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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

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<http://www.flygsw.org>



AMA Gold Leader Club

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 7:30 PM at the McDonalds Restaurant, 769 W Airport Fwy, Hurst TX. Take the Precinct Line exit, and the McDonalds is on the east bound access road.

Next Meeting:

**September 9, 2008
7:30PM
McDonalds
769 W Airport Fwy
Hurst**

President	Tim Lovett	(817) 268-7797
Vice President(s)	Lee Rice	(817) 431-5408
Secretary	Sonny Coleman	(817) 251-3940
Treasurer	Tom Russell	(817) 457-3236
Newsletter Editor	Roy Baker	(817) 545-4031

Take Off and Grow (TAG) Invitation

We're going to have our second annual TAG (Take off and Grow) event on Oct 4. Many of the members are participating in conducting the event.

Lee is going to prepare lunch. Bill Wilson will do a line control demo. Dave Ek is bringing the two club trainers. Walt Fisher has invited some Boy Scout Troops, and will do training. JJ Johnson will do his 3-D demo. Joey Doucet will demo his helicopters. Tom Russell will host and sign up the guests.

I have asked some others for help and please don't be offended if I haven't mentioned your names.

We need some additional instructors for buddy box training and if anyone would like to help Lee in the kitchen, I'm sure he won't refuse your offer.

We need someone to conduct a ground school for the guests. This year I would like it to be focused or concentrated on showing how a model is flown and demo the radio transmitter and its functions. The plan is to do this just prior to starting the buddy box training.

Everyone is invited to help and or watch the kids have fun.

See you at the field,

Frank Rowell



LEADER TO LEADER

Should You Be a Leader Member

by Jim Rice, District VIII Vice President

As I write this, the Leader Member (LM) vote is ongoing for AMA Bylaws changes. I have received phone calls from all over my district asking about the revisions in attempts to be better informed voters. It will be interesting to see how the vote goes but maybe even more significantly, how many LMs vote.

If the low participation in the Membership Dynamic is any indication, we have a lot of LMs who are not interested in participating in or helping with AMA programs. If that describes you, then perhaps you should not be a Leader Member.

Twenty years ago, as a member became a CD, he/she automatically became a LM. I suspect that we made many LMs who really only wanted to run local events and had no interest in the AMA business above their local level. I was one of those people myself. I became a CD back then and really only wanted to run local meets but accepted the LM status with the CD. I grew to enjoy the idea of having a role in the bigger picture but wasn't tasked enough to keep my interest until I became an associate vice president. Perhaps too much is expected of people who did not want to be LMs in the first place.

I have had people ask me if it is time for them to apply for Leader Member status to add to their AMA résumés. Unless you are going to run for a district or national office, the answer to that is no. But, if you want to be a LM to use your experience and expertise to become more involved in AMA business and have the opportunity to affect the direction of the AMA, then I say you should apply.

The following Code of Conduct is

**September Event
Calendar**

SEP 13--Mansfield, TX (C) Mansfield Classic Scale Fly-In. Site: Hawk Field GP: 32.542766, -97.140214 . Events: Sponsor: Hawk Field Flyers #3369. CD: Gary Pannell, 3181 Mesquite, Venus, TX 76084. Phone: 817-242-6280(day) 817-242-6280(eve) E-Mail: garpannell@netzero.net WebSite: www.hawkfield.org This event for ARF or what have you, must be recognizable resemblance to scale aircraft. 3 view required for entry. Lunch available at field. Entry fee - \$15 Flying begins at 9a.m. till 7p.m. Three categories for Military, Sport, Civilian, and Pilot's choice.

SEP 19-20--Monaville, TX (C) B-17 Gathering & Scale Big Bird. Site: Bomber Field GPS: 29.93937, -96.0594. Events: Sponsor: Bomber Field, Inc. #2307. CD: Nick Stratos, 10003 Rocky Hollow, LaPorte, TX 77571. Phone: 713-857-4108(day) 281-471-6762(eve) E-Mail: nls1941@comcast.net WebSite: www.bomberfield.com Scale Big Bird; Minimums of 80" Mono, 60" Bipe. Any scale warbird or civilian \$20 landing fee. RVs welcome, come early, no hook-ups. Hamburgers, cold drinks, & souvenirs available. Raffle plane is a Fleet Bi-plane W/5 cylinder radial engine. Vendor spots available for \$25. Call to reserve your spot. Paved and grass runway.

SEP 20--Lucas, TX (C) Richardson TX RC Combat. Site: Club Field GPS: 33.107047, -96.5206. Events: Sponsor: Richardson RC Club #623. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) E-Mail: ed.kettler3@verizon.net WebSite: www.rrcc.org Exciting RC Combat with the

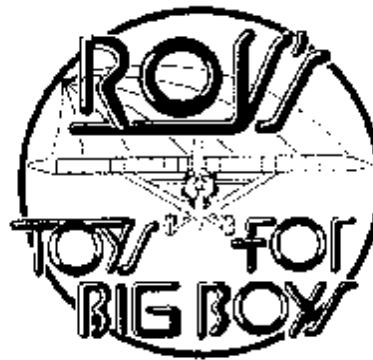
best pilots in the country! RCCA SSC and 2548 Scale WW2 fighters. Visitors and newcomers welcome! Hard hats required for pilots and crew.

