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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 7:30 PM at the McDonalds Restaurant, 769 Airport Freeway, Hurst TX 76053. The McDonalds is on the south access road just east of Precinct Line Road.

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday
January 8, 2013
7:30PM**

**McDonalds
769 Airport Fwy
Hurst, TX 76053**

The Tail Spinner

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President's Notes

February is here! That means that some good flying weather is hopefully right around the corner. Please make certain your batteries, planes, fueling systems, etc. are up to snuff and ready for the flying season ahead. Our batteries may not be quite as sensitive as they used to be since most are using Lipos, Lifes and newer battery technologies, but we still need to pay attention!

One area that sometimes gets forgotten are our fuel lines. There are many fliers that are flying gasoline engines. The fuel lines in those fuel tanks get hard and may not flex enough to flop to the top of the tank while your plane is inverted. If that happens, your plane may die of fuel starvation while it is upside down. Not the best position to be in.....Make sure the clunk is flopping to the top and bottom of the tank so this does not happen to you.

There have also been several failures of single bolt adapters from Valley View RC on DLE engines. Lawrence Harville, Lane Crabtree and I have all had these failures. It can cost the front of your plane when the prop, spinner, backplate and adapter spin off the front of the engine. I am in the process of changing the system back to OEM on my Spitfire. I feel the convenience of the single bolt

hub is not worth the risk. Lee Rice and I were talking about the Spitfire and possibility of driving all the way to Florida for Top Gun and maybe not getting to finish a contest due to an issue with the adapter. Soooooo, I am changing it out to make sure.

The February meeting is upcoming and we have a special guest coming to talk about the test flying of the F-16. I think everyone should come to the meeting as this will be informative and interesting. Hope to see you there!

We will have a short meeting prior to the program and will be talking about the planned events for 2013. Please come bring your thoughts on the events you would like to see take place. We will be setting dates.

For the meeting in April we will have a program about glassing models. The techniques to accomplish this on Warbirds and other fully sheeted planes

Special program scheduled for the GSW February meeting

We are privileged to have as our guest speaker, Phil Oestricher, the first F-16 pilot. Phil was a Navy Test Pilot School Graduate who participated in the first flight of the YF-16 program and other F-16 test for General Dynamics. Phil also flew Navy test flights for the F-111. Lewie became acquainted with Phil at the Bedford Boys Ranch, home of the Bedford Flyers. Phil has been an avid modeler all his life and is presently a stick and tissue builder and flyer. Phil is now retired and resides in White Settlement. You don't want to miss out on this presentation.



February/March Events

FEB 16-17--Dallas, TX (C) Not Presidents' Day Contest and Fun-Fly. Site: Dallas Hobby Park. GPS Coordinates: 32.866894813795, -96.671481808784 Events: Saturday: Old Time Stunt; Sunday: Classic Stunt Sponsor: Dallas Model Aircraft Association #1902. CD: Tom Niebuhr, 7173 FM 1377, Blue Ridge, TX 75424. Phone: 469-450-7093(day) 469-487-1256(eve) E-Mail: blueskymodels@mypbmail.com WebSite: <http://www.DMAA-1902.org>

FEB 23--Dayton, TX (A) Jetero RC 16th Annual Fun-Fly. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.061667, -95.020315 Events: 705 (JSO) Sponsor: Jetero RC Club #1218. CD: Horrace Cain, 31619 Bohlsen Road, New Caney, TX 77357. Phone: 281-399-5627(day) 281-399-5627(eve) E-Mail: cainhd@aol.com WebSite: www.jetero.com 4 round fun events to be announced about Feb. 10th, 2013. 2 tasks each round, to be determined. Plan that final event/s may get messy. Pilots can plan to help with logistics of final event. Prizes, food, etc. to be announced. 9am start.

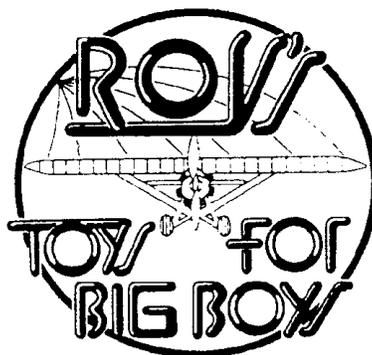
MAR 01-03--San Angelo, TX (C) 7th Annual TINY. Site: San Angelo Coliseum. GPS Coordinates: 31.5066289, -100.46036 Events: Sponsor: San Angelo RC Club #2444. CD: Mark Greer, 60 E. 37th, San Angelo, TX 76903. Phone: 325-450-0635(day) E-Mail: angelorcflyers@gmail.com <<mailto:angelorcflyers@gmail.com>> Open to all AMA (Open and Park Flyers). 16 oz/3 cell limit and contra rotating helis only, no carbon blades.

MAR 16--Rosenberg, TX (C) Fort Bend RC Club Spring Fun-Fly & Swap Meet. Site: Club Field. GPS Coordinates: 29.542804, -95.83639 Events: Sponsor: Fort Bend RC Club #615. CD: Richard Jackson, 15022 Whiteforge Lane, Sugarland, TX 77498. Phone: 281-277-7067

(day) E-Mail: rc.aviator@comcast.net Two paved runways, 700' and 500'. Air conditioned club house, covered pavilion and pit area. Tables available on first come, first served, basis. Concession stand open for lunch & drinks. Swap meet starts at 8am.

