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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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2004 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).

PresidentLewie Moore.....(817) 571-0347
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SecretarySonny Coleman.....(817) 281-3010
TreasurerFrank Mobley.....(817) 461-2278
Newsletter EditorRoy Baker(817) 545-4031

President's Corner

There are many reasons why, this time of year, GSW members need to be involved with the functions of our flying club. We will elect our officers for the year 2005 at the November meeting. December 4th will be our Toys for Tots fly-in and December 5th will be our Christmas party. Your participation will help us succeed in our endeavors.



Needless to say, I was very disappointed at the turnout at the last meeting. Only 18 members out of 250 members showed up for the meeting. This was a very important meeting as nominations were made for the 2005 slate of officers. I would appreciate it if everyone would try a little harder to make the November meeting.

I received a call from Max Ficken informing me that he will not be able to accept the nomination for President. Therefore at this time, we don't have a candidate for President. Someone needs to step forward and be willing to take the responsibility of being the 2005 GSW President. I know we have many members who qualify for the job. Nominations for President will be accepted from the floor at the beginning of the next meeting. Let's not be a club without a President.

for our Toys for Tots Fun Fly. This is an event you won't want to miss. It's just a great day of fun flying and events. Your landing fee will be one unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl. These toys will be donated to Toys for Tots Foundation, to be distributed at Christmas time. This is a requirement of the Gold Leader Club Award status that we maintain. It is required that we do something for a charitable foundation each year. For more details on the Toys for Tots fun fly, check the poster on the bulletin board or check the web site. Max Ficken will be in charge of the event.

Sunday December 5th will be the club's annual Christmas party. The party will be held at the North Main BBQ in Euless and will start at 6:00 pm. At the last meeting we voted on a budget of \$500.00 for buying door prizes. There will also be door prizes for the ladies. Someone will be going home with a nice Christmas present. The "Spirit of GSW" award will also be presented. Last year outgoing President, George Clark was presented a plaque honoring him for his dedication and service to GSW. George served as President for 4 years, while we rebuilt our entire facility. The plaque presented to George had a picture of the Spirit of St. Louis airplane flown by Charles Lindberg. As most of you know the Logo "Spirit of St. Louis" was painted on the cowling of the original plane. The person making the plaque digitally removed St. Louis and inserted GSW. Thus the logo on the plane in the plaque read the "Spirit of GSW".

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 9
7:00pm
NRH Rec Building

Saturday December 4th will be the day

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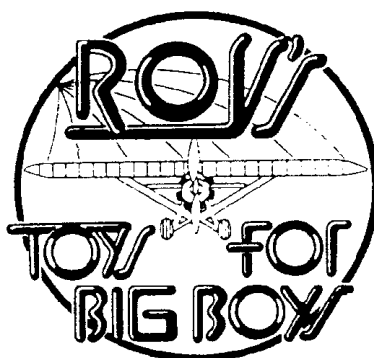
**November/December
Event Calendar**

NOV 6--Wheatland, TX (C) Control-Line Fly-In. Site: Club Field, Wheatland, TX. Events: Free Style Aerobatics; Beauty Event; Stand-Off Scale (JSO) CD: Tom Jozwiak, 3012 Lynnwood Dr., Arlington, TX 76013-2005 Day Phone: 817-277-8768 Eve Phone: 817-277-8768 E-Mail: rhgrove@aol.com Sponsor: Ft. Worth Planesmen, Inc. #734.

NOV 6--Huffman, TX (C) Jetero's 2nd Annual Night Fly Site: Jetero Club Field, Huffman, TX John Forestieri CD, 18010 Woodgum, Spring, TX 77388 Phone:713-594-8901(both) Sponsor: Jetero RC #1218 Come enjoy a night of flying at one of the S.E.Texas' friendliest fields. Not difficult, and a slow stable trainer is ideal for this type of event. Concessions available and pilots eat free. No Landing fee. CD Email: jforestieri@aviainternational.com Event Web Site: www.jetero.rcclubs.com/

