

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-31 — July 2026

Newsletter Editor - **Sonny Coleman**

AMA Chartered Club #1140

July 14th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday July 14th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club vice
president Randy Mayhew.

Members In Attendance: 10

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The June 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 Jerry Burton and seconded by Ryan Anderson.

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the runway and pit area grass had
brown grass in places because the sprinkler system's main controller failed
to initiate the preprogrammed sprinkler system watering schedules. Darrell
reprogrammed the sprinkler system controller and got the sprinkler zones
following the sprinkler systems watering schedules again.

The front gate area tall grass was cleared out with a weed-wacker by Bob
Mueller.

The onsite weather station and field camera have recently been going offline
apparently due to the excessive heat experienced at the flying field. The in-
stallation of a small enclosure fan to circulate air through the weather station
enclosure was discussed but no actions taken.

The front gate combination lock was reported missing and later found on the
ground near the front gate. The combination tumbler digits were still set to
the lock combination. When you lock the front gate be sure to scramble the
tumbler numbers so the actual gate lock combination is not accidentally pro-
vided to anyone.

Meeting Raffle: There were two items raffled-off during this month's busi-
ness meeting. The \$10.00 Hobbytown gift card was won by Darrell Abby.
The GSWAM custom insulated drinking cup was won by Jimmy Stanford.
(Welcome back Jimmy!)

July 2026 Business Meeting Minutes provided by **Sonny Coleman**



Tim Lovett—Club President

About GSWAM

The Greater Southwest Aero Model-
ers 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 Mod-
el Aeronautics (AMA). The club fly-
ing 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

FIELD REPORT July 21, 2026

Just as the grass was turning brown, we got a reprieve in the form of about 1.5" rain closely followed by this string of high temps over 100 degrees. But the sprinkler system is on and working so we press on. The tractors are doing well for now. We are still mowing the runway early on Tuesday and Friday mornings. John Bender is keeping the control line circle in great condition. Tru Green has been out recently. The only current problem is that the hog fence cutting vandals are back and harassing us at the north end. They made multiple cuts this last week on Friday, Sunday, and Tuesday. Come fly early mornings and late evenings and stay hydrated.

Darrell Abby

Thank You Mow Crew!





July 2026 Treasurers Report

Here we are in the “Dog Days” of Summer... did you know? “Dog Days of Summer” specifically denotes the period when Sirius, the brightest star in the sky (besides our Sun) and a part of the constellation Canis Major (the "Greater Dog"), aligns in conjunction with the Sun!

We hope you were able to join us for the GSW 4th of July Celebration & Dog Fest Fly-In. VP Randy put together another wonderful fun-filled flying event, and the membership graciously contributed \$400 which will be donated to the Ft Worth Animal Care and Control Shelter. “National Model Aviation Day” is Saturday August 22nd, a good day to pen in as a FLY DAY to celebrate our hobby sport.

All known bills are paid, and we continue to hold a strong financial stance as we see our costs rise the next couple of months. CD news...after being told I could not rollover our 2-month CD to a 4-month CD without signatories I was able to finally reach our P.O.C. Russell and he told me they were mistaken and I could, so yesterday I rolled our 2-month CD at 1.5% interest into a 4-month CD with 3.3 apy.

Stay cool...Fins UP!

Michael



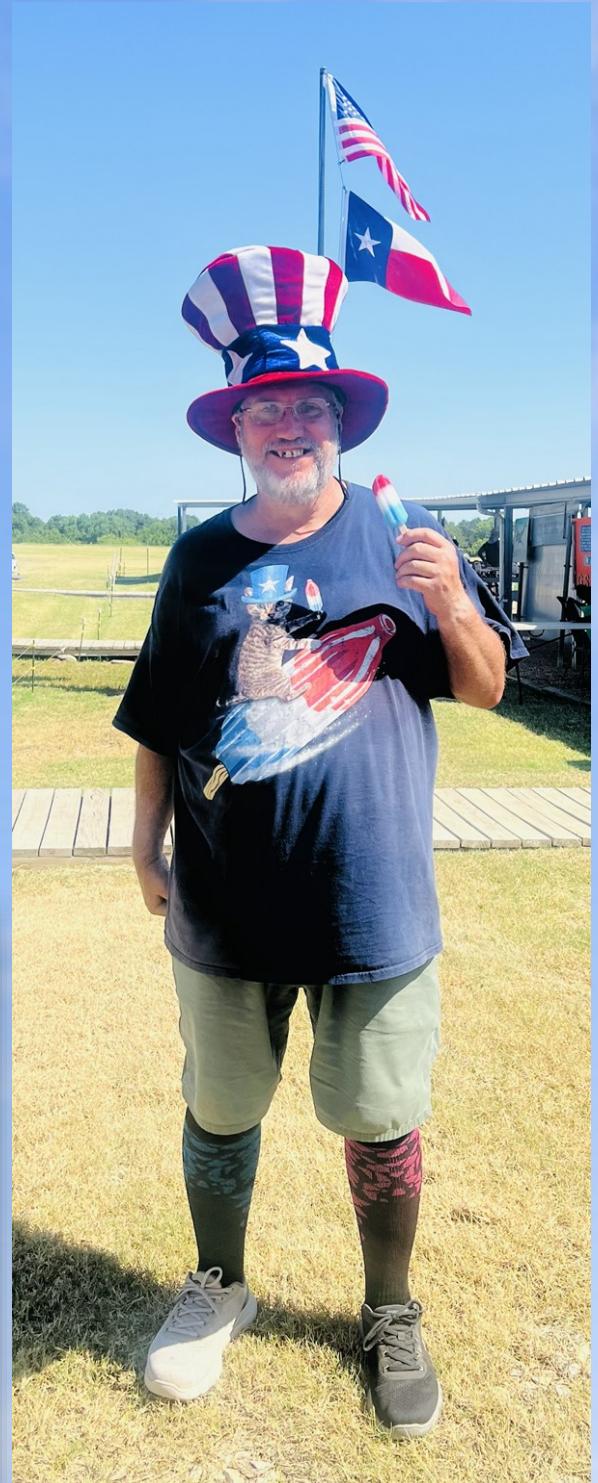
Honoring Mark Fuess “The Engine Whisperer”

Every successful Club is made up of members that contribute in a multitude of ways...At GSW today, Saturday July 11th, we “Celebrate” **Mark Fuess**, who is our “*Engine Whisperer*”, a man that has helped countless members with their engine gremlins over the years.

From us all Mark; we are pleased to present you with this “table name-plate” with appreciation and a **BIG THANK YOU!**



2026 4th of July Event Photos P-1

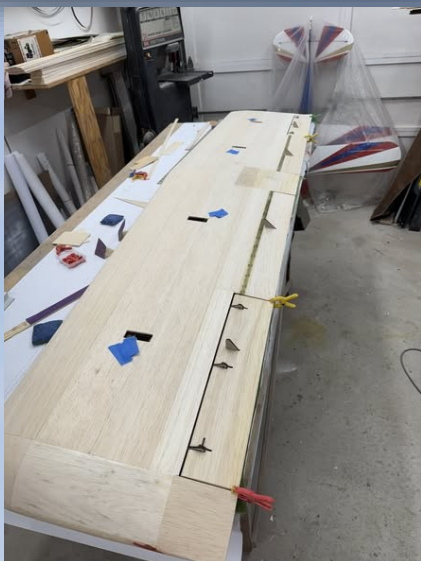


2026 4th of July Event Photos P-2



X-88 Project Update

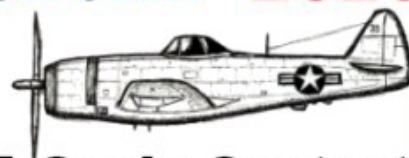
The 'X-88 Project' is a 3 club member consortium consisting of Ed Newman (master builder and advisor), Michael Madar (chief procurement), and Darrell Abby (regular builder). We are all building a Van's RV-4 from Hostetler plans. Mike and Darrell plan a DLE 40 twin for the 85" sport plane. We started collecting parts in February. Maybe we'll be flying by the end of the year.



2026 TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026



Bob McDuff Memorial
&



NASA West Regional Shootout- AMA Scale Contest

September 12th & 13th

HOSTED BY: Greater Southwest Aero Modelers- 6903 Randol Mill Rd. Ft. Worth TX 76120

REGISTRATION

\$35.00 first Entry, \$15.00 Additional Entries - Includes Saturday Lunch & Drawing for Pilots

SATURDAY REGISTRATION 8:00am

STATIC Begins at: 8:00am
FLYING Begins at: 9:00am
FOUR FLIGHT ROUNDS

SUNDAY REGISTRATION: 8:am

FLYING Begins at: 8:00am
TWO FLIGHT ROUNDS
TROPHY Presentation at 1:PM

- - - NO TURBINES ALLOWED - - -

NASA QUALIFIER

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511 Sportsman

512 Expert

515 Designer

522 Team

523 Open /Advanced

STATIC ONLY COMPETITION

AMA Scale Helicopter

520 Fun Scale

Expert=Pro Pro/Am

Novice=Pro Pro/Am

Best Female pilot 16 under

Best Male Pilot 16 under

Best Female Pilot over 16

Electric Airplane

Military and Civilian Classes

*****NEW EVENT*****

WARBIRD CLASS

www.gswam.org

650x50 Grass Runway

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

520 Fun Scale- -Electric

Only documentation required is a photo or drawing of your plane.

Full Documentation required for:

511, 512, 515, 522, 523 Expert, Sportsman, Team,
Open/Advanced, Designer

Texas Champion all scores are combined for highest total.
Team Scale not eligible.

CONTEST DIRECTOR: Tim Lovett

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

July 5-Aug 5: AMA Nationals



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



Sept 19: 30th Annual IMAC Challenge
Sep 26 Float Fly

Texoma RC Club
N. Dallas R/C Club

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



Chase Walkins



Oct 13: GSW Meeting

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

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Updated: 7/21/2026 by *Michael Madar*

New Event
** Date Change



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.

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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MEETING

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