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The Tail Spinner

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

P.O. Box 1355

Bedford, TX 76021

<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:

May 12, 2009

7:30PM

**McDonalds
769 W Airport Fwy
Hurst**

President	Tim Lovett	(817) 268-7797
Vice President(s)	Lee Rice	(817) 431-5408
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AMA Nationwide Membership Drive 2009

Goal: To utilize/involve the Academy's largest outreach component—the membership—to recruit new members for the AMA so more people can participate in the fun of flying model airplanes.

Time Frame: April 1-September 14, 2009.

Methodology: Train, equip, and challenge the Academy's leadership with the knowledge and materials that will encourage and empower the average AMA member to recruit new members.

Relationships to other AMA membership-development programs: The Bringing Modelers Together Challenge replaces no current AMA membership-development program. All prizes and awards that are currently in effect will be honored in addition to the new incentives developed for this effort.

Membership Drive: This effort will center on a competition between the following groups to sign up the highest number of new members*. Awards/recognition will be given to the highest producer in each division.

Club to Club: The highest number of new members* gained through the efforts of the club. Does not require that new members join the local club, but it is greatly encouraged. Calculations are based on new membership applications* with a club-orientation designation noted from April 1 through September 15, 2009.

There are five subdivisions for clubs in this competition: Small, membership of 5-10; Medium, membership of 11-24;

Large, membership of 25-49; X Large, membership of 50-99; XX Large, membership of 100 or more.

Awards:

1. Recognition in MA/Park Pilot and all Web sites as the top-producing club in each respective category.
2. Brick in AMA "Walk of Fame" in new club-recognition section denoting club winner for 2009.
3. AMA banner and plaque proclaiming that "TBA club signed up the largest number of AMA members in 2009."
4. Waived recharter fees for 2010.
5. Cash award of \$500 to club.

District vice presidents are encouraged to develop a corresponding intradistrict "Bringing Modelers Together Challenge" program, with recognition and awards within their respective districts, to encourage participation.

The AMA will develop support materials that can be used by AMA vice presidents, AMA associate vice presidents, AMA Leader Members, and AMA's general membership to recruit new members from April 1-October 2, 2009.

Materials/Actions Needs:

1. Program-announcement materials and communications to AMA leadership and members.
2. AMA application forms.
3. FAQs sheet on membership recruitment.



May/June Event Calendar

MAY 16--Benbrook, TX (C) Thunderbird Memorial Warbird Fly-In. Site: Thunderbird Field. GPS Coordinates: 32.6391194, -97.4723583 Sponsor: Fort Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Terry Thorpe, 413 Schooner Drive, Azle, TX 76020. Phone: 817-444-8237(day) 817-444-8237(eve) E-Mail: thorpetr@flash.net WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org 13th Annual Thunderbird Memorial Fly-In. Free lunch for pilots, giveaways and pilot promotions. 450 ft concrete runway. Fixed or rotary wing warbirds. Jet/Turbine waiver required. Pilot briefing at 9a.m.. Landing fee \$10. Contact CD for more details and info.

MAY 16--Lucas (A) Richardson Spring Combat. Site: Richardson RC Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.107047, -96.5206 Events: 755 (JSO) 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.rccc.org North Texas RC Combat comes to the Richardson RC Club. Slow Survivable Combat (SSC) and Scale 2548. AMA membership and hard hats required for pilots and crew. Spectators welcome! This is a great event for pilots and spectators.

MAY 17--Weatherford, TX (C) WAMS Spring Float Fly. Site: Cartwright Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.7879, -97.8307 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 FM-920. Go 2 miles to Cartwright Park Road. \$10 landing fee. Food & restrooms available. 9a.m. - 4p.m.

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JUN 05-07--Grapevine, TX (C) 114th Fly Low In. Site: Meadowmere Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.98322, -97.1214 Events: Sponsor: 114th RC Aerosquadron #1318. CD: Wendell Hubbard, 7924 Coldshire Court, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180. Phone: 817-308-1100(day) E-Mail: hubbardwendell@hotmail.com WebSite: www.114thrc.org2nd Fly Low In. Sponsored by 3D Hobby Shop. All types of RC aircraft welcome, especially 3D aircraft and pilots. Night flying on Saturday.

JUN 07--Killeen, TX (C) Cen-Tex Modelers Big Bird. Site: Hall Field GPS: 31.0089, -97.6256. Events: Sponsor: Cen-Tex Modelers #1978. CD: John Eyre, P.O.Box 11974, Killeen, TX 76547. Phone: 254-953-3955(eve) E-Mail: johneyre@yahoo.com WebSite:

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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:

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(817) 455-0922 (cell)

(e-mail) reb2ntx@verizon.net

April Secretary's Report

The April 2009 business meeting was called to order by club President Tim Lovett at the McDonalds Restaurant at 769 W. Airport Freeway Hurst, TX 76053.

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

Field Report: No workday scheduled for April.