NOV 6--Orange, TX (C) 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Fun-Fly Site: Club Field, Orange, TX Cecil Henson CD, 525 Sawmill Road, Vidor, TX 77662 Phone:409-553-1198(day) Sponsor: Orange County RC #2824 Come join the fun in honor of our veterans. Apache scheduled to be there. Hotels close by. RV's welcome; No hook-ups. All Veterans in uniform will receive a free lunch. CD Email: chenson@g.t.r.r.com Event Web Site: www.rc-pilots.org

NOV 6-7--Seguin, TX (AA) 20th Annual Autumn Cup. Site: USAF Aux. Field, Seguin,



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TX. Events: Cat III: (101-105 - with special rules), 124, 150-155 (JSO) CD: Reid Simpson, 115 Trailridge Dr., Athens, TX 75751 Open Gas: events 101-105 flown to FAI Power (F1C) rules, but is not restricted to size

of model nor engine nor weight nor fuel. Day Phone: 903-677-8525 E-Mail: reidlyn@cox-internet.com Sponsor: Tri-City Flyers #850.

NOV 13--Houston, TX (C) Toys for Tots Fly-In Site: Shively Field, Houston, TX Mark Hunt CD, 12031 Westlock Drive, Tomball, TX 77377 Phone:281-821-9495(day), 281-290-0327(eve) Sponsor: Houston Sport Flyers #4154 Open Flying. Landing Fee is one new, unwrapped toy. Event Web site: www.houstonflyers.com CD Email: flyin-texan@houston.rr.com

NOV 13-14--Huffman, TX (A) Jetero Joust Site: Jetero RC Field, Huffman, TX Events: 750-755 (JSO) Pat Wilcox CD, 1927 Running Springs, Kingwood, TX 77339 Phone:281-358-1750(both) Sponsor: Jetero RCC #1218

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Tail Spinner Submissions

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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I picked up on that phrase and started using it in the Presidents Column to help inspire pride in our club and flying facility. When your President you have to rely on the volunteer work of your membership. Several members this past year have become very important in helping me perform the administrative duties of the office of President. It is very important to me that a member who volunteers their time above and beyond the normal call of duty, be recognized by the club. I formed a committee to help with the recognition of such a member and the result was the "Spirit of GSW" award.

The "Spirit of GSW" will be present to a member each year at the annual Christmas party. The award will be presented to a member each year, excluding the current officers, who has volunteered and contributed above and beyond the normal call of duty. This includes field maintenance, club events, training and other projects. The club President will form a committee to select this deserving member each year. Hopefully this will become an award that members will strive to qualify for.

Christmas party tickets will be available at the field. See George Clark, Lawrence Harville, Gary Stephens, Lewie Moore and Frank Mobley. We have a guarantee of 50 plates. Last year we had 96 at the party. Get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15.00 per person for all you can eat. Come and enjoy the food, fun, and camaraderie.

I would like to thank Max Ficken for putting on a successful All Scale Fly-in. We had 18 pilots and lots of nice looking airplanes. Between Chef George and Max \$411.00 was deposited into the treasury. Thanks guys for the profitable day.

November 1st we will be ready to start selling the 2005 memberships. We will be using a new membership form which you can download from the website. This will help speed up the process if you have this completed before you see Frank or Airport Pawn and Hobby for your 2005 membership. You will need your 2005 AMA membership card in order to get your 2005 GSW membership card.

New polo shirts with the club logo on

the front side only will be available soon. At the last meeting a motion was made to order 50 more shirts. I still have 8 large size Tee Shirts available. We are still working on new hats.

In the "Spirit of GSW"

Lewie Moore
President

NOVEMBER AGENDA

Call the meeting to order

Recognize new members and guest

Approve minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Tail Spinner

Treasurers report: Frank Mobley

Field report: Steve French

Flight Instructor Coordinator report:
Max Ficken

Safety Officers report: John Bradley

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominations open
- Election of Officers
- Work day next Saturday
- Christmas party
- Toys for Tots fun fly
- 2005 memberships
- Polo shirts and caps
- Any other old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mall Show
- Any other new business

PROGRAM:

Model of the month

Raffle and drawing for fuel

MEETING ADJOURNED

OOPS

Your President made a big booboo at the last meeting. It was brought to my attention that I overlooked the fact that the Newsletter Editor is also an elected Officer. Therefore we will correct this oversight immediately upon the opening of nominations at the upcoming meeting. Sorry about that Roy.
Lewie Moore, President

October Meeting Minutes

The October 2004 meeting was called to order by Club President Lewie Moore at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

Members in attendance: 18

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

Treasurers Report: Frank Mobley gave the treasurers report. Field maintenance materials were purchased this month; fertilizer, sprinkler parts, rye grass.

