

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter Editor - Sonny Coleman

AMA Chartered Club #1140

September 1st, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (page1 of 2)

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday September 1st, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club
president Tim Lovett

Members In Attendance: 19

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

Field Report: Darrell Abby reported the club's field maintenance air com-
pressor had failed. Club member Mark Foster stepped-up and donated a re-
placement air compressor. (Thank You, Mark!) Darrell also mentioned look-
ing into an electronic motion-activated ultrasonic repeller that uses high-
frequency sound waves to deter armadillos from dining on the runway grub
worms. Michael Madar said he had spoken with a lawn care expert regarding
the treatment of grub worms. The lawn care representative quoted a \$350
price for his company to treat the GSW runway grub worms. Michael also
said Tru Green does not currently offer grub treatment in their contract with
GSW. Darrell Abby made a motion (seconded by Frank Rowell) to accept the
\$350 runway grub treatment bid with a not to exceed \$400 cost. Darrell men-
tioned there were mowers with tires that are worn-out and not holding air
pressure. The general consensus among attending club members was the
tires need to be replaced but no action was taken to schedule replacing the
mower tires. The north perimeter hog fence had been cut again.

Late Night Unknown Visitors: GSWAM security cameras recently picked-
up two late night visitors at the flying facility and the police were promptly
called. The responding police officers did not find anyone there at the flying
field. It is suspected that the uninvited guests are entering the property
through the gap between the two gates where the chain and lock secure the
two gate halves. When locking up the gate be sure and pull the gate chain as
tightly as possible before locking the gate to help deter vandals from slipping
past the two gate halves. ***Don't Be That Careless Person Who Fails To
Lock The Gate!***



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

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

2026 Bob McDuff Texas Scale Championship Update: Paul Lange reported he will be bringing his cooling station tent and misting fan for those who need to cool-off during the event. Tim Lovett mentioned due to the excessive heat it is recommended to use a cooling neck scarf to help keep a little cooler during the event. Tim also mentioned he had several of the cooling neck scarfs available to loan out to event participants. There will be extra bottles of cold water available to help keep everyone hydrated. Tim said the event polo shirts were not expected to be ready for the event. Also, there will be a second chance to purchase shirts at the event.

NOTAM Alert: Wednesday September 9th the field will be closing at 11:00 am and remain closed until Friday morning (09/11/2026) due to an active NOTAM (Notice To Airmen) due to a VIP flying into the DFW area.

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 banquet tickets from Tim Lovett or Michael Madar.

Model of the Month: N/A

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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

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



Presidents Report

Well, you know I have been prodding and pounding about how dangerous the heat can be to us? Unfortunately a fellow RC hobbyist died last week. A 74 year old flyer in Katy, TX lost his R/C plane in the woods at the airfield. He and two friends went into the woods to find his plane. The heat was about 100 degrees, unknown heat index. The two friends came back out of the woods, one of them in bad shape from the heat. Mr. Nowak had not taken his phone or any water with him into the woods. The 2nd friend went back out in an attempt to find him. Police/Fire/Rescue were called to the scene. Mr. Nowak was found deceased early the next morning. He had become disoriented and walked the opposite way, across a creek and expired. Our hearts and prayers go out for his family and friends.

There have been several events similar to this across the country. A downed airplane is not worth the risk! Don't go out in the stifling heat for a plane! You can always get another plane and maybe the plane can be found when the weather cools, but it is not worth your health or life. Please.

The Texas Scale Championship was held last weekend, the 11-13th. It was VERY hot! We will be moving back into October next year in an effort to hopefully avoid the heat. Darrell Abby was writing an article to cover the event. Look for it in this newsletter.

At our October meeting we will be accepting nominations for club officers. The officer core that we have has expressed interest in staying another year in office. Tim Lovett-President, Randy Mayhew-Vice President, Sonny Coleman-Secretary, Michael Madar-Treasurer, and Rick Shook-Safety Officer. If you want to put your name, or nominate some willing person, then make that nomination at the meeting. We will vote on this at the December meeting since there will be no meeting in November due to the annual banquet.

The banquet is November 7th at the Raven's Grille (Texas Star Golf Course-Euless), at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and you will select a meal from the menu. The meal and drinks are on you to pay. The \$10.00 will handle paying for the venue and awards. Sonny is preparing a slide show from previous banquets from the 70's forward, Mall shows, general flying shots and competition photos. It is amazing how much history is in this slide show! You don't want to miss it! Get tickets from me, Michael Madar or Randy Mayhew.

We have some new members; look for them at the field and introduce yourselves.

Stay safe,

Tim Lovett

President



FIELD REPORT September 19, 2026

Overall, the field is in reasonably good shape. The armadillos continue to route divits and disrupt the turf. We periodically fill the holes with sand but, at times, this feels futile. On Sep 17 the runway was treated with Dylox, a grub killer, and was promptly watered in. Cross your fingers. The runway is flyable, just be careful. The sprinkler system is keeping the grass alive in this current drought and heat wave.

The current problem with our mowers is flat tires every week on 3 of the 5 tractors. And so our air compressor promptly failed. During the winter months the maintenance crew would like to invest in some new tires. Mark Foster has donated a new compressor and also completely overhauled the windsock. Thank you, Mark.

The hog fence mischief is sporadic. The wires are cut on several consecutive nights and then they will lay off for a week or two. Cooler weather ahead; come fly with us.

Darrell Abby

GSW Field Flag Pole Repainted by Mark Foster

Thanks Mark!





September 2026 Treasurers Report

Calendar-wise, fall has finally arrived, and both we and the field made it through an exceptionally hot, dry summer.

