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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, 450 Grapevine Hwy, Hurst TX. The McDonalds is on the north side of Grapevine Hwy, about .1 mi north of Hurstview Dr.*

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday**  
**March 13, 2012**  
**7:30PM**

**McDonalds**  
**450 Grapevine Hwy**  
**Hurst**

<b>President</b> .....	Tim Lovett .....	(682) 503-6529
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<b>Newsletter Editor</b> .....	Roy Baker .....	(817) 545-4031

### President's Notes

This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. A workday will follow on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be finishing the move into the new storage container, electrical work for lights and power inside the container, cleaning of tables and starter stands, cleanup of the concession area and some general maintenance. Please come out and help!

March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the start of our club fun-flies. Come on to the field and join in the festivities, fellowship and fun! We will be having club fun-flies every month through the flying season. These are a blast to participate in and even more fun to watch! Exciting times, to say the least....

Make certain that all your batteries have been checked for the new season if they have been sitting idle. There is nothing more disheartening than having a plane crash because of radio failure that could have been prevented.

AMA has once again recognized GSW as a Gold Level Leader Club. We are among a few clubs across the nation that has that designation. Thanks for all your hard work in areas that get us recognized. See you at the field!

*Tim Lovett, President*



### THIS AND THAT by Darrell Abby

Have you been flying? Have you been building? Have you needed any specialty decals for your project? I'm sure you old heads know all about making your own decals but I'm relatively new and thought I might share my first foray into printing custom decals for my Rookie 40 kit. After all, I kept hearing others discuss making them. Like so many aspects of our hobby, we ask questions; that's one of the best ways to learn. Throw in a little internet research followed by some experimentation.

Just about anything you can print on your inkjet printer can be printed on "clear inkjet decal paper". For the Rookie I thought a big "40" on the tail and "Rookie 40" on the side of the fuse might break up the single color monocoat covering. Just about any logo, photo, .jpg picture file, software graphic creation, etc. can be used. I simply used MS Word to experiment with the font and letter size followed by some trial prints on plain paper. At first, I shopped all the local office supply stores and hobby places, but could not find any real "clear inkjet waterslide decal paper". There are about fifty thousand other kinds of paper though. Back to the computer where I settled on "decalpaper.com"; they have a nifty how-to video and all. Twenty 8.5 x 11 sheets for \$17 plus shipping so it's about \$1 per sheet. Later, I see Roy's has the exact same paper for \$2 per sheet; I didn't even consider looking there. Arghh. Anyway, now I'm ready to print.

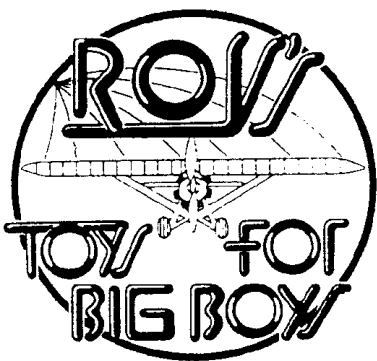
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## March Events Calendar

MAR 17--San Antonio, TX (A) HOTSS Upstart/ Open(Triathalon). Site: HOTSS Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.472347, -98.209254 Events: 441 & 444 (JSO) Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Soaring Society #2203. CD: Willis Van, 2223 Sun Pebble, New Braunfels, TX 78159. Phone: 210-385-6447(day) 210-385-6447(eve) E-Mail: [wvan15@satx.rr.com](mailto:wvan15@satx.rr.com) WebSite: [www.hotss-rc.org](http://www.hotss-rc.org) See club web site for more info.

MAR 23-25--Southmayd, TX (AA) Lone Star Nationals at Texoma. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.644011, -96.750229 Events: 750, 755, 760 (JSO) Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: David Turner, 410 Stetson, P.O.Box 143, Southmayd, TX 76268. Phone: 903-821-4329(day) 903-821-4329(eve) E-Mail: [mrdavidturner@gmail.com](mailto:mrdavidturner@gmail.com) WebSite: [www.texomarc.org](http://www.texomarc.org) Awards for 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event, JSO combined.

MAR 24--Rosenberg, TX (C) Spring Swap Meet and Fun-Fly. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.542804, -95.83639 Events: Sponsor: Fort Bend RC Club #615. CD: Richard Jackson, 15022 White Forge Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77498. Phone: 281-684-5295 (day) 281-684-5295(eve) E-Mail: [rc.aviator@comcast.net](mailto:rc.aviator@comcast.net) WebSite: [www.fortbendrc.com](http://www.fortbendrc.com) 2 paved runways, 700' and 525'. Air conditioned club house, covered pavilion and pit area. Tables available on a first come basis. Concession stand for burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Donations accepted for parking. Swap meet starts at 8am.



