

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



Volume-32 — August 2026

Newsletter Editor - Sonny Coleman

AMA Chartered Club #1140

August 11th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (page1 of 2)



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

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday August 11th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club
president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 16

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The July 2026 business meeting minutes were approved by a majority show of hands vote by the attending club members. Motion to approve the July 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 the grounds trimmed recently and the runway was in good shape. The sprinkler system has been working properly running the programmed sprinkler schedules for the past month. The mowers have been performing well lately. Darrell noted the hog wire fence at the north end of the property had been cut multiple times and then repaired. Area homeless people are suspected to be the fence vandals cutting the north property fence repeatedly. Darrell also noted the mowing crew is now mowing the grass on Friday only.

Treasurers Report: Club treasurer Michael Madar reported all club bills are paid and current. A detailed treasurers report is included in this (August 2026) newsletter.

2026 Bob McDuff Texas Scale Championship Update: Tim reported he is contacting the event's flight judges to prepare for the event. The event polo shirts have not yet been ordered.

DogFest Event \$400.00 Donation: There was a discussion regarding where to donate the clubs \$400.00 donation funds to. The general consensus among attending club members was to only donate to Ft. Worth area animal shelters to help the local animal shelter's operations. Keith "Sparky" Sparks recommended investing in pet supplies like food and cat litter rather than donating money.



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

GSW Club Banquet: Tim Lovett reported the November 7th 2026 club dinner event venue was going to be at Raven's Grill within the Texas Star Golf course facility. Entry Fee \$10.00 and attendees pay for their own meals. Those of us who regularly visit Raven's Grill can attest the food there is very good and their meals are reasonably priced with most meals costing less than \$15.00 per person (minus drinks). Get your tickets from Tim Lovett or Michael Madar.

Lawrence Harville's Birthday Celebration: On August 22nd at 6:00PM there will be a birthday celebration for Lawrence at his residence. Come on out and celebrate Lawrence's 80th birthday

Model of the Month: N/A

August 2026 Raffle: This month there were two HobbyTown \$10.00 gift certificates to be raffled off: #1 was won by Dana Pierce and gift card #2 was won by Ryan Anderson.

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

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



Presidents Report

HOT! HOT! HOT! It has been very hot this month. I hope you have been well, but please keep hydrated while at the field.

Our Texas Scale Championships contest is September 11-13. That is coming fast! See the flyer in this newsletter. The 11th is mostly for out of town contestants to be able to fly the field for familiarity. So, make sure to welcome them that afternoon and give them a chance to fly.

Another item on the coming schedule is our annual banquet. That will be on November 7th, at 6:00 PM. We will be going to the Raven's Grille at Texas Star Golf Course in Euless, TX. See the flyer in this newsletter. Sonny is putting together a historical slide show of GSW history from the 70's to present day. I think it will be a wonderful look at banquets, mall shows, competitions and field photographs through the years. There are many photos of past and present members and some of the pioneers through the years that have unfortunately passed onto their heavenly rewards. Please consider attending this one!

The field is looking great thanks to the efforts of our hard working maintenance crew. Check out the photos in Darrell Abbey's field report. They painted all 14 tables under the shelter this past Tuesday. Thank them when you see them. They are the reason we all have such a nice facility to enjoy our sport!

I am not alone in wishing for cooler temperatures and less winds in the future months. Going out in 100 degree weather with 20 MPH winds is like stepping into a blast furnace. But, I think milder days are coming!

Godzilla visited the field on June 5th and I got a photo of him! Enjoy.



If you would consider helping out at the scale contest by taking a judges position, please give me a call. 817 239-6401.

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

Tim Lovett

President

FIELD REPORT August 20, 2026

The dog days of summer have browned our turf but the runway is still in good condition. The mowing and maintenance crew is mowing once per week right now or as needed. The sprinkler system runs every Tuesday and Friday nights. The mowers are holding their own. The “North End Vandals” continue to cut the hog fence in multiple locations just for fun. And we continue to repair it. Other visitors are the armadillos or skunks rooting up the runway grass and digging holes.

On Tuesday, August 18 the crew and other volunteers power washed, sanded, and painted all the worktables. See pictures. Come fly with us. Mornings are a good choice if you can.

Darrell Abby



FIELD REPORT August 20, 2026

More Workday Photos





August 2026 Treasurers Report

August has certainly been a warm month with hardly any rain for relief; seems flying has slowed down as well. This is a good time to get those planes ready for what I believe is the best flying season here, mid-September through Thanksgiving, which provides great temperatures and favorable winds. Financial matters have slowed down for the Club as well as there are just a few membership transactions, and we are steady in our cost management.

