

TAIL SPINNER NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter Editor - Sonny Coleman

AMA Chartered Club #1140

October 13th, 2026 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes (page1 of 3)

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

Meeting Called to Order: Tuesday October 13th, 2026 at 7:30 PM by club president Tim Lovett. Tim had to leave the meeting early so attending GSWAM club officers finished presiding over the club business meeting proceedings.

Members In Attendance: 12

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: The September 2026 business meeting minutes were approved by a majority show of hands vote by the attending club members. Motion to approve the September 2026 business meeting minutes was made by Paul Lange and seconded by Jerry Burton.

There will not be a November 2026 club meeting.

GSWAM 2027 Club Officer Nominations: The attending club members at the October 13th 2026 business meeting nominated the entire group of 2026 club officers to serve the GSWAM organization through 2027.

Field Report: The head of GSWAM field maintenance, Darrell Abby, has stepped-down from the position of field maintenance coordinator and Rick Shook has taken the lead position during the interim of finding a replacement field maintenance crew chief. Rick sends out a special thanks to those who braved the rainy dreary Saturday work day hauling dirt, filling the many armadillo holes with a sandy loam soil. After the runway holes were mostly filled, the runway was then rolled to flatten-out the small hills and help level the runway a bit. The runway is in very good condition going into the winter of 2027. Darrell Abby headed-up a discussion about getting bids from landscape contractors to provide the runway with a "Top Dressing". A top dressing is the even spreading of sandy loam soil using a large spreader $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep which would help level the field. We generally level the runway with additional sand and soil every three to four years. Darrell also reported the cost for treating runway grub worms and general insect pest control in 2027 is \$530.00.



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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Maintenance Crew Chief Retiring: Darrell Abby has been at the helm of the field maintenance/mowing crews for several years now and his service to the club organizing work crews and mowing crews has been nothing short of exemplary. The GSWAM facility grounds are maintained by club member volunteers who donate their time mowing the runway, weed trimming the facility, keeping the exposed plumbing leak free, treating fire ant mounds, and maintaining the facilities sprinkler system that keeps the runway hydrated, green, lush, and beautiful throughout the summer months. Darrel has been organizing the field mowing crews keeping critical mowing task positions planned-out and manned each and every week while keeping the mowers in working order so the field can be maintained (twice a week during the summer grow season), and he successfully utilized the club's available volunteer worker pool during that time. So, week after week we club members show-up at the flying field, which is one of the premier R/C club turf runways in the area, unload and fly our beloved model planes, and sometimes take the club's excellent runway for granted. We are members of a very fortunate model airplane flying club to have such a well-maintained facility. Thank you, Darrell!

Asphalt Plant: The asphalt plant just east of the flying field has downgraded their operational status of their Randol Mill plant. Our neighbor to the east has been a very good neighbor throughout the years, but now the Randol Mill plant has been scaled back making the plant secondary to their other Fort Worth plant facility. We surely do not want anything to happen to our eastern neighbor because they are a buffer between the flying facility and the houses (with their occupants) located to the east of the asphalt plant.

GSWAM Event Coordinator Stepping Down: Our current Event Listing Coordinator (and club treasurer), Michael Madar, is stepping down from the Event Coordinator position starting January 2027. Anyone interested in the Event Coordinator position please contact any club officer. Michael, you did a fantastic job maintaining the club event listing, Thanks again my friend!

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

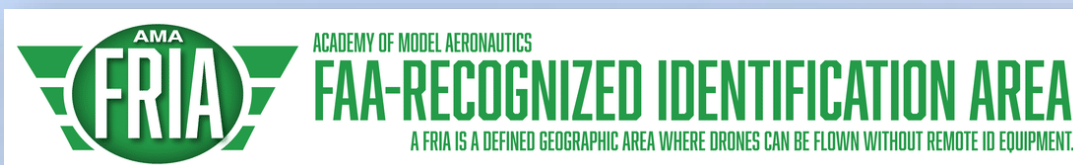
2026 All Scale Event: The 2026 "All Scale Fun Fly" event was a success with 20 pilots signing up and participating in the event.

Ultrabeka Air Tag Tracker: Paul Lange shared information about a small tracker device that might be a nice solution for locating downed aircraft. Core Features:

- **Compatibility:** Works exclusively with iOS devices via the Apple Find My network (not compatible with Android).
- **Tracking Capabilities:** View real-time locations on a map, play an audible sound when nearby, and turn on "Lost Mode" to get notifications if the item is spotted by the broader Find My network.

Pricing & Availability: Typically ranges from about \$15 to \$55 depending on whether you buy a single card or multi-packs, and available through online retailers like [Amazon](#) and [eBay](#).

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



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GSW Club Banquet: The November 7th 2026 club dinner event venue is 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.