SEP 20--Benbrook, TX (C) Bi-Plane Bash. Site: Thunderbird Field. . GPS Coordinates:

32.6391194, -97.4723583 Events: Sponsor: Ft. Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Robert Hoover, 122 Danielle Drive, Weatherford, TX 76086. Phone: 817-614-0056(day) 817-614-0056(eve) E-Mail: roberthoover@uwmil.com WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org Awards for best pilot, best Military, best Civilian, and best crash. Landing fee \$15; Raffle and prizes.

SEP 20-21--Aubrey, TX (AA) 25th NDRCC Pattern Classic. Site: Eagle Field GPS: 33.41185, -104.553. Events: 401-404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: North Dallas Radio Control Club #1238. CD: David Cotton, 1901 Paris Ave, Plano, TX 75025. Phone: 972-816-8034 (day) 972-517-2752(eve) E-Mail: davecotton@ti.com WebSite: www.ndrcc.com Trophies for 1-3rd in each numbered event. Map and Hotel details available on web site. Field open Friday afternoon for practice.

SEP 27--Weatherford, TX (C) WAMS Fall Float
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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
(817) 545-4031
(817) 455-0922 (cell)

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August Secretary's Report

The August 2008 GSWAM business meeting was called to order by club Vice President, Lee Rice, at the McDonalds Restaurant at 769 W. Airport Freeway Hurst, TX 76053.

The minutes of the July meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved.

Field Report: Lee Rice reported that the runway had been fertilized and that a serious water leak had been repaired at one of the hose bib locations. No flying facility upgrades are to be performed until further notice is provided by Lee.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Russell reported this month's major expenditure being the water bill of \$523.88.

Old Business:

T.A.G. Event: The 2008 Take-off and Grow event will be held October 4, 2008, and Frank Rowell will once again be running the show. Volunteers will be needed to help out, so please contact Frank if interested in being a part of this years T.A.G. event.

Field Lease Update: The Ft. Worth City Council approved club use of the landfill area for club flying field use. There are still details to be worked out before the official lease is finalized and more

information will be published as it becomes available.

New Business:

Futaba 2.4 Radio Binding Issues: Chuck Rovell led the discussion regarding the loss of Futaba transmitter to receiver binding and unique code loss on some of the 2.4 Fasst radios. Once a unique code is lost there is a possibility of a series of zeros code being utilized which can cause interference with other radios that lost their code and are also on the zero code.

Model of the Month: This month Scott Hartford brought a Stick-10 aircraft powered by an OS .10, and Rookie powered by an OS 32SX. Scott won both first and second place along with a gallon of glow fuel.

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.

Sonny Coleman - Secretary
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from Muncie to the local flying field; don't let it get clogged with inaccurate information.

Report Your Findings. If you discover issues that cannot be resolved at the local level, report them to the appropriate staff agency or the executive director at headquarters, or to your associate vice president or district vice president.

Be Creative and Thoughtful. Always be on the lookout for newer and better ways to do things. Keep your eyes and ears open for new flying sites and meeting places. Attend club meetings and provide your experience and knowledge to their agenda. Volunteer to find out why or how or who when the local knowledge is short.

Leader Members need not be old timers with years of membership in AMA. They need to be members willing to make a difference and help move the association forward in smart and productive ways. If you know someone who should be using their innate leadership abilities and their genuine concern for the forward progress of the Academy, suggest to them that they apply. Like the Marine Corps, we need a few good LMs.

Club events for 2008

September 20

Warbird Flyin, concessions, Lawrence Harville CD

October 11

Eighth Annual GSW All scale flyin, any size scale airplane flown in scale manner Concessions Max Ficken CD

November 8th

Food Drive Flyin for Club. Entry fee nonperishable foodstuffs to be donated to food bank

December 13th

Toys for Tots entry fee new unwrapped toy Flyin any size airplane Max Ficken CD

If you have questions or want to conduct an event please call me at 817-691-9632

Max Ficken

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proposed for all Leader Members:

Represent Fellow Modelers and the AMA. When it is time to express opinions or vote on issues, determine what is best for the membership and the Academy and move or vote in that direction. Do not let personal agendas influence your professional efforts.

Respect Differences of Opinion. Differences of opinion strengthen the decision process and are healthy. However, these differences should not be allowed to become personal attacks. When you attack an idea, do not attack the person too. That becomes childish, petty, and nonproductive.