September brings our newly expanded and named “NASA Scale Regional Shoot Out West” Contest, 11-13 September. Should be fun, review the information, get your favorite planes ready and join the flying fun. Link here: [N.A.S.A. Scale Regional Shootout West 2026 – R/C | National Association of Scale Aeromodelers](#)

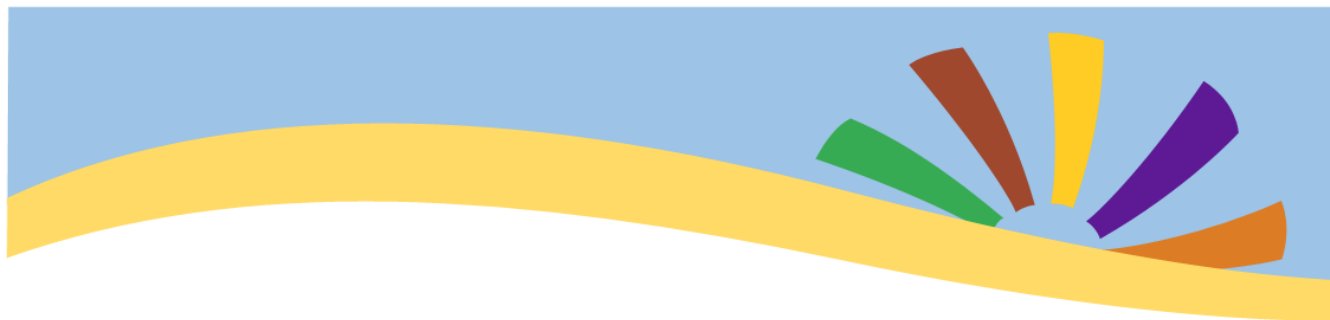
Contest flying provides an atmosphere that is both challenging and rewarding. There are always amazing planes to see and awesome flying in all categories, so come out and be a part of it!

As we start our preparation for the end of the year a couple of notes. My position as Club Treasurer is up for reconsideration/renewal, if you are interested in becoming involved in the Club and you are curious in what it entails, please contact me or talk with President Tim about your interest in being Club Treasurer. Also, the GSW Club Dinner has been announced for 7 November at the Texas Star Golf Course, this is a very nice, enjoyable facility with really good food. The dinner is a wonderful occasion to relax with club members and provides an opportunity to bring your “Spouse/Significant Other and/or Friend” to enjoy and be introduced to the names behind the stories we bring back from the flying field. So, add it to your social calendar...

Stay cool and ENJOY...

Michael





GSW Banquet

Come to this years banquet!!!! A time for fellowship, friends and food. How much better does it get than that? We will have good food to eat, some entertainment, and some times to reflect on the years events and happenings.

November 7, 2026 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Raven's Grill (At the Texas Star Golf Course)

1400 Texas Star Pkwy, Euless, TX 76040

\$10.00 / person Tickets may be purchased from Tim Lovett (817 239-6401) or Randy Mayhew (817 919-3803) or Mike Madar (817 371-6380)

You will pay for your meal, drinks and desserts. The selections run between \$8-\$14, Desserts \$4-\$5. Drinks whatever the bar charges.

Menu will be ordered off their menu with a choice of 6 selections. Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Chicken Fingers, Pan Seared Salmon, Texas Star Burger, Shiner Bock Pork Chops, Gulf Coast Shrimp. Desserts are Crème Brulee, Texas Chocolate Pecan Cake, Pecan Pie and Shakes and Floats and Hot Fudge Sundaes.

The dress is business casual.

GAMA 2027 SWAP MEET

Friday, January 15, 2027

Saturday, January 16, 2027

The Georgetown Aero Modelers Association (GAMA) invites RC enthusiasts and anyone curious about RC model aviation to attend our 29th annual Swap Meet. It is one of the biggest and best attended events of its kind in Central Texas. Come buy, sell, trade or just look around at the hundreds of RC aircraft and thousands of accessories offered by scores of sellers. Whether you're looking for something new or something old, you're sure to find it and at a reasonable price. There will also be plenty of free advice and insights from the many experienced pilots and builders who attend this event annually.



