

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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AMA Chartered Club #1140

May 12th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

GSW Meeting notes 05-12-2026 taken by Paul Lange

19 persons attending

1st time attendees were Mr. Berl Driskill and new member Mr. Royce Cochran

April meeting notes motioned to accept by Frank Rowell and second motion by Jerry Burton followed by unanimous vote by the members attending

A discussion was initiated by Tim Lovett regarding the 110ft tall gas pipeline service rig recently erected just the outside GSW South East corner fence line. The service rig operators stated to Darrel Abby the rig will need at least five weeks to remove downhole pipe and cap off all five holes at the production pad. A round table conversation ensued about GSWAM aircraft avoiding the tower noting that smaller planes should have no issues while larger aircraft may need extra precautionary measures. An observation was suggested to fly over the Heli-Port when that area is not in use and consider trading flight times when the Heli-Port is active. John Miller suggested GSWAM fixed wing pilots actively engage "Spotter" persons to help ensure flight path avoidance of the tower. Keith Sparks suggested GSW pilots engage common sense flight tactics to avoid striking the tower rather than closing the south end of the field for precautionary measures. Rick Frazier commented on advising the general membership and potential event participants who may be unaware of the rig in advance of coming to the field. The attending members agreed to partition off flight stations 4,5,6 thus only flight stations 1,2,3 will be available for pilots to use at the main runway until further notice. This strategy will help pilots adjust to a North pattern bias circuit until the rig is removed. Rick Frazier and Rick Shook volunteered to help ensure all active pilots remain vigilant in efforts to avoid flying into the rig and help to advocate flying the North bias. Jerry Burton reminded the club has a couple of events that may fall within the five-week duration of the service rig therefore, GSWAM should consider possibility of an external advisory to event participants leading into those events.



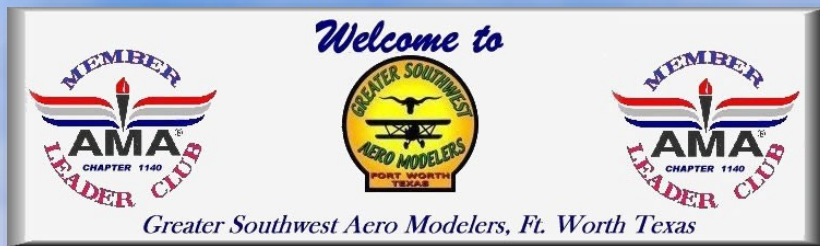
Tim Lovett—Club President

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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Tim Lovett reported the service rig operators mentioned the possibility of mowing over some legacy pipe runs that were perceived to be inside GSWAM Fria. However, according to those attending the meeting have no recollection of any lines running across or parallel inside GSWAM boundaries. Tim stated he would keep investigating the mowing issue and perhaps engage the city to consider mowing the rest of the field.

Darrell Abby reported the field is in great shape with Duane Klopenstein helping to maintain the Kubota mower. The John Deer and other mowers is running in good shape.

Rick Frazer noted the club needs to reset for another work date – the club noted a new work date shall be planned soon To Be Announced.

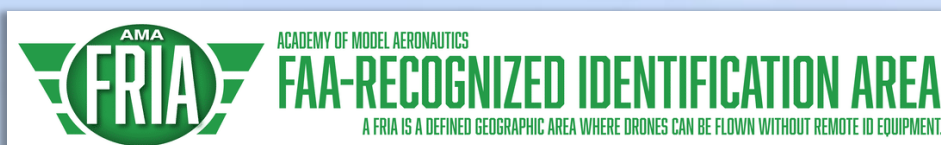
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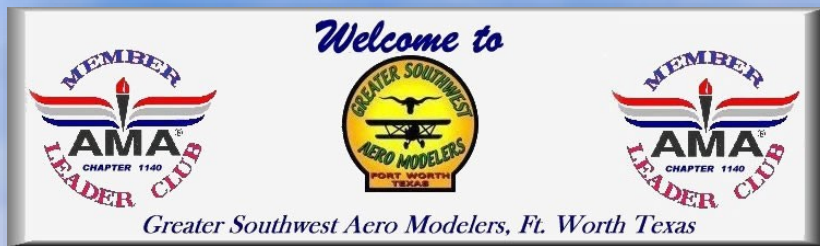
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The monthly meeting was gaveled closed.





Presidents Report

I hope you have been getting some flying in lately. The weather has been a bit sporadic with wind, cross winds and rain; but there have been some beautiful days as well!

Earlier this month we had our first annual GSW Swap Meet. It was held at the Life Fellowship Church, 760 W. SH 10, Hurst, TX. We utilized the gym for the swap meet and had several tables for rent. All the tables were filled and there was a constant stream of folks looking to see what they could find to place in their hangers. We had a "plane corral" for those aircraft that would hang off the table into the aisle space. This seemed to work great in keeping the aiseways navigable for people traffic. We got a lot of positive feedback. There were concessions which also garnered several nice comments. We will look forward to next year's swap meet. Thank you to Life Fellowship Church for donating the space for us!!!!

Saturday, May 30th be sure to save time for our GSW Fun-Fly day! Come on out and have some fun competing in some fun competition with our flying buddies! We will have some competition stages with some of your favorites. Events like Crackers and Whistles, Balls of Steel, Land in Time, Musical Chairs, 3 Loops and 3 Rolls, Poker Hands, etc. This has always been a great day with lots of laughs. There will be lunch served as well! This is a "fly whatever you want" event. Just bring it! Look forward to seeing you there! Come out and win a prize. Look for the flyer on our FB page in the next couple of days.

June 13th is the annual GSW Biplane Fly-In. Come out with those double-wing birds and show off! Darrel Abby is the CD for this great event. There will be prizes, lunch and lots of fun!

And save the date for the July 4th Annual Picnic and Dog Fest Day! I know Randy Mayhew has some big plans for the day. Bring the family with you, bring friends with you! It is always fun, food and family!

We do have a gas rig just east of our field in the SE corner. Flight stations 4,5 & 6 have been closed due to the rig's close proximity to the field. We also ask that you turn around to head back north right at the south taxiway so we don't get an airplane in the tower. They are pulling the 5 gas wells and shutting them down. We were told they will be finished about the end of June. I am crossing my fingers that this is true.

We have some new members at the field. Come out and meet them!

I hope to see you at the field! Keep the shiny side up!

Tim Lovett

President



May 2026 Treasurers Report

Many happenings for GSW as we all “gear up” for summer flying; unfortunately the weather has been challenging for us so far. Speaking of wind, have you qualified for Mark Fuess’s “Hardy-Boys Club” group? We’ve seen a drilling rig rise just outside our area, please give that apparatus a very wide berth and respect in your flying. Last month The Club hosted a very successful “Swap Meet”; I hope you were able attend... sell, buy and barter to your needs and content. The fees that The Club collected have helped to improve our resources as our expenses naturally rise during the summer months. Additionally, The Club is not isolated from economic pressures, and we have been subjected to the increase in prices on energy, maintenance items and also for services by providers trying to manage their cost. All of our accounts are paid and we do continue to improve our financial position.

The return of the Club Fun Fly is on the calendar for May 30th, if you have not participated in one before I encourage you to please try to. Typically your flying skills will be challenged (but not too difficult) there is some friendly competition, and the entertainment value is absolutely priceless. Additionally not too far in the future is one of The Club’s signature events: The Biplane Fly-in on June 13th, always popular with beautiful planes and some great flying.

Stay involved, keep participating, and protecting your club, we are extremely fortunate to have such a great flying facility.

Thank-you,
Michael

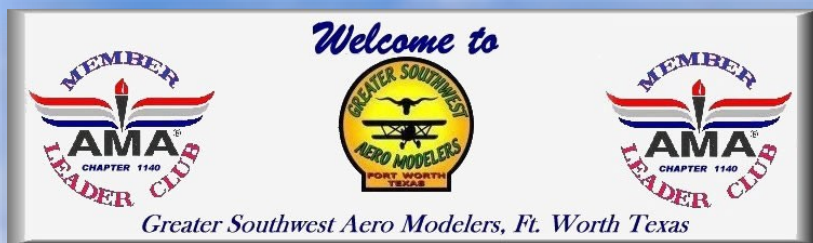




Aircraft Maidens In May 2026



Good Looking Plane Mike!



