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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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2003 AMA Gold Leader Club

The Greater Southwest Radio Control 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). Our flying field is located on the North side of Randol Mill Road, 0.4 miles East of Highway 820 at N 32°46.895' W 97° 12.361'. Visitors are welcome whenever the gate is unlocked. Free flight training instruction is available to members from 6:00 PM to dusk on Tuesday and Thursday while Daylight Savings Time is in effect. Regular Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Building, 6720 Northeast Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 (on the corner of Rufe Snow and NE820).

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Feb 10
7:00pm
NRH Parks & Rec
Building

PresidentLewie Moore.....(817) 571-0347
Vice President(s)Steve French.....(817) 284-0875
SecretarySonny Coleman.....(817) 281-3010
TreasurerFrank Mobley.....(817) 461-2278
Newsletter EditorRoy Baker(817) 545-4031

This issue of the Tail Spinner is dedicated to Bill (Wild Bill) Parker

On Jan. 17th. I received word that Bill (Wild Bill) Parker broke the bonds of earth and completed his final flight. This issue of The Tail Spinner will be dedicated to our friend Bill Parker. For you new members who didn't have the pleasure of knowing Bill, I will write about my relationship with Bill and explain why we fondly called him Wild Bill. His friends will cherish their own memories as Bills presence at the field will be truly missed.

Billy Parker, as I always called him, never quite mastered the skill of flying. In the last seven or eight years he crashed more airplanes than anyone I know. Did this Discourage Bill? No, well maybe for 15 minutes, but by that time another wild idea, according to most of us, had popped into his head and he was on to his next adventure. Bill, an engineer, was a very creative thinker. Besides, being a good friend, what I admired most about Bill was his ability to build his ideas into an aircraft. Even if he would assemble an ARF, build a kit, or scratch build a plane from plans, there was no way he could ever complete the project without making his own modifications. It just didn't happen, even when his friends tried to convince him otherwise. Some of his creations were beautiful flyers, while others were total disasters. He usually didn't accept those disasters until he just couldn't rebuild them anymore. I know, as I was one of his test pilots, and had some very interesting and nerve wrecking flights. Al Thomas, one of his other test pilots will tell the same

story. There were also a few creations, like a radio controlled control line airplane attached to a fishing rod, that his test pilots refused to fly.

Even though most of his planes ended up in the scrap pile. He did build a few aircraft that were great flyers and a thrill to fly. Some of these planes Bill could fly quite well until the trees down by the Trinity would eventually eat them.

Bill truly enjoyed his time at the field whether he was flying, watching someone fly his airplanes, or setting down by the tables, with a cup of coffee in his hand, and just shooting the breeze or having an indepth engineering design discussion with his friends.

Wild Bill, I will miss you and thanks for the great memories. Lewie Moore

President's Corner

The attendance at the January meeting was great. In the "SPIRIT OF GSW" lets have an even larger attendance at the February meeting, as we will be holding the election for the Office of Secretary. Like the old saying goes, "you can't complain if you don't vote".



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Feb/Mar Event Calendar

FEB 7--Schertz, TX (C) Tri-City Flyers Swap Meet Site: Knights of Columbus Hall, Schertz, TX Marcos Vidal CD, 10026 Windburn Trail, Converse, TX 78109-1721 Phone:210-227-5081(day), 210-659-3536 (eve) Sponsor: Tri-City Flyers #850 New Location! Larger Hall w/central heat & air. Setup: 8 a.m., Open: 9 a.m., \$5 per person. Directions: Take I-35 exit 174B Schertz Pkwy, turn, go 4 miles, KOC Hall on right. From I10 exit 591, FM1518 Schertz, turn right at FM78 go 1 mile (Schertz Pkwy) turn left go1/4 mile, KOC Hall on left Event Website: www.tricityflyers.com

