

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter Editor - **Sonny Coleman**

AMA Chartered Club #1140

June 9th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday June 9th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 15

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The May 2026 business meeting minutes were approved by a majority show of hands vote by the attending club members. Motion to approve the June 2026 business meeting minutes was made by Dana Pierce and seconded by Frank Rowell.

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the flying field grounds had been mowed and trimmed recently and reported the runway was in great shape. Darrell noted the maintenance crew was doing great work keeping the property grounds in excellent condition but continuing equipment failures were becoming troublesome as mowers, like the #3 mower, cannot be relied upon to be available for use due to ongoing mechanical issues. Frank Rowell reported the availability to purchase a like new, (25 hours run time), 26 HP "zero-turn" mower, (with grass catcher), being sold by Al Cannon, (Roy's Hobby Shop), for \$3500. That mower reportedly currently sells for \$6000 new. The zero-turn mower has a 60" cutting deck but can only cut grass down to 1.5". After club members discussed the ins and outs of possibly purchasing the zero-turn mower a motion to purchase said mower was introduced by Dana Pierce and seconded by Mark Foster. Motion for the club to purchase the zero-turn mower for \$3500 passed via a majority show of hands vote by attending club members. ****Mower Purchase Addendum****

The zero-turn mower purchase was eventually cancelled due to finding a better John Deere tractor mower purchase opportunity. Further information regarding a tractor mower purchase will be included in next months business meeting minutes when details of a new mower purchase are available.

The runway perimeter high grass is scheduled to be mowed Thursday June 11th. The drilling tower working on the east side of the runway, (within the asphalt plant property), is still up as of June 9th. After a bit of a break in the rainy weather the runway was rolled by club president Tim Lovett to help flatten the runway turf using the club's roller on the softened turf.



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

2026 CLUB OFFICERS

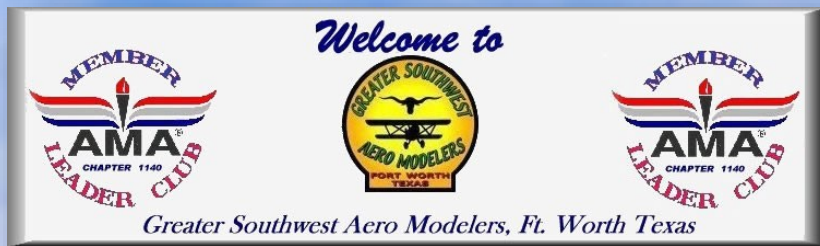
President: Tim Lovett - 817-239-6401

Vice President: Randy Mayhew - 817-919-3803

Secretary: Sonny Coleman - 682-408-1830

Treasurer: Michael Madar - 817-371-6380

Safety Officer: Rick Shook - 817-832-2118



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Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported the recent club fun-fly brought in \$539 for the club. Mike also reported club member Mark Foster donated \$830 towards new tools for the club mower maintenance tool collection. A detailed treasurers report is included in this (June 2026) newsletter.

Meeting with the New City of Ft. Worth Leasing Agent: Tim Lovett reported he had scheduled a face-to-face meeting with the new City of Ft. Worth leasing agent responsible for the club's re-occurring property lease agreement. The current GSWAM property' lease agreement expires in 2028.

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

Spirit of GSW Award: Frank Rowell led a discussion regarding reviving the Spirit of GSW annual award bestowed upon GSW club members recognized as going above and beyond in service of the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers organization. Then club president Lewie Moore started recognizing exemplary individuals serving the GSW club at the annual club banquets and it was quite an honor to receive the Spirit of GSW award plaque. No decisions or actions were mentioned or voted upon to revive the prestigious GSW club member award.

Model of the Month: N/A

June 2026 Raffle: Sonny Coleman won the coveted Hobbytown gift card.