MAR 22-23--Austin, TX (C) Texas Electric Fun -Fly.. Site: Lester Field. GPS Coordinates: 30.32401, -97.6033 Events: Sponsor: Austin Radio Control Association #877. CD: Joe Doran, 16635 Cordillera Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681. Phone: 512-431-0002(day) 512-431-0002(eve) E-Mail: joe@jbdww.com WebSite: www.austinrc.org Bring anything that flies on batteries. Lots of fun. We will have concessions open both days.

MAR 22-24--Gainesville, TX (AAA) 5th Annual Gainesville Texas Free Flight Champs. Site: Gainesville, Texas, Airport. GPS Coordinates: 33.65219, -97.1972778 Events: Cat III: _AMA Events:_101, 101C, 124, 150, 153, 154, 165 (JSO) 140, 142 (J)(SO); _NFFS Events_ - 1/4A NOS, 1/2A NOS, Early 1/2A NOS, NFFS One Design, Classic Towline; _SAM Events_ -.020 Replica, (OT HLG, Catapult Glider), Twin
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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:

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January Secretary's Report

The January meeting was called to order by President Tim Lovett at 7:30pm at the McDonalds Restaurant. There were 17 members present along with guests Randy Reddick and Gerry Sparks.

Tom Russell presented the Treasurer's Report.

Safety Issues

Tim described the problem that both he and Lawrence have had with the single bolt prop conversion on their DLE engines. Tim noticed his spinner wasn't tracking right as he was ready to start the engine. Turned out one of the bolts on the prop adapter had sheared. He checked with Mr C's and found the bolts used on the adapter were the highest grade possible. He indicated that even with careful balancing of his prop and spinner, he still had an issue. He warned members to be careful with their DLEs since this was the second problem we've had at the field. Lawrence lost his prop and spinner in flight.

As a second issue Chuck Rovell noted that he is seeing too many members starting their gassers without gloves and then standing in front of the prop when doing engine run-ups. Everyone needs to be aware and help point out safety problems.

Old Business

None

New Business

Tim started a discussion on trying to find a better way to handle club nametags. This has been an expensive on-going problem. Several options were discussed, and more research and follow-up is needed.

Barry Ponder brought up a potential enhancement to security at the field. Members discussed various alternatives available. Barry offered the possibility of having a security company come to evaluate threats. Tim indicated that a resource that could be used is the Fort Worth Police Crime Prevention unit.

Barry presented a proposal to charge non-members who are abusing flying privileges at our field. This sparked a long discussion of the pros and cons with the end result that we agreed to continue the present policies and to encourage all members to police all fliers to ensure they

have club IDs visible.

Lewie informed members that the February meeting program will be a show and tell by the main F16 test pilot. Should be very interesting.

Model of the Month

Dave Cleveland showed his ModelTech Blue Max ARF. It is powered by an OS 52 and a Futaba radio.

Bob McDuff brought his SwanysHouse 3D profile powered by a DLE 20.

After discussion, both planes were voted as models of the month, December and January!

With Tim providing a high tech solution to the missing raffle tickets, Walt Fisher won this month's prize.

Bill Tarver brought two sets of scale instruments for the raffle and the winners were Chuck Rovell and Roy Baker.

Respectfully submitted by Roy Baker

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should be helpful if you are planning on building a painted bird.

For the May meeting I hope to enlist someone to give a demonstration on Monocoting a plane. I know I could use the information. I used to tell people my son did the Monocote on my planes. That was okay when he was about 6-8 years old, but now that he is 34, he takes exception to the comment!!! I would like to recruit Jim Whitworth for the task. Hear that Jim? When you see Jim, let's try to talk him into it.

The locks have been changed on the gates. If you have not renewed your membership, you will find your key does not work. If you have renewed, but not received a key for 2013, you can get a new key by showing your 2013 Membership card at Roy's Hobby Shop or from Lee Rice.

At the end of the day when you are leaving, make sure the people you are leaving at the field have a 2013 key to lock up.

Also, when the field is busy and people are waiting to taxi out from the center taxiway, please taxi in on either the north or south taxiway instead of using the center. This will make it easier for all concerned. It will also be safer!

We need to keep an eye on safety! Please, if you are flying a plane with a

large bore engine, use a glove to protect your hands while starting. You need your fingers to fly! If you see someone starting without a glove, suggest they use one. Offer yours for use if they don't have one.

Glen Baker has been taking some great pictures at the field. He has managed to get several photos of GSW member's planes published in Model Airplane News. Good work, Glen! I would like to see numerous photographs taken during the year so we can have a slide show at the Christmas party! So, all of you bring out your cameras, take some photos and get them to us during the year so we can enjoy them at the party!

Be safe, and I hope to see you at the field!

Tim Lovett, President

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Pusher Mass Launch; _FAC Events_ - OT Rubber Stick, Dime Scale, Rubber Scale, WWII Mass Launch, Multi-wing Mass Launch, Golden Age Combo, Embryo, All Racer Mass Launch, Peanut Scale, Jet Catapult Scale; _Controline:_ Balloon Busting. Sponsor: Texas Cloud Climbers #606. CD: Mike Fedor, 2500 San Diego Dr., Arlington, TX 76015. Phone: (817)480-4825(day) (817)277-1829(eve) E-Mail: mmfedor@aol.com 90 second maxes and reduced engine runs will be in effect to best utilize available field. Field will be available for Friday test flying and controline balloon bust competition. AMA, NFFS, SAM, FAC FF events competition on Saturday and Sunday.

MAR 22-24--Southmayd, TX (AA) Lone Star Nationals At Texoma. Site: Pete Darter Field. GPS Coordinates: 33.644011, -96.750229 Events: 750, 755, 760 (JSO) