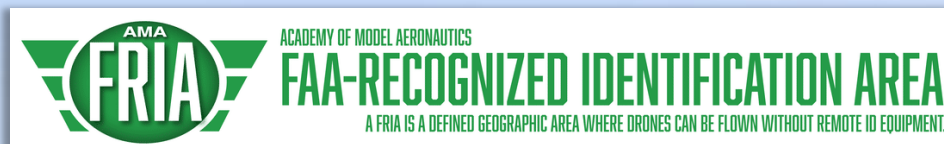
New City of Fort Worth Leasing Agent: Club president Tim Lovett has requested a meeting with the new city of Fort Worth leasing agent in charge of the land leased to the GSWAM organization. No meeting with the leasing agent has been successfully scheduled yet.

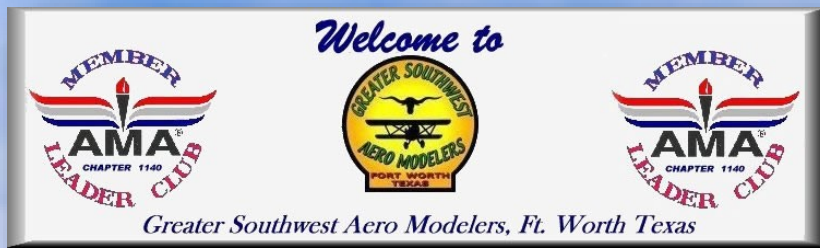
Model of the Month: The April 2026 Model of the Month had two very nice entries:

Dana Pierce with his Seagull O.S. .55AX powered Edge 540

Abel Cordona with his good looking electric powered TBM Avenger

Two very nice R/C planes that have both previously been flown successfully. Dana's 540 Edge "edged" out the TBM Avenger via a show of hands vote by attending club members. Congratulations Dana!





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April 2026 Calendar Raffle: Darrell Abby won the coveted Hobbytown gift card.

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

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

ROCKWALL RC SPORT FLYERS - WARBIRD AND CIVILIAN FUN FLY RESCHEDULED TO 4/19/2026





AMA Gold
Leader Club

Treasurers Report

April marks the first month of spring and with that more favorable flying weather for us modelers. Also means that we have concluded our first quarter financially for our club, a quarter in which the club posted a positive operating performance. And, as with many of you, the club has also fulfilled the filing of required paperwork with the nice folks over at the Internal Revenue Service.

Last month we logged a very successful "Spitfire and Bandits Fly-in" led by Commander Bob Mueller and enjoyed by many. This month we pivot right into our Swap Meet on Saturday the 25th of April. There are always "treasures & deals" to be found at swap meets and often a good time just seeing some memorabilia, old kits, planes and the like that bring back good memories from past years. There are also pilots and vendors displaying the newest of technology and trends for you to see up close and personal. Well worth the small fee and there will food and beverages available.

Grass is growing with our April showers; our runway is looking great, checkout the swap meet, please try to attend a meeting this quarter and I hope to see you at the field for some great flying.

Michael



Northrop T-38 Talon: two-seat, twinjet supersonic jet trainer, First Maiden Flight (67 years ago the month) 10 April 1959



Aircraft Maidens In April 2026



Jerry Burton



Dana Pierce—Edge 540

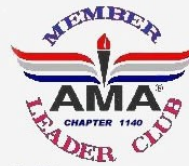


Dwain Klopfenstein

Maiden Flight April 22 2026



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!

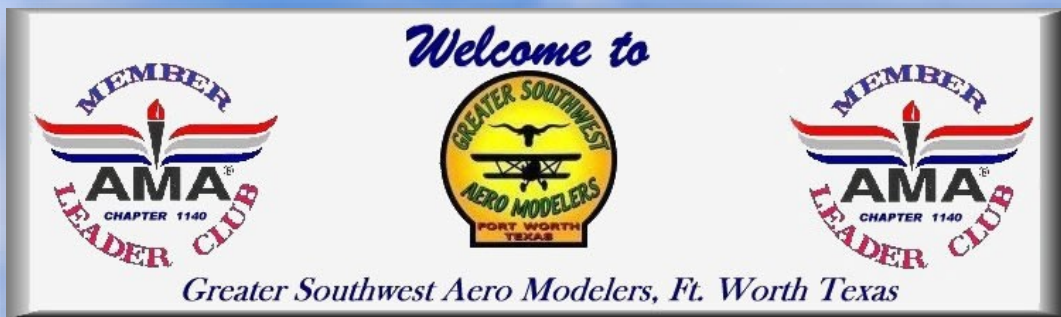
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Spitfires and Bandits

SPITFIRES & BANDIT'S MARCH 28 2026



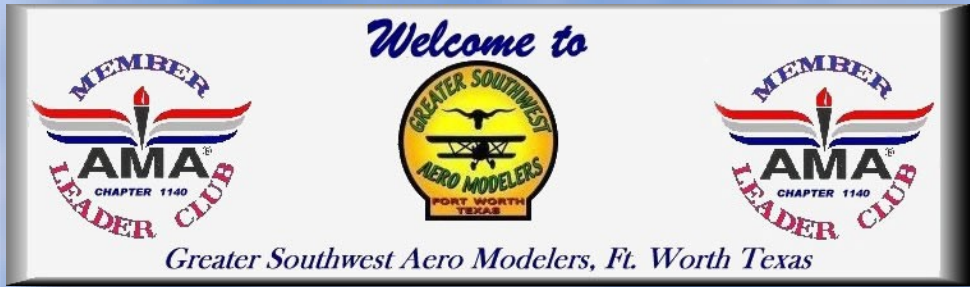


Bob McDuff AMA Walk of Fame



The AMA Foundation is excited to announce that the Walk of Fame can now be viewed from the comfort of your home!

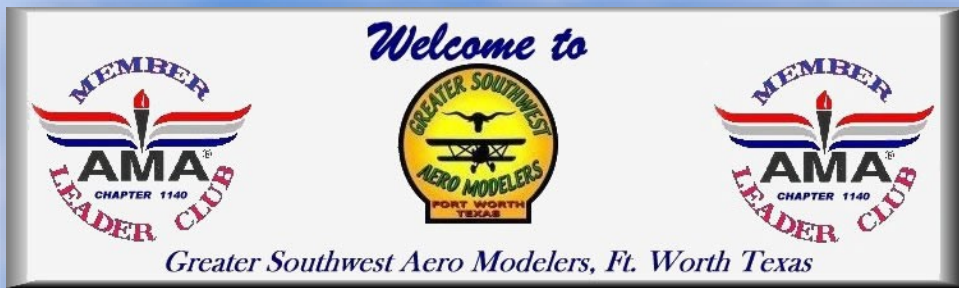
[Click here to see a 360-degree view\(link is external\)](#)



X-88(CUBED3) PROJECT

LANDING GEAR





Ryan Anderson's Custom Glider Launch Dolly



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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





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

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

May23-24: 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



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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 4th: 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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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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