FEB 8--Huffman, TX (C) February Fickle Finger Of Fate Fun Fly Site: Jetero RC Club Field, Huffman, TX John Forestieri CD, 18010 Woodgum, Spring, TX 77388 Phone:713-594-8901(day), 281-353-8124 (eve) Sponsor: Jetero RC Club #1218 Come enjoy a fun day with fun events and fun people. \$10 pilot fee with 80% given back as prizes. Pilot raffle for other goodies. Event list of tasks available 12/03. Contact CD. CD Email: 4u2nv@evl.net

FEB 8--Parker, TX (A) Sailplane T4 Mod. 15 Minute Add-up Open & RES Site: Southfork Ranch, Parker, TX Events: 444 (JSO) Lynn Williams CD, 9029 Redondo, Dallas, TX Phone:214-321-3055(both) Sponsor: Soaring League Of North Texas #1957 Awards 5 places, Open & RES

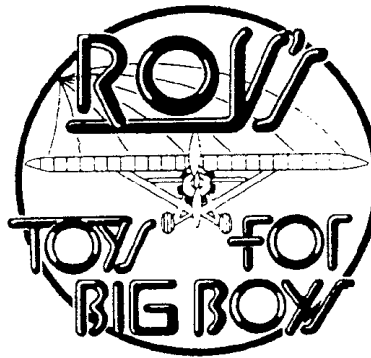
FEB 26-29--Edinburg, TX (Cr) 2004 IMAA Winter Rally of Giants Site: Edinburg International Airport, Edinburg, TX Bert Hahn CD, RR #3 Box 202B, Edinburg, TX 78541 Phone: 956-279-2488(day), 956-842-3656

(eve) Sponsor: Tejas R/C Association #2227 Pre- registration \$20; \$25 at the field. Contact CD for Info CD Email mhahn@rivnet.com Raffles throughout event. Friday night cookout/dance at the field.

MAR 7--Houston, TX (A) One Day Fun Fly. Site: Scobee Field, Houston, TX. Events: 330, 331 (JSO) CD: Don Cranfill, 110 Birch St., Lake Jackson, TX 77566 Day Phone: 979-297-5517 Eve Phone: 979-297-5517 E Mail: cranfill@orbitworld.net Sponsor: PropTwisters #3022.

MAR 14--Parker, TX (A) Sailplane 10 minute Time Slot Site: Southfork Ranch, Parker, TX Events: 444 (JSO) Robert Tay-

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Items for the Tail Spinner are due by the 25th of the month. Remember that ads are free to members. Send them to:

Roy Baker
3303 Fox Glen
Colleyville, TX 76034
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) rbaker19@comcast.net

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The next big club event, our North East Mall show, is scheduled for March 13 & 14th. Tony Trimarchi, our mall show chairman, will be needing plenty of help to staff and run the event. Get your models cleaned up and ready to show. This has always been a very successful event for our club. Let's make it bigger and better this year. You can contact Tony at 817-43-3617.

Our T-shirts and Polo shirts should be ready in about 2 weeks. We will be selling the shirts at the field and at our meetings. The price of the T-shirts S - XL is \$9.00 each, add \$1.00 for 2XL and up. The polo shirts will be \$13.50 each S - XL and \$1.50 additional for 2XL and up. We should be looking good!!!!!!

Adam Tucker has informed me that the first order of name tag badges has arrived. See Adam at the field or next meeting to get your badge. For those of you who didn't pay for the badges with your order, have \$3.00 ready for Adam when you get your name tag badge.

This month's program will be presented by a retired Vought Aircraft employee, who is involved in the restoration of vintage Vought airplanes. His presentation will be about the planes they have restored and are currently restoring. This includes a WWII F4U Corsair and a Vietnam era A7. You won't want to miss this one. Thanks to Chuck Rovell for arranging this program. If any of you have program ideas or know of anyone who can give a program, please let me know. Your help on programs will be appreciated.

Mark Fuess presented last month's program on 4 stroke engines. Mark, thanks for the excellent presentation. You members, who missed this program are going to get a little reprieve. Due to the heavy business agenda, Mark had to cut his presentation a little short. Therefore, Mark will be on the program again this year to give us the rest of his presentation.