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

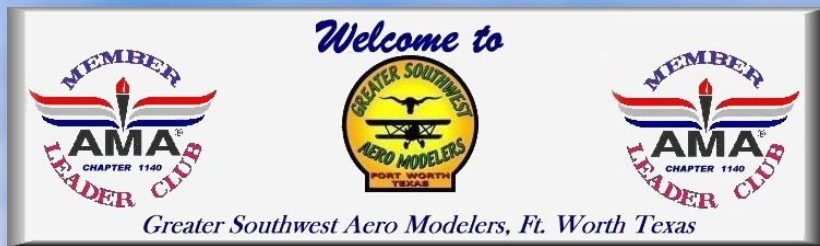
June 2026 Business Meeting Minutes by Club Secretary: *Sonny Coleman*



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FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

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President's Report

Well, June is almost over and the heat is on! Please stay hydrated while you are at the field. Think also about drinking a good amount of water before you head out to the field. Watch the other flyers while you are there to make certain they are not showing signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Heavy sweating, headaches, and paleness are some of those signs. Heat stroke can follow very quickly and includes dizziness, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, etc. Heat stroke can be fatal. So, let's take care of each other during the heat of the summer months. Cool packs under a person's arms and groin area can bring the body core temperature down safely. DO NOT drink an ice cold bottle of water; that could cause them to stroke. There are ice packs in the freezer and feel free to use them if needed.

In the last meeting it was discussed to buy a new mower. We had an offer to buy a Bad Boy Zero Turn mower from someone that was not using theirs. Funds were allocated for the purchase with the understanding Darrell Abby would check on the suitability of it for our field. Darrell passed on that purchase mostly due to it being a 60" deck, and the storage issues with that. We have moved over to a new John Deere mower more in the size of a 42" deck that will fit with storage. This is a new mower, with a warranty. The John Deere mowers have serviced our club well and we feel this one will as well. The nicest thing is the price will fit within what was budgeted at the meeting.

I met the Fort Worth Leasing Agent at the field last week so he could see the field. He was impressed with the field and the care! He said they (city) were ready to renew our lease when the time comes. We spoke about this next lease being in the neighborhood of 40 years. Let's hope that comes to fruition!

Be certain to thank Darrell Abby and the rest of the mowing crew for the wonderful flying site we all enjoy because of their efforts!

Upcoming is our annual banquet. Plans are being made now. A date will be set at the next meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the field! Keep the shiny side up!

Tim



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June 2026 Treasurers Report

June has been hot and steamy month for us with all the rain and now heat. Good news it saves a bit on our anticipated water bill, but more importantly our fields should look excellent through mid-summer. In financial happenings we've sent the lease payment into the City of Ft Worth for our flying field, and President Tim reports they have the check. We've also paid for our post office box, and I hope you noticed the 'bad lands' have been mowed, we've paid that substantial bill as well. Late breaking news...the drilling rig just outside of the downwind pattern has been removed!

We've had two more successful events, both fun and profitable and with seemingly popular raffles at both helping The Club's financial standing. If you'd like to see more raffles, please let President Tim know. The third quarter typically provides a negative cash flow operation for us so getting ahead of the curve is very helpful.

The Fourth of July Club Celebration/ Dog Fest Fun Fly is rapidly approaching, a wonderful occasion to celebrate Our County, justification to bring that Warbird to the field while doing good by donating to the animal shelter. And Vice President Randy always brings "his special fun" to this type of event, hope to see you there.

Michael





Field Report - June 20th 2026

The spring rains and warm temps have sent our grass into overdrive requiring mowing twice a week. The runway is in fantastic condition. The thick grass may be causing some flip-overs for the smaller planes. The sprinkler system has been off for several months saving the club some money. The tractor issues are currently minor. The green #3 container has been mostly cleaned out and still needs attention. Come out and enjoy the field before the 100 degree temps and be safe.

