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# The Tail Spinner

## Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

P.O. Box 1355

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### 2005 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).*

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### President's Corner



Greetings once again fellow members! As the flying and general R/C activities ramp up for the better months you can expect to get lots of stick-time in. Last year was an unusually wet season having nearly a new record rainfall for the year. With any luck maybe we will see an average rainfall this year. We have many regularly scheduled events this year, plus an additional IMAA event as well. I look forward to seeing all of you, and wish you a safe and enjoyable season.

spectators and interested people checking out R/C Modeling. There was a good variety of airplanes on display, all of which got peoples attention. Between Roy Baker, Walt Fisher and myself we have well over 100 photos of the event. I'd like to thank all of you for taking the time and trouble to make this show happen. Tony Trimarchi worked his magic with the young crowd and interested visitors at every opportunity. Tony also put some very long hours in. John Graham is another person that put in extra long hours, about 23 hours in two days! Walt Fisher, Lewie Moore, Max Ficken, and James McGuiness plus about another half dozen members socialized with the spectators doing their R/C thing! Jim Reid took home the "Best of Show" with his Extra 300 followed by Ross Woods, and Ken Spears taking 2nd and 3rd place respectively. This was a CLOSE CALL as there was only a couple of vote's difference between all of them. In my humble opinion, every single airplane there was a winner! I have lots of photos on a CD (in Slide Show Format) available to anyone that's interested. A couple dollars will cover the expense.

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### Next Meeting:

**April 12, 2005**  
**7:00PM**

### At the Field

I have several hot topics to cover this month, so here goes...

#### 2005 Mall Show

The 2005 North East Mall Show was a success. We had a continuous stream of

It seems like at the start of each flying season we go through a phase of members losing their equipment when something gets left behind. It's everyone's responsibility to leave any and all items at the field for proper recovery. If you happen to find someone's equip-

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**April  
Event Calendar**

APR 09--Seguin, TX (A) TriCity CL Fun Fly 1  
Site: Randolph Auxiliary Field. Events: 330,  
331 (JSO) Sponsor: TriCity Flyers #850. CD:  
John Paul Hess, 131 Fantasia, San Antonio,  
TX 78216. Phone: 210-382-1201(day) 210-  
342-8029(eve) E-Mail:  
hess@mail.exccservicecenter.com Gates to  
open at 8:00 day of event. If locked out call  
210-382-1201 or 1200.

APR 09--Malakoff, TX (C) Fun-Fly and Swap  
Meet Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Cedar Creek  
Aero-Modelers #4087. CD: Myron Brashear,  
P.O. Box 42, Kerens, TX 75144. Phone: 903-  
396-2185(day) E-Mail: majb@airmail.net  
Food and drink will be available. Camping on  
site and motels in the area.

APR 09-10--Knox City, TX (A) Texas Chief's  
Spring Sailplane Contest Site: Houck Farm.  
Events: 442, 444, 460 (JSO) Sponsor: Texas  
Chiefs MAC #1732. CD: Ervin E. Frierson,  
Box 188, Haskell, TX 79521. Phone: 940-  
864-3086(day) 940-864-3086(eve)

APR 10--Seguin, TX (A) TriCity CL Fun Fly 2  
Site: Randolph Auxiliary Field. Events: 331,  
75mph Combat, Classic Stunt. Old Time  
Stunt (JSO) Sponsor: TriCity Flyers #850.  
CD: John Paul Hess, 131 Fantasia, San An-  
tonio, TX 78216. Phone: 210-382-1201(day)  
210-342-8029(eve) E-Mail:  
hess@mail.exccservicecenter.com Gates to  
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APR 15-16--Kingsbury, TX (C) 4th Annual  
Helo Fly-In Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Tri-City  
Flyers #850. CD: Wayne Belcher, 715 Happy  
Haven, McQueeney, TX 78123. Phone: 830-  
660-6679(day) 830-560-1803(eve) E-Mail:

rcblldr@hotmail.com WebSite:  
www.home.swbell.net/ebelcher/funfly/ On  
Site Camping, food, free lunch for pilots.