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MAR 30-31--Austin, TX (C) T.E.F.F. "Texas Electric Fun-Fly". Site: Lester Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.32401, -97.6033 Events: Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Doug Nelle, 17902 FM1100, Elgin, TX 78621. Phone: 512-925-0064(day) 512-925-0064(eve) E-Mail: [knelle@swbell.net](mailto:knelle@swbell.net)

WebSite: [www.austinrc.org](http://www.austinrc.org) All Electric Fun-fly; airplanes and Helicopters welcome. Electric Outlets everywhere, Concessions, RV hook-ups \$10 per night(no water). Free pilot's & guest dinner Friday night, \$13 steak dinner Saturday night. \$20 landing fee, mega raffle.

MAR 30-APR 01--Tyler, TX (C) Tyler Modelers Club Heli Fun-Fly. Site: North Side Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.3857138, -95.3270972 Events: Sponsor: Tyler Modelers Club #960. CD: Herbie Hobbs, 17915 CR134, Flint, TX 75762. Phone: 903-839-2460(day) E-Mail: [herb91834@aol.com](mailto:herb91834@aol.com) <<mailto:herb91834@aol.com>> WebSite: [tylmodelersclub.com](http://tylmodelersclub.com) Heli pilots are invited for 3 days of fun. Landing fee \$20. Overnight camping; no hook-ups. Lunch available.

MAR 31--Georgetown, TX (AA) 2nd Annual Pattern Clinic & Contest. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.7162, -97.6281 Events: 401, 402 JSO Sponsor: Georgetown Aero Modelers Association #1813. CD: Rene Grebe, 13102 Fawn Valley Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613.  
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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  
(817) 545-4031  
(817) 455-0922 (cell)

(e-mail) [reb2ntx@verizon.net](mailto:reb2ntx@verizon.net)

## February Secretary's Report

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Inc was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on 2/21/2012 in the McDonalds Restaurant at 450 W. Grapevine Hwy Hurst, TX. By club President Tim Lovett.

**New Members/Visitors:** Jim Billings

### A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### B. Old Business

**1. Storage Container:** Storage container replacement bid pricing has been completed and processed by Frank Rowell, who has been heading up the project. Frank has found a suitable 40' storage container that meets the discussed and approved criteria of being in good condition, having a single entrance, and a security lock-box installed. Attending club members discussed the storage container purchase and a motion was made, seconded, and approved for Frank to move forward and purchase said container and negotiate a suitable delivery fee, and schedule the container delivery to the club flying facility.

**2. Club Facility Sprinkler System:** In order for the main runway to receive complete water coverage from the existing sprinkler system several sprinkler heads will have to be relocated and the sprinkler head riser pipe size increased to 1" in diameter. Estimated repair costs are in the \$1,200 range. The sprinkler system repair was discussed; a motion was made, seconded, and approved by a show of hands majority vote. Lee Rice will be receiving irrigation contractor bids and will select an appropriate contractor to perform the repair work and oversee the project.

### C. New Business

Lead flight instructor Frank Rowell welcomed Russ Watson as a club flight instructor for the 2012 flying season.

### D. Model of the Month

The February 2012 winner of the Model of the Month award is Chris Proctor with his Sig Astro Hog powered by a Saito 100 engine.

### Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. by Tim Lovett. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on 3/13/2012 in the McDonalds Restaurant at 450 W. Grapevine Hwy Hurst, TX.

Minutes submitted by: Sonny Coleman

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E-Mail: [renegrebe39@gmail.com](mailto:renegrebe39@gmail.com) WebSite: [www.gamarc.org](http://www.gamarc.org) 401 & 402 only. Clinic starts at 9am. Presentation by top flyers on everything on how to participate successfully in Pattern competition. will fly 2-3 round contest after lunch. \$20 registration includes lunch and trophies.

MAR 31--Alvin, TX (C) 22nd Annual Alvin Big Bird Fly-In & 8th Annual Swap Meet. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.41598, -95.2924  
Events: Sponsor: Alvin RC Modelers Association #1307. CD: Fred Daniels, 1618 Richvale Lane, Houston, TX 77062. Phone: 713-408-1598(day) 281-488-8371(eve) E-Mail: [fdaniels51@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fdaniels51@sbcglobal.net) WebSite: [www.alvinrc.org](http://www.alvinrc.org) Come join us for a great day of flying and swapping. Swap meet is open to all RC items and is FREE. 40' X 400' paved and 100' X 80' grass runways. Indoor restroom. Best burgers in town will be available at the concession stand. RV's okay, no hook-ups. 14' X 100' covered area. Raffle.