With summer just around the corner, it will soon be time to start mowing the field. As usual, we need all the help we can get. Please contact our Vice President, Steve French, if you are willing to help. You can contact Steve at the field, at our Meetings or at 817-284 - 0875.

What else is new? It rained on our first scheduled work day. Thanks to Steve and those of you who did show and get a little work done. Your efforts are appreciated. For those who missed the last meeting, a regular work day has been scheduled every month. Our work day will always be the first Saturday morning after the regular club meeting. Work time will be from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. NOW NOBODY CAN'T SAY, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WE HAVE A WORK SCHEDULE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John Bradley is our new Safety Officer. Please keep in mind that John is the good guy on the field, not the bad guy, as he is there for everyone's safety. Contact John if you have a safety issue. John can't be at the field 7 days a week, so keep in mind that safety is everyone's responsibility. DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP, IT MIGHT PREVENT A SERIOUS INJURY.

We need to get all of our special events scheduled as soon as possible. So far, our schedule includes the following events: Club Bar-B-Que Funfly - May 22nd, Combat Round Robin - August 21st, Scale Flyin - August 28th & 29th. The quicker we have these events scheduled the sooner they can be advertised. Done properly, these events can be big money makers for GSW.

Don't forget we still have a great raffle and Model of the Month selection at every meeting. See you there.

In the "Spirit of GSW"
Lewie Moore

AGENDA: GSW FEBRUARY MEETING

Call to order

Introduction of new member and guest

Approval of the minutes of the January meeting as printed in the Tail Spinner

Treasurers report - Frank Mobley

Field report - Steve French

Flight Instructor Coordinator - Max Ficken

Safety Officer report - John Bradley

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Election of Secretary
2. Mall show
3. Dues and keys
4. Work day
5. Schedule special events
6. Any other old business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2004 Leader Club Award
2. Any other new business

PROGRAM: Vintage Aircraft Restoration

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

RAFFLE AND DRAWING FOR FUEL:

MEETING ADJOURNED

January Secretary's Notes

The meeting was called to order by Lewie Moore.

The minutes of the November meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved

Treasurers Report:

Current balance: \$4,416.00, the major expense this month was the storage van purchase which was \$500.00. Bill Wilson donated the moving of the storage shed, it would have cost the club \$125.00 in moving fees. Thanks Bill!

Field Report:

Steve French could not attend meeting, so the field report given by Lewie Moore. Lewie said the field was green and in good shape.

Old Business:

Our previous Club Secretary of three years, Craig Bevil, received a plaque for his hard work serving the club as an officer and for participating in many club functions. I know now just how good a job Craig did serving the club as Secretary, Craig are you sure you don't want your old job back?

Our club now has three AMA approved flight instructors, Max Ficken, Bob Mueller and Walt Fisher. Walt has done a fine job soloing many student pilots in the past year.

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The Safety Director position has been filled by John Bradley.

The upcoming mall show will be held on the 13th & 14th of March at the North East Mall. A motion was made and passed for the club to fund prize money up to \$100.00 for the best looking aircraft at the show. The prize money will be divided up for 1st place through 10th place with 1st place winning \$25.00. See Tony Trimarchi if you are available to help make this another successful mall show.

Club tee shirts will be ordered from Shirts & Stuff, both tee shirts and collared polo style shirts will be ordered in multiple sizes.

Fence Update – Gary Stephens estimates that the flight line fence will cost around \$300.00. The membership present at the January meeting approved the purchase of fencing materials to complete the job not to exceed \$300.00.

Electrical Update – Bob Leone estimates that the materials needed, which includes; wire, trencher, pvc conduit, will cost around \$400.00. The membership voted to start work on the wiring project as soon as possible.

Gate Keys – Frank has picked up the new gate keys and they are available from Frank or Airport Pawn & Hobby. The new keys will not work on the gate lock until Feb 1st.

New Business:

Nominations for Club Secretary were made and it looks like Sonny Coleman, yours truly, is the only one running. Nominations will be accepted all the way up to the February club meeting if interested.

Work Day – The Saturday after each club meeting will be a work day for club members to work on field improvements and maintenance, there's plenty of work to keep busy with so please come help out. The work day will be from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, plan to come out to the field and do your part in making our flying field as good as it can be.

Upcoming Club Events - May 22nd - Club Bar-B-Que Funfly, August 21th - Combat Round Robin and August 28 & 29 - Scale Flyin.

Program - Mark Fuess talked about four stroke engines in great detail, there were several examples of different four stroke engine manufacturers and engine parts available to pass around and to look at. This was a very informative program well worth attending.

Sonny Coleman
Acting Secretary
817-251-3940
Sonny@flygsw.org

From the Instructor Coordinator

Training report; Feb 04

The Weather has not been very cooperative with the training program this month but some training has been going on. Walt Fisher reports that Rowdy Glover successfully completed his training. Congratulations Rowdy.

A word of caution to new students. Don't get ahead of the program and attempt to fly before you are ready. The instructor is the one that will tell you when you are ready to solo. Don't take a chance and risk injury or loss of your model.

On the same vein: Please do not fly alone no matter how experienced you are. Accidents can happen and if you are injured and there is no one to assist you things can really get out of hand. ALWAYS FLY WITH A BUDDY AND ALWAYS USE A SPOTTER WHEN YOU FLY.

New member report Feb 04

With the start of a New Year along with renewals there are a number of new members of our club. Please greet these people and make them feel welcome. If any of the new members are in need of flight training please contact one of the club instructors for assistance.

**Rodney Boswell
Darrell Davis
George Phillip
Cody Roland
Jim Ryan
Penny Ryan
Roger Shrauner
Robert Buckheit**

Max Ficken

From the Safety Director

I'd like to take this time to introduce myself as the new Safety Director for GSW. My name is John Bradley. I've been flying RC's in this hobby for about 10 yrs.

As safety director, my main goal is to keep the GSW Club a safe place to fly. I'm not going to be out policing everyone, or telling fellow flyer's what to do. My main objective is to be at the field watching and listening to fellow flyers, correct issues before they become a problem and to publish in the monthly club newsletter input that I have received to improve and maintain safety for our aircraft and to our selves.

This month I'd like to bring attention to the posted call outs at the field. On numerous occasions I've noticed call outs not being performed when several pilots are flying at a time. This may not seem to be a big deal, but it could mean being hit, or your plane being hit, if you or your plane is on the runway. It also gives you the right of way if you have engine troubles. Please take a glance at the posted signs and remember to make the calls.

For those who haven't already met me, I hope to meet you soon out at the field. My schedule for February won't allow me to attend the club meeting.

If you have any questions or comments please call me at 817-680-9086, email at cptbradley@hotmail.com.

Fly safe,
John Bradley
Safety Director

William "Hash" Parker 1930 - 2004

William "Hash" Parker, 73, an engineer, passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, in Hurst.

Funeral: 2 p.m. Monday at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel. Burial: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

Survivors: Wife of 45 years, Maggie Parker; sons, Dr. Gregory Parker and wife, Jackie and Bill Parker; daughter, Denise Bourgoyne; grandchildren, Ashley Bourgoyne and Vendela Parker; sister, Christine Manning; brother, Professor Donald Parker of Kerrville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Attn: GSW Members

I have a number of planes, engines, and radios that I have not been able to use for the past year therefore if you are looking for an RC scale, war-bird, old timer, sail plane, indoor to 40% planes, engines from .15 two strokes to 50cc twin four strokes, also some electrics,, please email me and let me know what you are looking for. Example: ¼ scale spacewalker with OS91 4/s on soft mount complete with digital camera on board operated by transmitter (also does video).