GSW Membership Renewal Fun Fly: The club will be hosting it's first Membership Renewal Fun Fly on November 14th beginning at 9:00AM till 1:00PM. A Free lunch will be provided for those who sign-up or renew. There will also be free raffles for pilots, and a Pilots Choice Recognition Award for those who participate in the event. Come on out and sign-up for the coming 2027 flying season. Renewal and new members fees are the same as last year \$120.00.

Model of the Month: N/A

2027 Membership Registration: 2027 Membership signup/renewal begins at the November 14th club membership signup bash. 2027 club membership applications, club membership cards, and 2027 card logs are ready to go for the new membership signup year. 2027 membership applications are available for download at the club website and Facebook group.

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/2026/10/2027_membership-application-oct_14_2025.pdf

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





October 2026 Treasurers Report

The GSW Club closed out the third quarter with successful events with the NASA West Texas Shootout and the All-Scale Fun Fly. Your involvement in events and support in maintaining the field and club equipment continue to strengthen the Club's year-over-year financial position.

Come renew your membership and enjoy a day of flying at the GSW Membership Renewal Fun Fly on November 14. Free hot dogs, Diane Fuess's wonderful baked beans, and other fixings will be served. Paul Lange is also organizing a night fly on October 30. And please do not forget the N.E.E.D. Food Drive on November 7, led by Vice President Randy, and then the Club dinner that evening.

Michael



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Darrell maidens P51D "Frenesi"



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Ed Newman RV-4 Maiden Oct 19, 2026



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Another Fun Day of Flying at GSW



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Membership Renewal Fun Fly

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers **Early Membership Renewal Fun Fly!**

NOVEMBER 14th 2026
6903 Randol Mill Rd.
Ft Worth TX 76120



Come Join the FUN!

The FUN BEGINS at 9:00 to 1:00

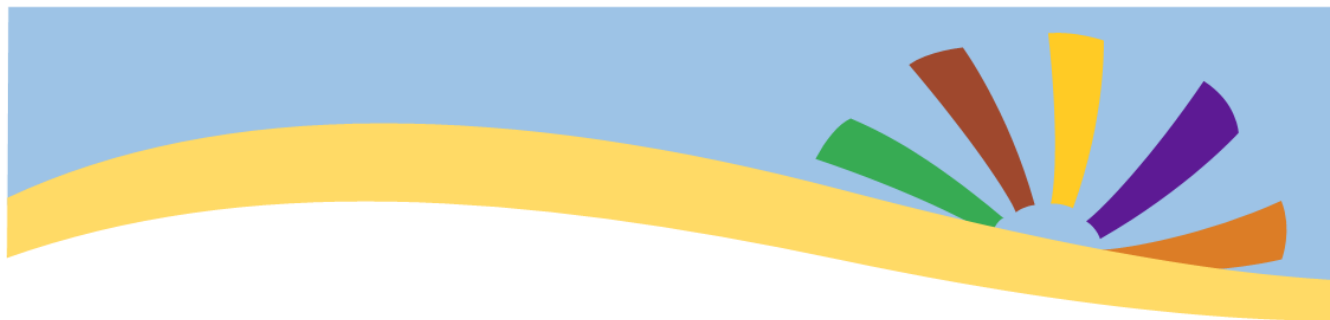
- * **FREE Lunch with Renewal (Hot Dogs n' Dianas famous Baked Beans)**
- * **FREE Raffles for pilots**
- * **PILOTS Choice Recognition Award**

FUN, FOOD, & PRIZES!



The 2027 Renewal Fee is the same as last year, \$120.00

This is a Rain or Shine Event!



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.

GSWAM Chief Test Pilot

Barry Ponder

A maiden flight can bring anxiety, sweaty palms, and excitement—whether the aircraft is a small ARF, a kit built over several months, or a contest-quality scale replica completed over several years. Some pilots ask a trusted, more experienced flyer, especially one familiar with that type of aircraft—to handle the inaugural flight. Flying someone else's new airplane also brings the added pressure of performing in front of fellow pilots.

For years, we have enjoyed Barry Ponder's outstanding flying skills. He is often asked to perform maiden flights for fellow GSW members. Ed Newman and others at the field watched Barry re-maiden Ed's impressive quarter-scale-plus Macchi. To show our appreciation, several members presented Barry with his own "GSW Chief Test Pilot" shirt.

Thank you, Barry!



Nathan's Solo Flight

Roger watches grandson Nathan's first solo



**Congratulations on the Solo
Nathan!**



GSW 2026 Event Schedule (and Surrounding Events)



Oct 30: GSW Night Flight

Paul Lange



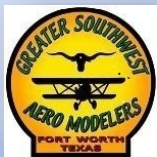
Nov 7: GSW N.E.E.D Food Drive

Randy Mayhew



NOV 7: GSW Club Dinner

Texas Star Golf Course



Nov14: GSW Membership Renewal Fun-FLY



Dec 5: GSW Toys for Tots

Randy Mayhew

Dec 8: GSW Meeting

(S) AMA Sanctioned Event

Updated: 10/16/2026

New Event

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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