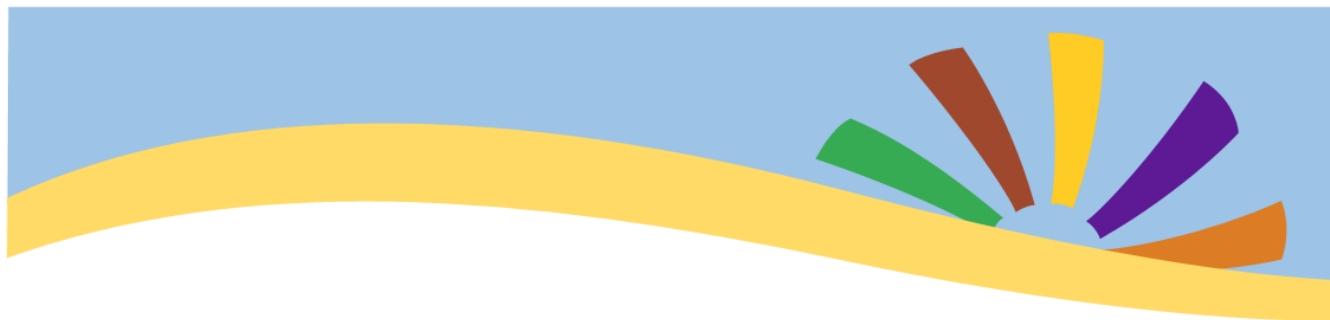
Spending remains within projections, and every known bill has been paid.

More comfortable flying weather is on the way, along with several local events—including our All Scale Fly-In on 10 Oct. Led by Barry Ponder, this signature event consistently showcases beautiful planes and outstanding flying.

Please mark your calendar for the N.E.E.D. Food Drive on 7 November, organized by VP Randy, followed by the Club Dinner that evening. Dinner tickets are available from President Tim, VP Randy, or me. On 5 December, VP Randy will be the “Santa Elf” at our Toys for Tots event—hopefully with good flying weather.

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.

Bob McDuff

2026 Texas Scale Championship

It was a HOT contest in many ways with temps hovering around 100 degrees. Other than the heat and armadillo divots, conditions were very favorable with light wind down the runway. There was a lot of flying and, unfortunately, a couple of disastrous crashes. Twenty pilots and 26 beautiful scale aircraft were entered (9 different classes) in the Sep 12-13, 2026 event. Out of towners were from Rockwall, Arizona, and Louisiana. Lots of prizes were won in the club raffle. The NASA local drawing for the T-28 was won by Stan Alexander, a NASA official. The big prize NASA drawing will be held in Ft Collins, CO at the end of September. The 2026 Texas Scale Champion is Tim Dickey from Prescott Valley, AZ. Many thanks to the judges, cooks Jim and Joel, Lori in the office, photographer Bob, scorekeepers, "armadillo hole fillers", and Tim and Randy, event CD's for a successful event. Here are the results and enjoy the photos.

Texas Scale Champion Tim Dickey Stearman (649.1 out of 700)

Designer	1 st	Ben Andrus	Fairchild	(high static 99.5)
Open/Advanced	1 st	Tim Dickey	Stearman	
	2 nd	Tim Lovett	Tiger Moth	
Expert	1 st	Jerry Hays	Ole Tiger Racer	
	2 nd	Ed Newman	Storch	
	3 rd	Lawrence Harville	Skyraider	
Electric Civilian	1 st	Paul Lange	PJ-50	
	2 nd	Chico Romero	Cessna	
Electric Warbird	1 st	Joe Bourne	Mig 29	
	2 nd	Ben Andrus	L-39	
	3 rd	Paul Lange	ME-109	
Static Only	1 st	Royce Lummus	Storch	
Pro-Am Pro	1 st	Darrell Abby	Corsair	
	2 nd	Ben Andrus	Super Cub	
	3 rd	Brian Riffle	Pitts	
Pro-Am Sport	1 st	Abel Cordona	PC-45J	
	2 nd	John Guariglia	Skybolt	
Team	1 st	Johnny Hunt/Lawrence Harville	Fokker DVII	

submitted by *Darrell Abby*

2026 Texas Scale Championship

Photos 1 of 4 (by Bob Score)



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Photos 2 of 4 (by Bob Score)



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Photos 3 of 4 (by Bob Score)



2026 Texas Scale Championship

Photos 4 of 4 (by Darrell Abby)



**29th ANNUAL
GREATER SOUTHWEST AERO
CLUB
ALL SCALE FUN FLY**



SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH, 2026

Flying Starts at 9AM

Landing Fee \$20.00....Includes Pilot Lunch.... ANY SIZE
MODEL

ON SITE CONCESSIONS & OPEN FLYING

Voting on the below categories with Award Plaques

**Best WW1, Best WW2, Post WW2, Best CIVILIAN and
PILOTS CHOICE**

**\$100 in Cash will be drawn after lunch from Registered
Pilots Tickets**

Electric Planes and JETS Welcome – No Gas Turbines

GSW Field, 6903 Randol Mill Road and Loop 820, FTW

Barry Ponder: 817-688-6149

GSW 2026 Event Schedule (and Surrounding Events)

Sept 26: Rockwall Fun-Fly for Rainbow Room

Rockwall/Chico

Sep 26: Float Fly

N. Dallas R/C Club

Oct: 9-10: Tyler WWI Dawn Patrol

Tyler R/C Club

Oct 10: Texoma RC Swap Meet & Fun Fly

Sherman, Tx



****OCT 10: GSW All Scale Fun-Fly**

Barry Ponder

“CX” ... Oct: 9-11: GSW H.O.G.S. Helicopter Fly-in **Cancelled**

Oct 13: GSW Meeting

Oct: 16-17: Warbirds Over Texas

N. Dallas R/C Club



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: 9/22/2026 by *Michael Madar*

New Event

** Date Change

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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