Field Report: Steve French gave the field report. Winter grass planted and fertilizer spread on the runway. The Saturday work day tasks will include cementing the bulletin board into the ground for increased stability.

Flight Instructor Coordinator: Max's Ficken gave the report, Doug Williams soloed. Congratulations Doug!

Old Business:

The Christmas Party is Sunday December the 5th at 6:00pm at the Main Street BBQ Restaurant. See George Clark for tickets!

Toys for Tots Fun Fly: Saturday December 5th, entry is a NEW toy which will be given the Marines for distribution to the kids. Let's ALL participate and give the kids a great Christmas!!

New Business:

Membership registration will begin November 1st!! We will be using a new and improved membership form for 2005. The new form will be on the club website FLYGSW.ORG so that you may fill out the form and present it for review

Nominations For 2005 Club Officers: President - Max Ficken, Vice-President - Walt Fisher, Treasurer - James McGuinness and Secretary - Sonny Coleman

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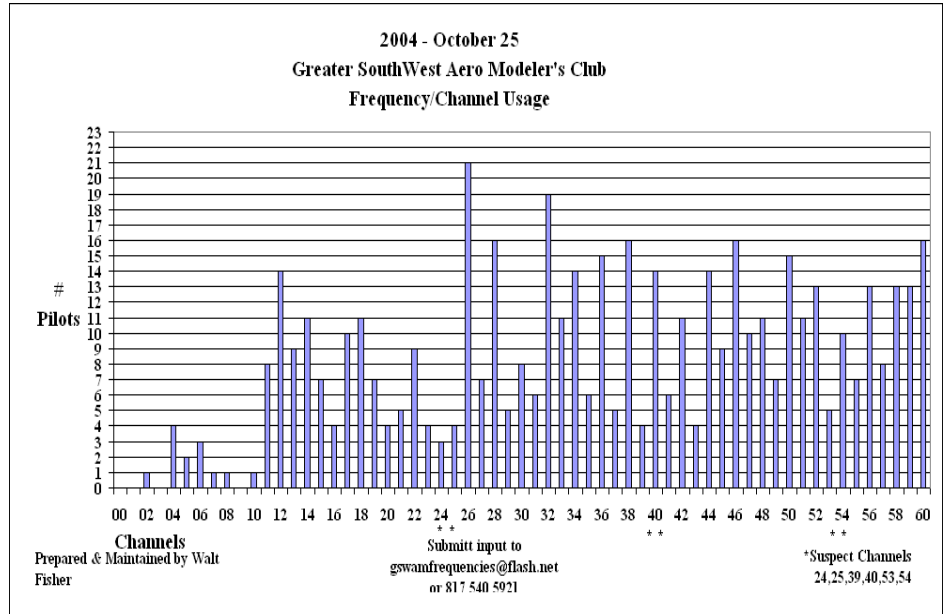
Model of the Month Winner: Richard Lynch's Lucky Fly manufactured by Johnny Casburn

October Program: Sonny Coleman revisits the workings of the clubs web site.

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

Fellow club members; I accepted the nomination for club president at the last meeting conditioned upon certain events being resolved; however that is not going to happen and so I must withdraw my nomination. I am sure that there are many other more qualified individuals that can take on this important function and build on the work accomplished by the club and its past officers.

Max Ficken



As of the latest posting there are 244 members with 239 or 97% represented on this chart. I appreciate everyone response and support of the Frequency Management Chart. Send your frequency usage or changes to gswamfrequencies@flash.net. Thanks. Walt

GSWAM 2005 Election Slate

PRESIDENT: Max Ficken
VICE PRESIDENT: Walt Fisher
SECRETARY: Sonny Coleman (Incumbent)
TREASURER: James McGuiness

All of the current officers, except for Sonny, who is the current Secretary, are not seeking reelection. I might add, Sonny is doing an exceptional job. Everyone is encouraged to vote for SONNY as the Club's SECRETARY.