APR 16--San Antonio, TX (A) HOTSS Open  
Sailplane Site: HOTSS Field. Events: 444  
(JSO) Sponsor: Heart of Texas Soaring Soci-  
ety #2203. CD: Perry Van, 2142 Persimmon,  
Cibolo, TX 78108. Phone: 210-207-2111(day)  
210-658-8842(eve) E-Mail:  
pvan@sanantonio.gov WebSite: www.hotss-  
rc.org/ HOTSS Field, FM-78 @ Woodland  
Oaks

APR 16--Ft. Worth, TX (C) Warbirds Over  
Fort Worth, TX Site: Club Field. Sponsor:  
Greater Southwest Aeromodelers #1140. CD:  
Max Ficken, 8216 Hallmark, North Richland  
Hills, TX 76180. Phone: 817-498-4744(day)  
817-498-4744(eve) E-Mail:  
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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](mailto:rbaker19@comcast.net)

## March Meeting Minutes

3/8/2005 meeting was called to order by Club President - Mark Fuess.

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

March Secretary's notes taken by Walt Fisher

**Treasurers Report** – James McGuinness:  
Current balance: \$7,659.64

**Field Report** – Walt Fisher: More fill work done on "Lake Walt" during the March work day

**Flight Instructor's Report** – Max Ficken: Many students are close to soloing.

### Old Business:

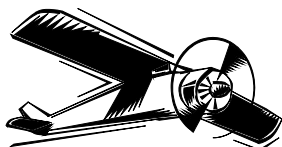
**Open Discussion:** All club events must be scheduled/coordinated by the Events Coordinator, Gary Stephens. John Graham was awarded a GSW Certificate for his support of the Mall Show

### New Business:

A motion was made and passed to amend the Field Regulations. Paragraph B-4 is changed as follows: A GSWAM member may sponsor one (1) guest pilot a day, maximum of three (3) visits for any one guest. A guest cannot be a member of the previous year who is in the arrears with payment of their dues.

\$200.00 was approved for the H.O.R Fun Fly Event and \$200.00 was approved for the Big Bird event.

Walt Fisher



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ment, please move it to the white shelf or put it in the cage where the Coke machine and chairs are kept. I am sure you would like to recover your stuff, so please show the same consideration for others.

I would highly recommend that you identify ALL of your equipment with your name and a phone number.

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ENGINE BREAK-IN

Regarding to breaking in engines at the airfield, we have had an occasional tiff on the subject. PLEASE do not break-in your engine directly behind the pilot stations, or anywhere in the immediate pit area. The continuous engine noise in close proximity of people in the pit area is very annoying to everyone. It's no secret that continuous noise has a "torture" effect on people, which can (and will) stimulate a hostile demeanor. Therefore, if you are "politely" (or otherwise) asked to move your break-in procedure elsewhere, please promptly comply for everyone's sake. We have a designated engine stand for break-ins, and you may secure a plane most anywhere that's well away from the pit area.

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FIELD CONDITION & MAINTENANCE

Your airfield is looking pretty darned good. The grass is growing nicely and the facilities are in mostly good condition. On the next Work Day Saturday we will shoot the area for grade. This will tell us precisely where the ground needs attention. We could stand to re-paint a couple of tables and maybe work on a start-up stand or two. Our parking bumpers will be anchored and a few other light projects. As usual, we would like to see you participate in Field Maintenance. The schedule is from 9:00am to about 11:00am on the Saturday following the Club Meeting. We will have a raffle for those that assist during our Work Day.

Please remember:

Fly safe

Be considerate

Help out a bit

Have a great time!

I'll see you at the field!

Best Regards,

Mark B. Fuess

817-909-6065

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## April Training Report

I am happy to report that **Darrell Davis** and **Vaughan Hamblen** have completed their solo flights with Walt. Congratulations Gentlemen.

With the arrival of daylight savings time Training will commence Monday and Wednesday evenings. I would like to ask the other fliers to give the students consideration when flying. It can be very disconcerting to learn while having other planes buzzing the runway.

WE have had several incidents recently that could have resulted in very serious injuries. We need to take every precaution to avoid accidents. **Think safety in every thing we do.** Think about proper restraint of airplanes, flying safely, avoiding distractions while flying e.g. Cell phones.

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### GSWAM Charter Members

The club wants to recognize our two charter members still active:

**Bob Snyder**  
**Tony Trimarchi**

Thanks~~

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Takeoffs must be done from the center or far side of the runway not the near side. Steep climb outs at takeoff result in poor control surface airflow hence poor control of the airplane and serious risk of a crash. Flying over the pit areas is against club rules and must be avoided. Low high-speed passes over the runway are also expressly prohibited. I have seen several experienced pilots making takeoff across the runway from time to time. Think about the message this sends to new pilots. Please show restraint and make the effort to do proper takeoffs.

Max Ficken

These fine people made up the GOLD STAR work force Saturday, March 12th

- Tom Roberts
- Vaughan Habmlen
- Tom Russell
- Lawrence Harville
- Bob Mueller
- Lewie Moore
- Lee Rice
- Tim Lovette
- Max Ficken
- Tracy Farmer
- Walt Fisher
- Chuck Rovell
- Mark Fuess
- Sonny Coleman
- Tommy Ezell
- Scott Spoolstra

Thanks a million guys!!!

Mark B. Fuess

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](mailto:mgrohe@yahoo.com).

### "Stuff only pilots think of"

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death ..I Shall Fear No Evil.  
For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing!  
(Sign over the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan).

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky.

If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?  
If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up,...the pilot dies.

Never trade luck for skill.

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" and "Oh Shit!"

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

Progress in airline flying: now a flight attendant can get a pilot pregnant.

Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.

A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is pre-variation.

I remember when sex was safe and flying was dangerous.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries

Flying the airplane is more important

than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

Advice given to RAF pilots during WWII:

When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as possible.

The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; ....it can just barely kill you.  
(Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.  
(Jon McBride, astronaut)

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.  
(Bob Hoover - renowned aerobatic and test pilot)

Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.

The three best things in life are a good landing, a good orgasm, and, a good bowel movement. The night carrier landing is one of the few opportunities in life where you get to experience all three at the same time.  
(Author unknown, but surely someone who's been there)

If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.

#### Basic Flying Rules:

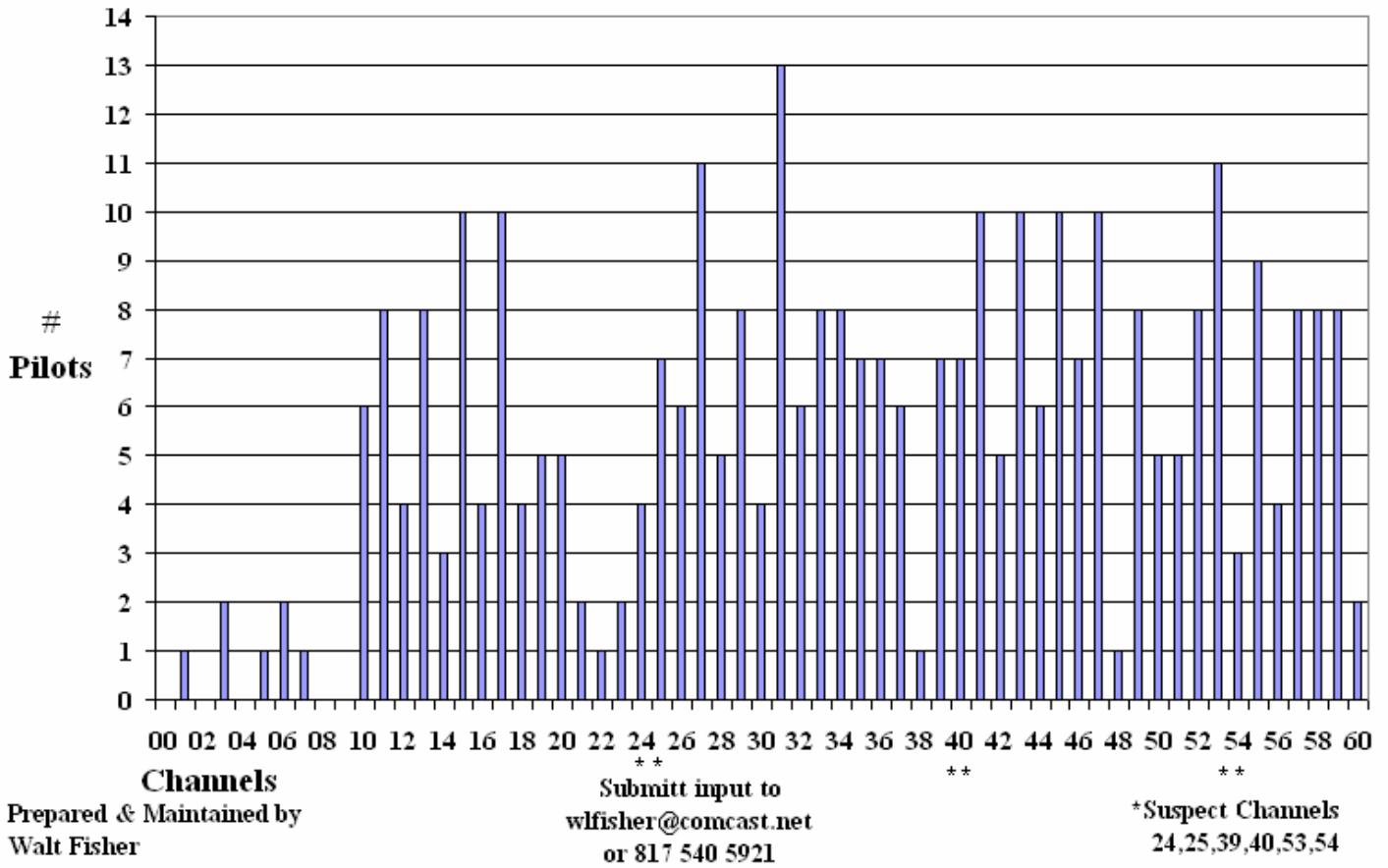
Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.

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**2005 - March 25**  
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**Mall Show 2005**



# Mall Show 2005







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triplane@charter.net WebSite:  
www.flygsw.org Club Field - 6903 Randal Mill  
Road, Fort Worth. Any size warbird, \$10  
Landing fee. 50' X 600' grass runway, flying  
9:00 to 4:30. Door prizes, concessions,  
awards. Bad Channels - 24, 25, 39, 40, 53,  
54. No turbines Please!

APR 16-17--Dallas, TX (AA) DMAA Spring  
Warm-Up Site: Hobby Park, Dallas, TX.  
Events: (301-309)RecordRatio, 312, 313,  
Texas Quickie Rat (JSO); Sportsman Good-  
year, Goldberg Racing (JS)(O) Sponsor:  
Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD:  
Patrick Hempel, 3005 Bayport Cir., Rowlett,  
TX 75088. Phone: 972-231-2185(day) 972-  
841-8766(eve) E-Mail: phem-  
pel@dataconninc.com Speed flown both  
days, Racing on Sunday.

APR 16-17--Crosby, TX (C) Prop-Nuts An-  
nual Flea Market and Fly-In Site: Prop-Nuts  
Field, Wolchek Rd. Sponsor: Prop-Nuts RC  
Club #1770. CD: Taswall Crowson, 606 Pine  
Circle, Seabrook, TX 77586. Phone: 281-  
244-5059(day) 281-474-9581(eve) E-Mail:  
tcrowson@flash.net WebSite:  
www.propnuts.com RVs welcome, No Hook-  
ups. Concessions available on site, Landing  
fee \$5, Seller Fee \$5, Motels and restaurants  
convenient to flying site, large grass field.

APR 16-17--Waco, TX (AA) HOTMAC Pat-

tern Contest Site: HOTMAC Field. Events: 401-  
404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: Heart Of Texas  
Miniature Aircraft Club #613. CD: Todd Blöse,  
1005 N. Betsy, Waco, TX 76706. Phone: 254-  
744-9218(day) 254-744-9218(eve) E-Mail:  
tbloese@drhobbies.com WebSite:  
www.hotmacrc.com The NSRCA recertification  
class will be held Saturday night after flying.  
Call for info on blocked rooms & location.  
Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered  
event.

APR 22-24--Austin, TX (C) 7th Annual Any Size  
Warbird Site: Lester Field. Sponsor: Austin  
Radio Control Association #877. CD: Kenneth  
White, 21046 Cameron Road, Coupland, TX  
78615. Phone: 512-365-7540(day) 512-365-  
3007(eve) E-Mail: f9fflyer@juno.com Any mili-  
tary aircraft including jets (turbine waiver re-  
quired). Any color. Aircraft must have been  
used by military. Free cook-out Fri. night for  
pilots & guests Dinner Sat. night at field - \$10  
per person. Camping at field with limited elec-  
tric hook-ups @ \$5 per night. Landing fee: \$15.  
Field Phone: 512-272-8402. New 550' ex-  
tended runway.

APR 23-24--Odessa, TX (AA) Midland &  
Odessa IMAC Classic Site: Club Field. Events:  
411 - 414 (JSO) Sponsor: Hi-Sky RC Club  
#851. CD: A.J. Lee, 811 Stanolind, Midland, TX  
7970. Phone: 432-687-4142(day) E-Mail:  
a.j.lee@cox.net Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each  
numbered event.

APR 23-24--San Antonio, TX (C) River City RC  
Float Fly Site: River City Lake. Sponsor: River  
City RC #2497. CD: Keith Moody, 5807 Burkley  
Springs, San Antonio, TX 78233. Phone: 210-  
657-5259(day) 210-865-3410(eve) E-Mail:  
keithmoodypilot@aol.com 15th Annual "Best  
Little Float Fly In Texas!" Lake is located East  
of San Antonio, exit to Hwy 1604, go 2 miles  
North off of I-10. Primitive camping Okay.  
Food, Fun, Prizes, retrieval boats. Practice  
Friday. Nice Lake, Nice Dock. Come and enjoy!

APR 30-MAY 01--Austin, TX (C) Central Texas  
Jet Rally Site Site: Lester Field, Austin, TX.  
Sponsor: Austin RC Association #877. CD:  
Patrick Fernandez, 105 Wee Scot Cove, Austin  
TX 78734. Phone: 512-826-2658(eve) E-Mail:  
pfer@ev1.net 16th Annual Event. New 150'  
runway extension. Free pilot dinner Fri night.  
Steak dinner Sat night. Bring a night flyer. RV's  
welcome no hookups. Elec \$5 per night. Ducted  
fan or turbine only.

APR 30-MAY 01--Texarkana, TX (C) 15th An-  
nual Big Bird Fly-In Site: Club Field. Sponsor:  
Texarkana R/C Flying Club #1106. CD: David  
Oates, 566 Stipp Lane, Texarkana, TX 75501.  
Phone: 903-826-7919(day) 903-838-1512(eve)  
E-Mail: rcflyin2005@wmconnect.com Club  
Field at Lake Wright Patman Dam. Saturday  
restricted to 80" monoplane & 60" Biplane, or  
larger. Sunday, everything flies. Concession  
stand on site. Saturday evening meal for regis-  
tered pilots. \$8 for additional meal tickets. Free  
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