Remain Informed. You cannot represent or vote properly if you are not informed. Read your *Model Aviation* magazine, concentrating on the black-and-white pages in the back. Visit the AMA Web site regularly and read every issue of the *AMA Insider*. You are a main artery

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Fly. Site: Sunshine Lake, Cartwright Park. Events: Sponsor: Weatherford Aero Modeling Society #2267. CD: Verne Bell, 1805 Greenwood Cut Off, Weatherford, TX 76088-8613. Phone: 817-599-9580(day) 817-599-9580(eve) E-Mail: vernebell@intergate.com WebSite: www.wamsrc.com Great location, great spectator location. North of Weatherford Court House on Hwy 51 to FM920. Go 2 miles to Cartwright Park Road. \$10 landing fee. Food and Restrooms available. 9a.m. to 4p.m. GPS: 32.7880222, -97.830375

SEP 27-28--Seagoville, TX (C) DEAF 22. Site: Club Field GPS: 32.81, -96.665278. Events: Sponsor: Dallas Electric Aircraft Flyers #2333. CD: Chris Vanderbilt, 724 Paisley Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028. Phone: 972-539-4454(day) 972-539-4454(eve) E-Mail: chris.vanderbilt@gmail.com WebSite: www.deaf-rc.org 22nd Annual DEAF Electric Fun Fly. Come and join the Dallas Electric Aircraft Flyers at the beautiful Dallas RC Club flying field for two Days of electric powered model aviation. Lots of Fun Flying both days. Scale competition on Saturday. All Up Last Down competition on Sunday. Saturday evening dinner at the field. More Information available at www.deaf-rc.org

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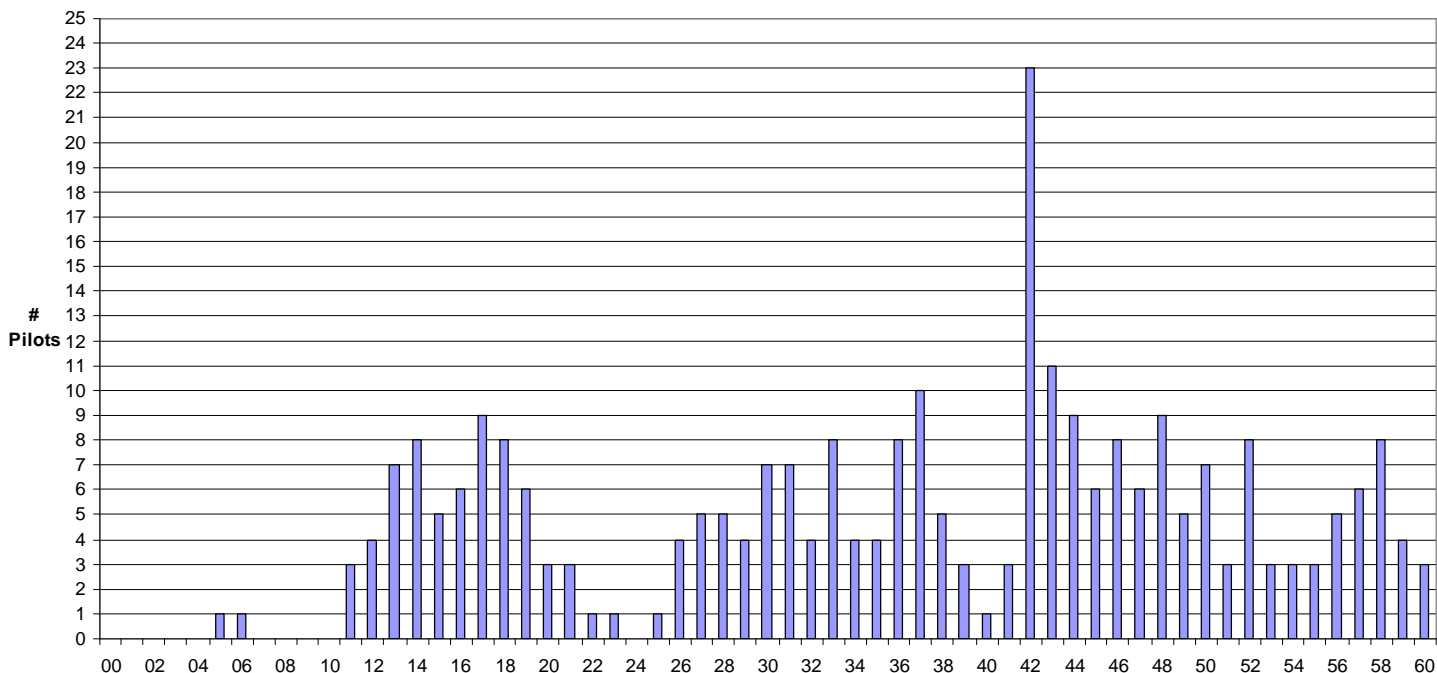
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Frequency/Channel Usage



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