Treasurers Report: No major expenditures reported in March

Old Business:

Jerry Stagner Memorial Update: The Jerry Stagner Memorial's initial member names will include fallen pilots: Tony Trimarchi, Frank Mobley, Nick Nichols, Dave Arnold, Bill Parker, Eugene Fowlkes, and Bob Long.

New Business:

Coke Machine Discussion: There was a discussion among the attending club members regarding reducing the cost of flying field soft drinks from seventy-five cents to fifty cents. There was a motion made and seconded to lower soft drink costs, but the motion was defeated by popular vote. The cost of a soft drink from the flying field coke machine will remain at seventy-five cents for the time being. (Sorry about that Lawrence)

Club Web Site Chat Forum Upgrade: A motion was made and seconded to upgrade the club's web chat forum and to allot up to \$200.00 to purchase the necessary software. The motion passed by popular vote to upgrade the forum software.

Field Sprinkler System: The installation of a sprinkler system at the club flying facility was put out to bid to a local irrigation systems contractor so the club officers and members can have an idea what the approximate costs of an irrigation system project might be. It was decided that since our existing line sprinkler and associated water hoses are in relatively good condition we would delay the installation discussion until next year.

Model of the Month: Lee Rice won the April Model of the Month Award with his electric powered PT-19.

Club Web Site: Be sure to 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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4. Poster suitable for club bulletin board, announcing the "Bringing Modelers Together Challenge."
5. Online registration to allow a sponsor/referring member or club to be recorded/tracked.

Time Line:

1. ASAP: Presentation to Executive Council, using a teleconference call, of concept and components.
2. Early February: Program-announcement materials and communications to AMA leadership and members developed.
3. MA/Park Pilot and all Web site announcements developed and placed in April, May, June, July, August, and September issues.
4. Monthly: Reports of membership challenge progress by all divisions reported in MA/Park Pilot and all Web sites in April, May, June, July, August, and September issues.
5. March: Mail materials to all clubs.
6. March: Push e-mail to all members.
7. March: Push e-mail to all associate vice presidents.
8. April, May, June, July, August, and September: Reminder push e-mail to all members and associate vice presidents with status-report information.
9. October: Calculate and notify winners in each division. Announcement made at October Executive Council meeting.
10. January 2010: Recognition of winners at January Executive Council meeting.
11. January 2010: Begin planning for the 2010 membership drive.

Note: The Membership Department supervisor has the final say if there are questions about whether or not a particular application counts toward this promotion.

* AMA \$1 Youth Memberships are ineligible for this promotion.

Approved by Executive Council telephone meeting February 9, 2009.

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www.centexmodelers.com Union Grove Park, Killeen, TX
Cash prizes awarded for pilots choice and spectators choice. Raffle prizes for everyone. Landing fee \$15 includes lunch. See web site for more details:
www.centexmodelers.com

GSW Events for 2009

May 23th

Biplane Flyin
Concessions

June 13th and 14th

Scale Masters Qualifier

July 4th

Picnic/funfly

August 15th or 16th

Fun Fly

September 12th

Warbird Flyin
Any size Warbird welcome
Concessions

October 10th

All Scale Flyin
Any Scale model eligible to participate.
Concessions

November 7th

GSW Food Drive
Entry is nonperishable food stuff for the needy.
Concessions

December 12th

GSW Toys for Tots
Entry Fee New unwrapped toys for the Marines Toys for Tots Program.
Concessions

December 12th

Christmas Party

Tentative Calendar for 09. If you would like to CD a fun fly or any of the other events let me know and I will be happy to assist you. Some of the dates are flexible and some are not. Please let me know of questions, suggestions or oversights. Max triplane41@att.net
817-691-9630

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TEXAS BIPLANE FUN FLY

Hosted by the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Club

AWARDS- -REFRESHMENTS

DATE: Saturday **NEW DATE - MAY 23 !!!!**
SITE : Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Flying Field
6903 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth, TX 76112



EVENT DIRECTOR

Darrell Abby
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Awards

Pilots Choice
World War I
Best Civilian
Best Crash

REGISTRATION

Flying STARTS 9 AM
ENDS 3 PM
---Must be AMA member---
\$10.00 Entry Fee (includes lunch)

This will be THE BIPLANE event of the year
COME OUT HAVE A BALL ENJOY THE FUN AND ATMOSPHERE

Texas Scale Championships- Scale Masters Qualifier

The Scale competition season is fast approaching and there has been one SMALL change that has BIG consequences for almost everyone in our club that flies airplanes.

This year at the Texas Scale Championships will be held at our on field. It is scheduled for June 13-14.

This year the winner in the FUN/OPEN class will be given an AIRTRONICS 8 Channel radio. Now before you say I don't fly scale, I don't have a scale airplane, I don't know what to do. In the Open Class the rules are very close to FUN Scale-little or no documentation required-just fly. I have seen many of you at the field with just this type of SCALE plane-now you can come and compete and stand a very good chance of winning the radio. I have seen you guys fly, I have seen your airplanes. I can tell you 99% of you would do very well at this event. So come, play and have some fun— Someone has to win the radio why not you.