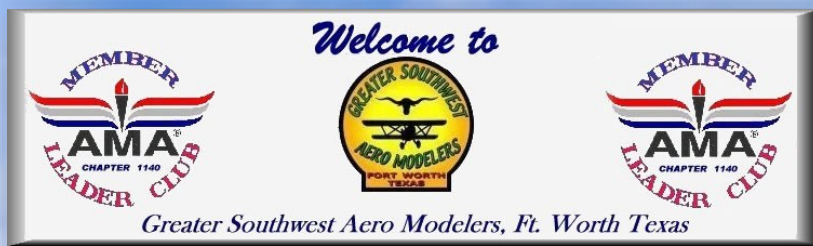
Darrell Abby



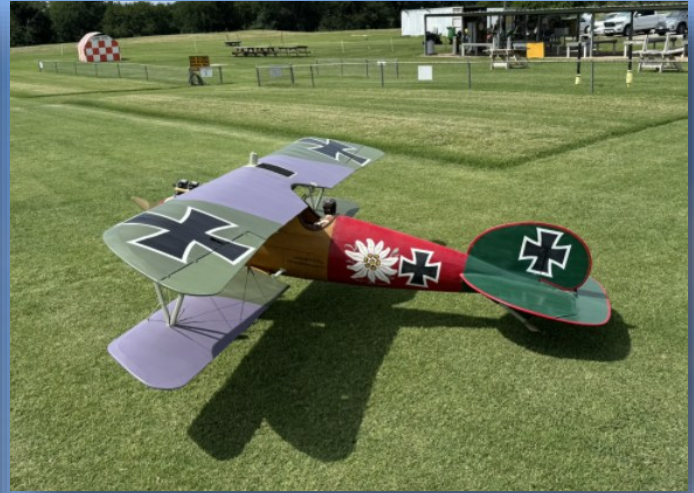


Aircraft Maidens In June 2026





Additional Ed Newman Albatros Photos





Field Photos - 1

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Billy Law





Field Photos - 2

June Flood of 2026



Greater Southwest Aero Modelers



Biplane Fun Fly ---- June 13, 2026 - by *Darnell Abby*

The 25th annual Biplane Fun Fly dawned partly cloudy and warm with a moderate westerly crosswind. Donuts and treats flowed as pilots assembled their planes. After the National Anthem and CD Darrell Abby's short pilot's safety meeting, flying began in earnest. The Fokker D VII fleet was most impressive. Mike Madar manned the office and signed up fourteen pilots but the number of planes certainly exceeded that. Visitors enjoyed the flying and stayed around for lunch cooked by Jim Keller with Joel Jerabek and Randy Mayhew assisting. Flying tapered off later when the wind gusted higher. Several items were raffled off but the big prize (1.3 meter E-Flite Cherokee) was won by Dennis Glover.



MORE BIPLANE PHOTOS ON PAGE 10

More Biplane Fun-Fly Images



E-Flite Cherokee won by Dennis Glover

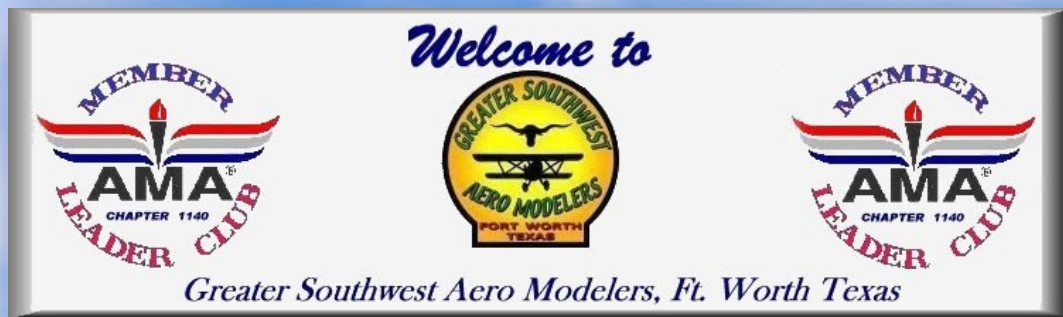


Jerry Burton's Parachute Man



Parachute Man is guided to earth once released





R-88 Project Update





GSW 2026 Event Schedule (P-1) (and Surrounding Events)



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**

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

September 9: GSW MEETING

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
Oct: 16-17: Warbirds Over Texas

Tyler R/C Club
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: GSW N.E.E.D Food Drive

Randy Mayhew



Dec 5: GSW Toys for Tots

Randy Mayhew

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event
New Event
** Date Change

Updated: 6/21/2026 by *Michael Madar*



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/>



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GSWAM Information/Documents Website

Find club documentation 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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