Mark Fuess's New DR-1



Field Photos — 1

Rick Frazier's Beautiful B-25 Bomber



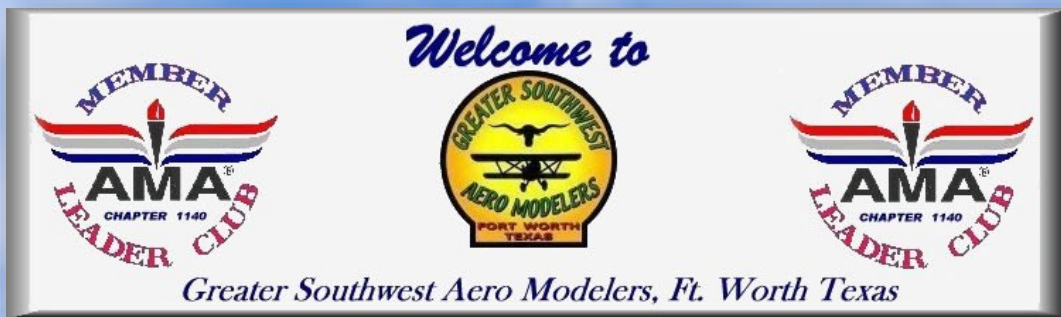
Future Pilot In the Making!



Field Photos — 2

Rick Frazier and Paul Lange's Twin WWI Fokker D-7's





DR-1's Are Everywhere!!

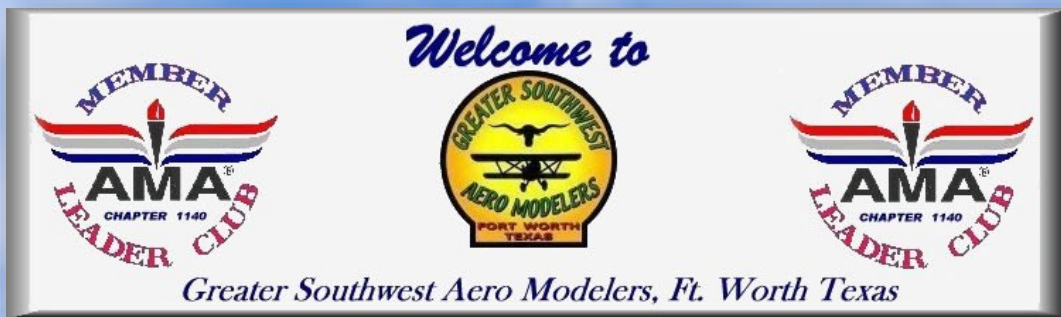
Even Our Own Lawrence Harville is Sporting One!



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FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

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R-88 Project Update

Houston — We Have Canopies!





GSW 2026 Event Schedule (Page-1 of 3)

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 9: GSW MEETING



June 13: GSW Biplane Fun-Fly(S)

Darrell Abby

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 14: GSW MEETING

July 20-26: Oshkosh EAA Air Venture

August 11: GSW MEETING

Aug 15: Float Fly

FtW Thunderbirds



Aug 22: National Model Aviation Day

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



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

Aug 22: Richardson R/C Club Swap Meet & Auction

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

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



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Nov 7: N.E.E.D Food Drive

Randy Mayhew



Dec 5: Toys for Tots

Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 5/17/2026

New Event

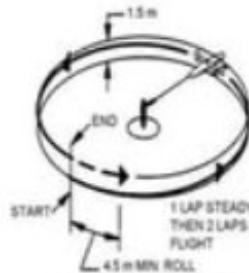
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Events Listing Created and Maintained by Michael Madar