Max accepted the nomination for the Club's President. Some years back, Max was an officer in the Club. Max is an experienced R/C'er, and has been around this hobby for years. When there is an event of any significance Max is right there in the thick of things. I have found Max to approachable, a good source of information, and one to rely on for sound advice. Max is a Contest Director (CD) and was the CD for the last successful Scale Event the Club conducted. I believe Max is more than qualified and capable of being the Club's next President. Everyone is encouraged

to vote for MAX as the Club's next PRESIDENT.

James accepted the nomination for the Club's Treasurer. Besides being a friend I believe James will make the Club a superior Treasurer. I find James to be intelligent, honest, trustworthy, and dependable. James will continue to bring integrity to the office of Treasurer. It was primarily through James' efforts and writing skills that the Club has been awarded AMA's Leader Award for 2 consecutive years. James is willing to do what it takes to get a job done. Everyone is encouraged to vote for JAMES as the Club's next TREASURER.

I accepted the nomination for Vice President. I am willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. Examples of my involvement and support for the Club since being a member are: I recognized the need for better Field Regulations and sought counsel/recommendations and advice from experienced Club members and successfully revised the Field Regulations to what they are today. For almost 3 years, I have been a dependable and reliable trainer, volunteering

my services to those wanting flight training anytime during the week. Going on 3 years, I have been a constant member of the ground crew maintaining the field by cutting it weekly. I created and maintain on a monthly basis the Club's Frequency Management Chart. Presently over 93% of the Club's membership is represented in this chart. I coordinated and hosted AMA District VIII Vice President, Dr. Sandy Frank, and Dub Jett of Jett Engineering Inc., as guest speakers for two of the Club's business meetings. Most recently, I realized a need to improve the Club's Membership Application resulting with the current 2005 Membership Application. All of the above actions were self initiated and voluntary because of my desire to make a good Club better. Based upon my proven performance and demonstrated initiative, plus a willingness to get the job done, request you vote for me (WALT) as the Club's next VICE PRESIDENT.

ELECTIONS ARE 9 NOVEMBER, AT NRH COMMUNITY CENTER.

Walt Fisher

Greater Southwest Aero Club Toys for Tots Fun Fly

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INTEREST JUSTIFIES.**

DEC. 4TH, 2004

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

MAX FICKEN CD

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SSC - Sat; Open B - Sun; Scale will be flown as determined in Pilots meeting. Lunch available both days. Limited overnight camping okay. Cell phone contact - 281-989-3167 CD Email: pwillcox@pdq.net

NOV 13-14--Nederland, TX (C) 2nd Annual SE Texas Big Bird Site: Club Field, Nederland, TX Albert Brammer CD, 2504 Canal, Nederland, TX 77627 Phone:409-729-0471 (day) Sponsor: Mid County RC #622 60" Multi Wing, 80" Mono or true 1/4 Scale. CD Email: buddyonrc@aol.com Event Site: www.midcountyrcc.com

DEC 4--Ft. Worth, TX (C) GSW Toys for Tots Site: Club Field, Ft. Worth, TX Max Ficken CD, 8216 Hallmark Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 Phone:812-498-4744(both) Sponsor: Greater Southwest Aero Club #1140 Club Field at 6903 Randol Mill Road, Ft. Worth, TX Landing fee is a new and unwrapped toy. Open to any AMA Member. No turbines. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Event Website: www.flygsw.org CD Email: triplane@charter.net

November Training Report

With the change in daylight savings time the regular Tuesday, Thursday training is suspended until next spring. New trainees and current students need to schedule training with the instructors. Please contact the instructors by email or phone to schedule times. Russ Watson has completed his solo flights. Congratulations Russ.

From The GSWAM Safety Officer

October has been a good month from a safety point of view. No personal injuries, with only a few minor safety infractions occurring without mishap.

Remember SAFETY FIRST.

John Bradley

Hello Club members.

My name is Mark Grohe, a local club member, and I am interested in purchasing your new or used RC equipment. I pay only in cash, and can handle large quantities. Give me a call at 682-552-6494 (local Fort Worth number) or email me at mgrohe@yahoo.com.