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### GSW Aero Modelers Events for 2012

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Fly
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tag
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Biplane Event
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly
June 9&10	Scale Masters Qualifier
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Picnic
Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Big Bird
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	All Scale Flyin
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Food Drive
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Control Line Event
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Toys for Tots

photo gloss paper. Eureka! Now I need some acrylic clear coat spray so the instructions tell me. I found some Krylon Acrylic Crystal Clear High Gloss Spray at Michael's (\$7) but settled on Walmart's "Mod Podge Gloss Clear Acrylic Spray". Two to 3 light coats over the face of the decal should protect it. After drying, cut to suit and you are ready to soak it in water for 45-60 seconds and slide it into place, dabbing out the bubbles with a clean cloth. This is just like the old style decals that we put on our plastic model airplanes when we were kids. Allow plenty of time for drying. Now, mask off the area of the decal and lightly spray another coat of the same clear acrylic for final protection. It is quite invisible.

How will they hold up in nitro/gas environs, you ask. Well so far mine have stayed mighty fine with no problems. Have you noticed on some ARF decals and stickers how the clear portion (if there is any) is chalky, visible, and gets dirty around the edges? Kinda ruins the scale effect, eh? Well, I am most impressed with these decals; the clear portion between the letters is almost invisible.

So the next time you need some graphics, why special order from the expensive graphics houses in the magazines; try making your own.

That's it for now. See you at the field.





# GSWAM March Photo Caption Contest

**Enter! - Win! - Huge Prizes!!!**  
Come up with the best captions for this photo and you could be a big winner!

Submit your entries written on the top wing of an Aeroworks Ultimate to Roy Baker by the end of March. Or... I will accept e-mail entries at reb2ntx@verizon.net!

Winner (selected by me!?) will get a bag of screws and a \$13.73 Roy's gift certificate presented at the April meeting.



Our New Storage Container



Photos thanks to Darrel Abby and Glenn Baker



# WARBIRDS OVER LAKE BENBROOK

Date: 5 May  
 Time: Safety Brief: 0900  
 Location: NEW Thunderbird Field



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**Or David Seals 918-486-3328**  
**c1d2seals@cox.net**  
**Further details at: www.tulsagluedobbers.com**

Visit WAMS Web Site at:  
[www.wamsrc.com](http://www.wamsrc.com)

# Weatherford Aero Modeling Society

## WAMS Spring 2012 Swap Meet & Auction

2 Speakers/Seminars on Saturday  
 More Tables Available!

**SWAP MEET**  
 Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 9 p.m.  
 (Concessions Available)

**SWAP MEET & AUCTION**  
 Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Auction at 12 noon.  
 (Concessions Available)

**HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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 \$7.00 each day  
 (Under 12, Free)  
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 Contact Verne Bell for Info & Diagram  
 by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Admission Price Includes a Ticket for One of the Two Radio Raffles!  
 Additional Raffle Tickets are available!



Remember: State & Federal Law prohibits smoking in school buildings OR on school grounds!

## SENIOR PATTERN CONTEST



**Saturday - April 28, 2012** Thunderbird Field, Benbrook, Texas  
 Go to [www.fwthunderbirds.org](http://www.fwthunderbirds.org) for directions.

**Airplane** - Senior Pattern competition is done with an RC airplane designed and flown before 1976. The engine can be a maximum .61 two stroke or .91 four stroke. Pilots can be any age. First time SPA event entrants can fly any airplane that has a qualifying engine.

**Classes** - Novice-B, Novice, Sportsman and Expert. Go to [seniorpattern.com](http://seniorpattern.com) for complete rules and pattern sequences. Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event. Classes may be combined if there are fewer than three contestants per class.

**Prizes** - Yet to be finalized.

**AMA** membership is required for pilots in all classes.

**Lunch** - Lunch will be provided to all registered pilots.

**Dinner** - Weather permitting - We are planning a get together after the event @ the flying field. Free to all Pilots stay, bring your lawn chair & stay for a Chicken Gumbo supper/ social. Getting to know everyone & also being entertained by some Karaoke Singing with some of our local club members. Instead of going to a restaurant for our normal get together - this is a laid back come if you want.

Registration - 8 - 9 AM      Flying starts - 10 AM      Entry fee - \$20.00

Contacts for questions and registration:  
 Ken Knotts                      Gary Alphin                      Dave Dingman  
 469-441-6761                      817-239-7023                      817-319-9342



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