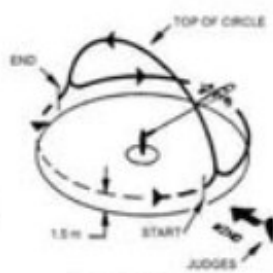


CONTROL LINE AIRCRAFT AEROBATIC MANEUVERS

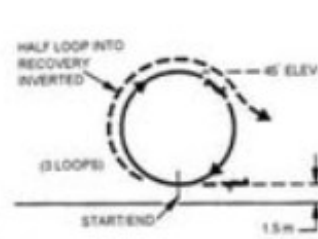
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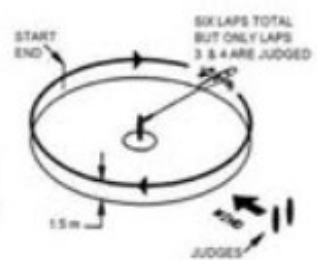
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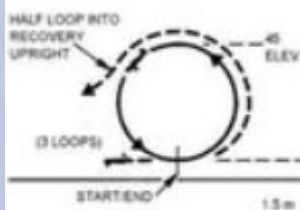
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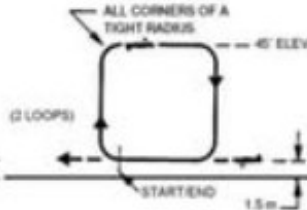
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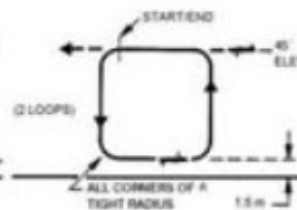
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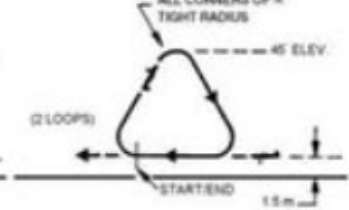
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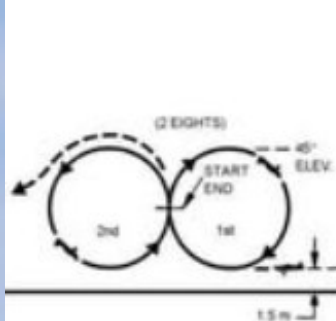
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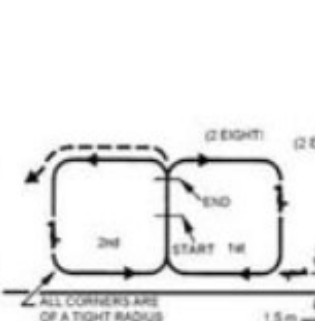
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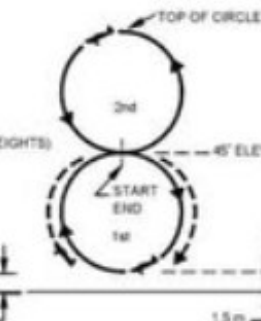
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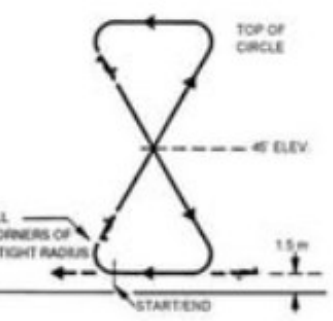
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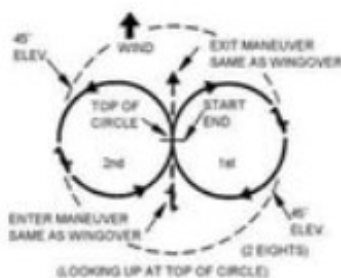
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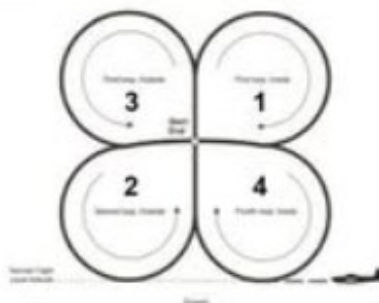
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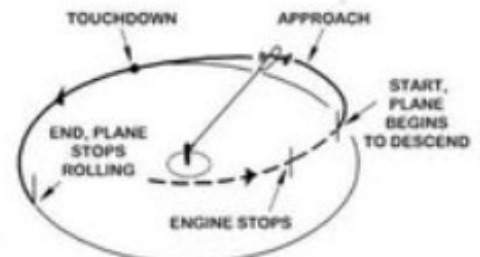
**HOURLASS
FIGURE**



**OVERHEAD
EIGHTS**



**FOUR LEAF
CLOVER**



LANDING



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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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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