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Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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The Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, Inc. is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club By-Laws. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located at 6903 Randol Mill Road, 1/4 mile east of exit 26 off of Loop 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 Monday and Wednesday 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 flying field during the summer months and 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) during the winter..

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President's Corner

Lovely weather we have been having....NOT! The weather has been windy, cold and at time wet. I guess it was a good time for the gas exploration folks to drill a gas well. The drilling rig has been up and the gas well has been drilled. The field will be open soon, sometime in early March. I am so thankful it was now and not in May.

Many thanks go to Golden Triangle RC for inviting us to their field during drilling. I speak of them specifically because their president called to invite us, again. I understand several of our members took advantage of flying at GTRCC, T-Birds and 114th. I certainly hope there are no more wells dug in the future.

The dues change voted during the monthly meeting in February has gone into effect and will help with the upcoming years' budgets. I cannot recall a time when there has been a formal budget for GSWAM, but part of the incorporation paperwork calls for one. A committee was formed to help guide this process. The five club officers along with Lewie Moore, Harold Staats, Walt Fisher and Chuck Rovell have been going over the paperwork and getting things in order to get all the filings done and budgets prepared. These persons volunteered for the hard task of getting things done. The paperwork stack was enormous! Walt Fisher personally has many hours in the process, more so than most of the group since he has been filling out the many required forms. I applaud all members of this committee and many thanks from me personally to each of them. Make certain when you see these guys to mention it to them. All but one of the group has been

a club officer in the past and had great insight into the process.

I will post the completed budget on the website in the members' area for all to see what is being done with the club monies. I intend to ask Sonny for a Budget topic area for discussion about budgetary items. The budget will be placed in there as well as the proposed budgets as they are completed. Please remember this is a new process and proposed budgets may have to be changed as we go through life.

At the end of March there is a Combat contest. Please come out to the field and see this event, compete in the event, or better yet come help be a spotter, cook, score runner or other duties to make it a success. This event brings people from all over the region to our field and they have been happy with our facility. I would certainly hate to lose this event as we have had it for the last two years. It was previously in Paris, Texas.

During the drilling time Harold Staats ramrodded some repairs to the runway with some dirt work on Saturday, March 1. I was out of the country at that time and could not attend, but there were 30 members that did! That is the largest turnout for a workday that I can ever remember. It is my understanding that 11 yards (or a dumptruck full) of topsoil was spread into Lake Walt, leveling the runway in that area! There were also other things taken care of such as washing the tables, some general cleanup, etc. I do not have a list of names, but "Thank You!"

Another load of dirt has been ordered and another spreading party is scheduled for Saturday, March 8. Harold has ordered the dirt and once we get it spread, the runway and field will be

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Next Meeting:

**March 11, 2008
7:00PM
NRH Rec Center**

March Event Calendar

MAR 15-16--San Angelo, TX (C) T.I.N.Y.. Site: San Angelo Coliseum. Sponsor: Angelo RC #2444. CD: Mark Greer, 60 E. 37th, San Angelo, TX 76903. Phone: 325-450-0635(day) 325-450-0635(eve) E-Mail: aeronot@gmail.com WebSite: www.angelorc.com San Angelo Coliseum address: 50 E. 43rd, San Angelo, TX GPS: 31.5066289, -100.46036

MAR 22--Alvin, TX (C) Alvin RC Annual Big Bird Fun-Fly and Swap Meet. Site: Club Field GPS: 29.41598, -95.29240. Events: Sponsor: Alvin RC Modelers Association #1307. CD: Fred Daniels, 1618 Richvale Lane, Houston, TX 77062. Phone: 281-488-8371(day) 281-488-8371(eve) E-Mail: fdaniels51@sbcglobal.net Food & Drinks. \$10 landing fee. Paved runway. Overnight camping, No hook-ups. Restroom. Swap meet is free. 80" mono; 60" Biplane, quarter scale