LOCATION:

Georgetown Community Center
455 E. Morrow St., Georgetown, TX
78626

CONTACT INFO:

For table reservations please go to
gamarctx.com/event-list
For other inquiries, email:
gamarctx.vicepresident@gmail.com
Or call 928-301-8804



ADMISSION

- Adults \$7 only
- Spouse and Under 18 yrs - Free

HOURS

- Friday, 1/15. Vendors access at 10 AM
General Public 11 AM - 7 PM
- Saturday, 1/16 Vendors access at 8 AM
General Public 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Friday 1/15: 10 AM - 6 PM
- Saturday 1/16: 9 AM - 1 PM

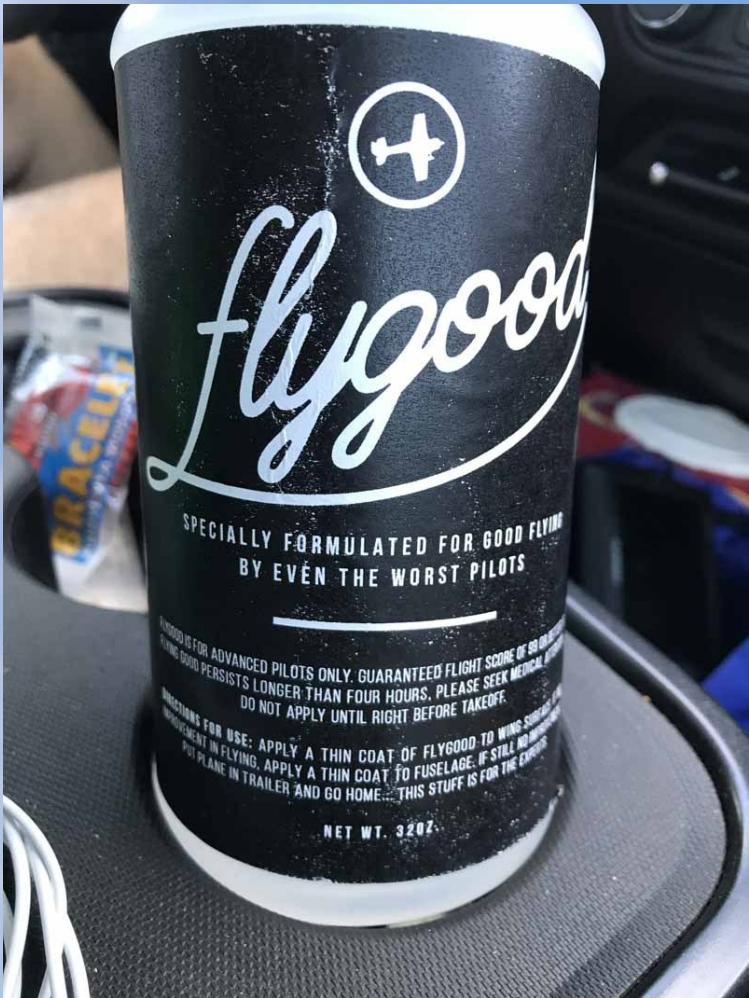
Hanger 9
Ultra Stick
PNP 60"

Raffle



Tickets may be purchased for \$5 each.
3 for \$10, 6 for \$15 or 10 for \$20.

Field Photos



X-88 Project Update

Darrell Abby's RV-4

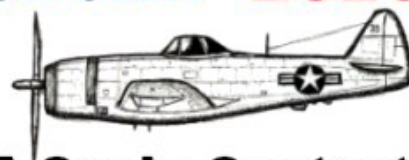
The 'X-88 Project' was born last February when Eddie Newman, Mike Madar, and Darrell Abby decided to each build the 85.5" Vans RV-4. The build started with Wendell Hostetler plans; Eddie Newman drew some design changes and created a file for laser cutting most of the wood parts. Al Cannan did the laser cutting. Darrell's plane is ready for driveway engine run. The DLE 40 twin swings a Zoar 19 x 8 prop; total weight is 24.5 lb. Maiden flight coming soon.



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 - - -

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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

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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

P.O. Box 1324

Hurst TX 76053

817-239-6401

CRASHDYNAMICS@GMAIL.COM

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Randy Mayhew

817-919-3803

GSW 2026 Event Schedule (and Surrounding Events)

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

Texoma RC Club

Sep 26 Float Fly

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

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: GSW N.E.E.D Food Drive

Randy Mayhew

NOV 7: GSW Club Dinner



Texas Star Golf Course

Dec 5: GSW Toys for Tots



Randy Mayhew

Dec 8: GSW Meeting

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 8/19/202 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 Aeromodellers 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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