Bob Snyder bobsny123@charter.net

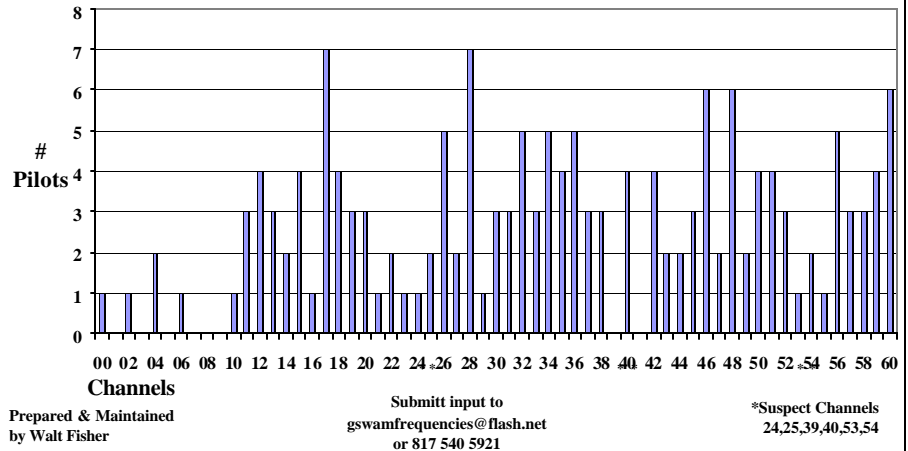


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2004 - January Greater SouthWest Aero Modeler's Club Frequency/Channel Usage



FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT

This month's Frequency Management Chart reflects information provided on the 2004 members' applications. As membership applications are processed and or additional frequency information is received the chart will be updated. Please send frequency usage to gswmfrequencies@flash.net or call Walt at 817 540 5921, if you did not include it on your application. Thanks to those who did and a big THANKS to Sonny for extracting the frequency information from the applications.

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lor CD, 653 Stafford Circle, Rockwall, TX 75087 Phone:972-772-7567(both) Sponsor: Soaring League of North Texas #1957 Awards 5 Places.

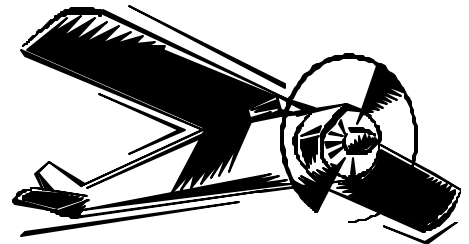
MAR 20-21--Paris, TX (C) Lone Star Nationals Site: Paris RC Club Field, Paris, TX Kelvin McFadden CD, Rt. 5 Box 53M, Paris, TX 75460 Phone:903-784-2464(day), 903-785-9387(eve) Sponsor: Paris RC Association #1671 Will be using current RCCA rules for both Open and 2610 Scale, also SSC provisional.

MAR 20-21--Houston, TX (C) 2nd Annual Pro Bro Fun-Fly Site: Scobee Field, Houston, TX Jim Dieckow CD, 1265 Witte Road, Houston, TX 77055 Phone:713-299-8413 (both) Sponsor: Bayou City Flyers #901 CD Email: raptor291@aol.com

MAR 27-28--Alvin, TX (C) Alvin Big Bird Gathering Site: Club Field, Alvin, TX Keith Kimbrough CD, 5218 Chase Wood Drive, Baclift, TX 77518 Phone:281-814-3860 (day), 281-559-1279(eve) Sponsor: Alvin R/C Club #1307 Swap Meet. No Fee. Food and Drink available. CD Email: ddust@myweb.net

MAR 27-28--Big Spring, TX (C) Indoor Electric Fun Fly Site: Howard College Coliseum, Big Spring, TX Robert Williams CD,

1721 Yale Avenue, Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone:432-816-9470(both) Sponsor: Big Spring Model Aircraft Association #1526 Howard College Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 280 size motors maximum. \$10 Landing fee. CD Email: rwilliams@howardcollege.edu



Be sure to check out the new AMA on-line magazine. It can be found at

www.MASportAviator.com

It has a lot of good articles. The one about cleaning up an engine after a crash was especially good, with lots of pictures and step-by-step how-to's.

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