Here are the rules in the Fun Scale-Open event

1. Factory built or modeler built----means you can fly the ARF's or go buy a plane.
2. Static not required
3. If you want to do static worth 25 points --a photograph or artist rendering---Means the photo on the box is good enough.
4. Additional 5 point if you have a 3 view and color/markings/finish documentation.
5. There are 4 required flight maneuvers are Take off-, Fly By-, Figure 8-, and Landing—then you pick 5 maneuvers. Scoring is Best Two Flights added to Static-highest points wins.

Almost everyone can meet these requirements and I know all you can fly the required flight maneuvers even a beginner can do those. If you ever thought about entering a scale contest, plan on entering this one.

We will have someone to help guide you through the contest.

We can even have someone on a buddy box, if you would feel better like that.

If you are an experienced pilot with a drop dead airplane you too can enter this class if you like. It is open to everyone. However the only pilots who are eligible for the radio is someone who has not entered a scale contest in the Expert or Advanced class.

For the top of the line pilots and there are MANY in the GSW club The Texas Scale Championships has Expert Class, Advanced Class and Team Scale Scoring for these events are Best Two Flights plus Static.

The top of the food chain is competition for the 2009 Texas Scale Champion class. Everyone is automatically entered in The Champions class. In this class ALL SCORES are added together to get the top score and the new 2009 Champion is selected. This is a tough event and GSW can boast of several Texas Champions.

Also at the contest are other events like Scale Master's Expert Class, Advanced class. The top 30% will also earn a spot to the U S Scalemasters finals in October-You do not have to attend if you win-that is up to you.

There will be something for all levels of pilots. If you don't or can't fly come out and watch, there will be some of the best Scale Planes and pilots in the 4 state area in the top levels of this contest.

Saturday and Sunday starting 8 a.m. and ending 4 p.m on Saturday and Trophy Presentation at 1 on Sunday

There will be Food, raffles, prizes and FUN for pilots and spectators.

Max and I are desperately asking for help in judges and office workers if you want to help call us. If you have never judged we will pair you with a more experienced judge and help you along. Come on guys this is the FIRST time GSW has put on a REGIONAL Scale contest and selected the TEXAS SCALE CHAMPION we need your help to put on a First rate contest Call us.

If you need additional information on anything to do with entering flying or just scale in general give me a call Lawrence Harville or Max Ficken



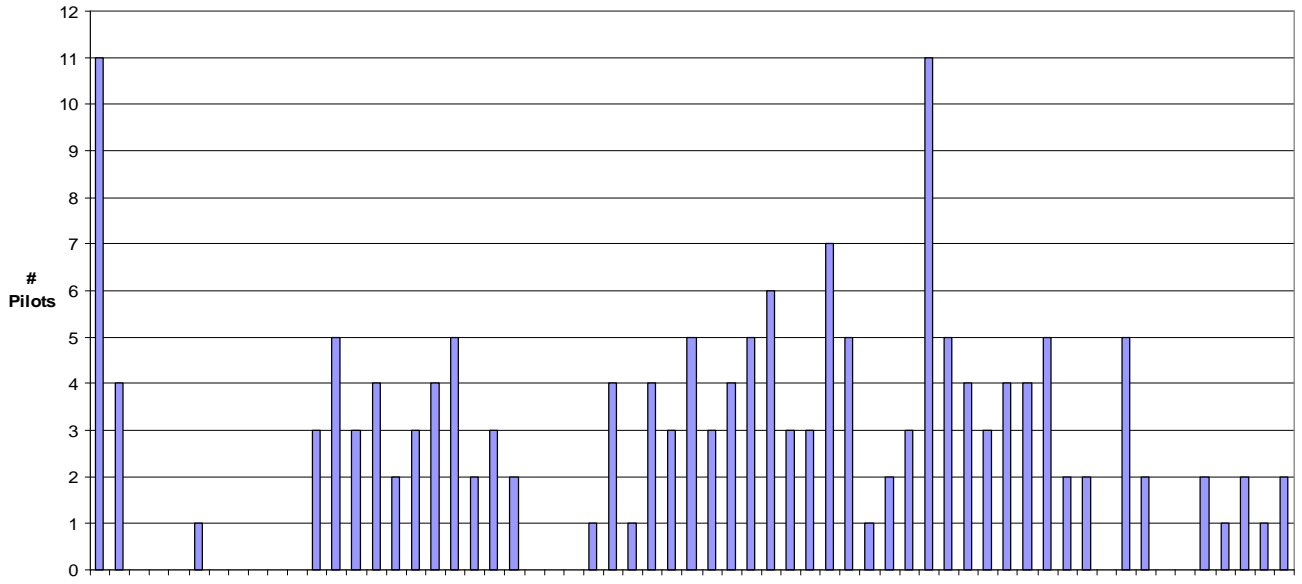
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2009 February
 Greater Southwest Modeler's Club
 Frequency/Channel Usage



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

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 Fisher

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