MAR 28-30--Fort Worth, TX (A) Lone Star Nationals. Site: GSW Field. GPS Coordinates: 32.7820305, -97.2053583 Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Greater Southwest Flyers #1140. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) E-Mail: ed.kettler3@verizon.net WebSite: www.flygsw.org Come join the top pilots in the country at one of the largest RC Combat events! Spectators welcome! Field opens at 0800. Friday 3/28 at noon will be RCCA 2548 scale WW2 fighters. Saturday 1000 will be RCCA SSC followed by RCA Scale 3696 electric WW2 fighters. Sunday 0900 will be AMA Open B. Food, Drinks, and electricity are available. Hard hats and AMA

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MAR 29--Bryan, TX (C) Just Plane Fun Fly-In. Site: Wixon Valley Field. Sponsor: Brazos Valley RC Modelers #1731. CD: David Strawn, 601 Castlebrook, College Station, TX 77845. Phone: 979-696-7000(day) 979-693-5655(eve)

E-Mail: dstrwan@aceweb.com WebSite: www.flybvrc.com Field located at Texas Hwy 21 @ Texas FM 2776 Open to all sizes and types of aircraft. Prizes for most flights during the day, longest total flying time, and drawings. GPS: 30.75078, -96.3123

MAR 29-30--Seguin, TX (AA) 2nd Annual Central TX Championships. Site: Randolph AFB Auxiliary - Seguin. GPS Coordinates: 29.566556, -97.913739 Events: 323-326 (JSO); Old Time Stunt; Classic Stunt Sponsor: Alamo Dome Flyers #4505. CD: Gaylord Eling, 16547 Reveloo Dr., Helotes, TX 78023. Phone: 210-509-0300(day) 210-372-0584(eve) WebSite: www.tricityflyers.com Gate opens 7a.m.; Pilot meeting 8:30a.m.; cell phones: 210-269-7180, 210-381-8007; Extra contact: Roger Olson. rtolson@swbell.net, 210-652-9576(day)

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:

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February Secretary's Report

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DUES INCREASE
Con'td from last month

The February 2008 business meeting was called to order by Club Vice-President Lee Rice at the North Richland Hills Community Center.

New Members/Visitors: Wes Blair and Greg Felts

Old Business:

Mall Show: Mall Show Results: 1st Place - Lee Rice - F4U Corsair, 2nd Place - J.J. Jennings, 3rd Place - Lawrence Harville - Skyraider

Bylaw Changes: The attending club members casted their votes regarding the following issues and the results are as follows:

1. Proposal to raise Youth membership dues from \$2.00 to \$5.00 - **Passed**
2. Proposal to raise new member application fee from \$20.00 to \$50.00 - **Passed**
3. Proposal to raise yearly membership dues from \$60.00 to \$100.00 - **Passed**
4. Proposal to delete the senior citizen membership rate - **Failed**
Proposal to delete the senior citizen definition from the Glossary of Terms - **Failed**

Pylon Racing Reschedule Date: The pylon race scheduled for May 18, 2008 has been rescheduled to May 4, 2008 due to schedule conflicts.

New Business:

Flying Field Temporarily Closed: Due to another new gas well being drilled near the runway, the flying field facility will be temporarily closed 4-6 weeks or until drilling operations cease.

Model of the Month: The February 2008 Model of the Month award went to Scott Hartford and his good looking Top Flite Nobler, powered by an O.S. 46

Club Web Site: Be sure the visit the Greater Southwest Aero Modeler's web site at: <http://www.flygsw.org> . There is a current membership roster in the "Members" area and be sure to check out the club's "Tech" site, there's an abundance of useful information available.

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probably be opened Sunday, March 9, for use. Note that is "probably", Lee Rice will be deciding on the opening of the field based on the runway and whether the dirt can be spread due to weather that may move into the area. The only other option would be to open the runway to use with the stakes in place, which would kill a plane that struck them on takeoff or landing. Once the field is open please try to avoid the new dirt on the runway during landing and takeoff. Only walk on the dirt if you have to recover a plane. Then, if you leave tracks in soft earth, repair it so it does not bake into a hole that tears someone else's gear out when they roll over it.....Always remember you are flying on one of the best grass runways in the nation. That privilege doesn't come without costs in maintenance and time. I am so proud of the fact that we now even have grass in our pit area to go with that runway!

A special thanks goes to Dr. Bill Chambers. Doc paid for one load of dirt to put on the runway. Hooray for Doc! I hope to see you at the meeting and the field!

Tim Lovett
President

Mall Show Wrap Up

Harold Staats did an outstanding job organizing and ramrodding this year's mall show. We had 36 models entered and as Sonny reported, outstanding winners as voted by the public. As usual, there were many spectators and lots of votes. The raffle for the flight simulator was won by George Parra of Fort Worth. The Horizon Hobby Commando was won by Ferman Sifuentez. Again, thanks to J.J. Jennings for enabling the Horizon Hobby donation to our mall show. I've included a few photos seen at the show. Thanks to all who participated.

The votes are counted. Long story short dues were increased 67% across the board for all members, young and old, during the last business meeting.

Attendance at last month's business meeting was exceptional. Our Vice President, Lee Rice, chaired the meeting. Prior to receiving a Ballot to vote each member in good standing produced their 2008 Club Card. Verification was done professionally and quickly. After the voting was completed two members with one officer counted and verified the voting results. The proposal to increase the new member's application fee to \$50 **PASSED**. The proposal to increase the Youth membership to \$5 **PASSED**. The proposal to increase the annual dues to \$100 **PASSED** (a 67% increase). The proposal to delete the SENIOR CITIZEN from the Glossary of Terms **FAILED**. Likewise, the proposal to increase the dues for the senior citizens to \$100 (a 300% increase) **FAILED**.

However, senior citizens dues did increase to \$50 (a 67% increase), which is the same percentage of increase as the other members of the club. This increase is brought about based on the Bylaw requiring senior citizens to pay one half of the annual dues.

Our officers and those helping with maintenance of the field believe our aging equipment is rapidly nearing the end of its usefulness and will need major repairs if not replacing soon. Everyone needs to help maintain our equipment and extend its life span. There may be a need to readdress our budget of expenditures, along with the dues structure and means of establishing a money reserve for the future. Be prepared.

Walt



Seen at the Mall Show 2008



Texas Scale Championships-Scale Masters Qualifier

Free Airtronics RD 8000 2.4 radio

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Are you getting ready for the largest Scale Contest in the 6 state area? Yes I am talking about the TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIP/ SCALE MASTERS QUALIFIER. Hosted by the Fort Worth Thunderbirds. It will be held on May 31-June 1, 2007. It was moved back a couple of weeks this year to get out of the rainy - dry-hot - windy season (take your pick).

I can guarantee these dates will be the best ever-I know I said that last year and it rained out the second day-but I have to have hope and the year before we had 200 mph wind (OK that may be an exaggeration-But I have an excuse I am a Texan)

Put it on your calendar and come compete for the title of Texas Scale Champion or enter any one of 5 classes. I have been told this year there are a couple of Oklahoma pilots that want to take our title back to Okla.—we can't have that. Since we started 10 years ago, no one from out of state has won the Texas Scale Championship so come out and lets make sure.

From GSW alone, there have been four Texas Scale Champions and it would be nice to keep it in the hands of GSW at least one more year.

GSW Texas Scale Champions-Max Ficken (2 time winner), Ed Newman, Lee Rice, Lawrence Harville.

I want to mention a few of the local guys who flew last year just to let you know who laid it on the line and came out smiling -Ernie Harwood, Vic Larson, Bob Hoover, Tim Lovett, Max Ficken, Lee Rice, Ed Newman, Elvis Burnell, Bill Kuntz, Gary Alpin, Terry Thorpe, Lawrence Harville and Woody Lake.

Before you start thinking man I don't have a scale plane-- let me explain just what it takes. I have been at the field and the majority of us fly airplanes that could easily compete. There are

several categories you could enter

Open or Fun Scale-the title says it all- You don't have to build the plane, ARF's or purchased planes are allowed- any plane that looks like a real plane-that's about 80% of what we all fly now. This is considered an entry-level class for new and developing scale competitors who want to get their feet wet without all the hassle of building a fully loaded scale plane. No Documentation is required, but if you have a three-view drawing it is worth 10 points, color photo or drawing is worth 10 points and craftsmanship 10 points.

Before you say "BUT I can't fly good enough to enter a scale contest"

Let me tell you what the requirements are:

Take off----we all do this-anybody can take off

Fly by---fly down the field between 10-20 high-straight and level

Figure 8 --- this is not that hard

Landing---- OK this separated the anybodies from the pilots

Then you get to pick 5 maneuvers you like to do.

SEE nothing impossible, nothing hard, just come fly like you usually do at the field—except for this you get an award, get to show off and some bragging rights.

That's it for OPEN-FUN Scale

Next class up is Advanced. The winner of this event will get an **AIRTRONICS R-8000-2.4 RADIO**. Documentation is required and I can help you with that. ONCE AGAIN you can buy or build, ARF's are allowed.

You fly the same maneuvers as open-fun scale.

Last year in this Class we had 3 people

Pretty good odds to win a brand NEW AIRTRONICS RADIO.

Next Month I'll go over Expert, Team and the Texas Champion Class.

The season is coming, get ready and lets have a great time this year.

Gear up and locked





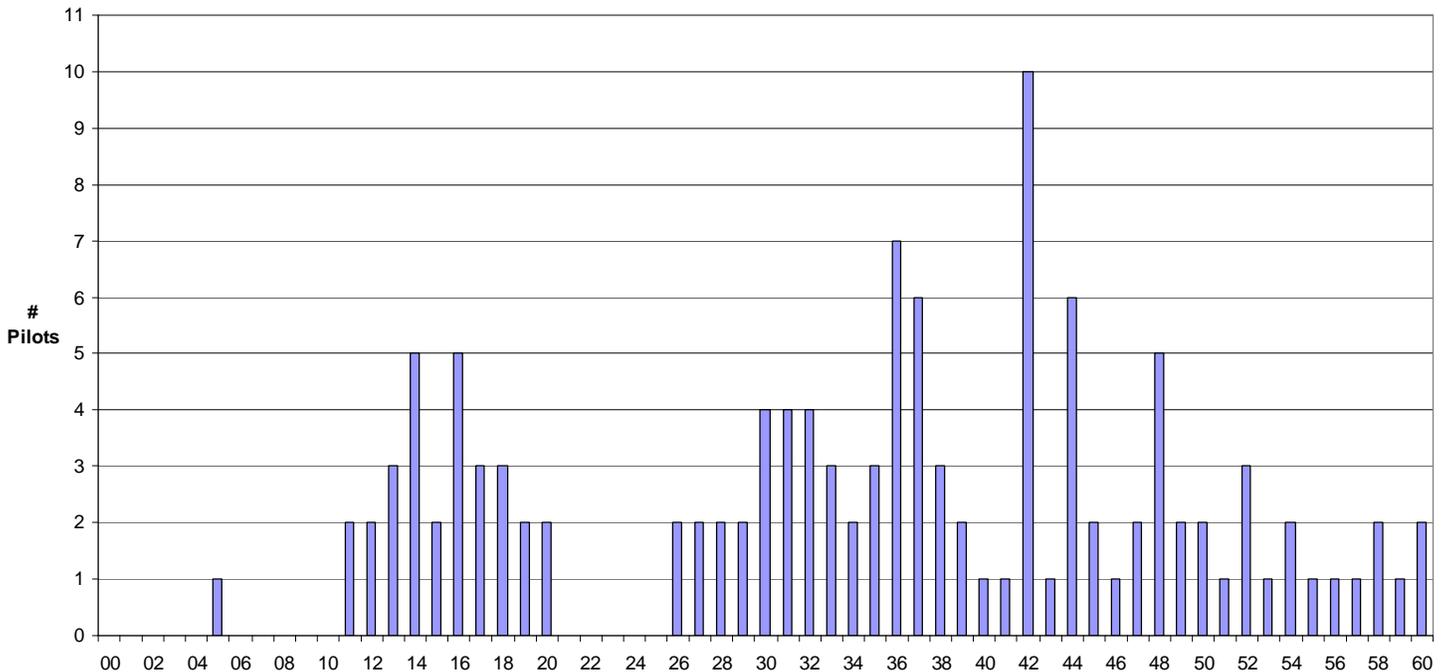
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Greater Southwest Modeler's Club
Frequency/Channel Usage



NOTICE! There is interference on channels 24, 25, 39, 40, 53, and 54, therefore flying on these channels is banned.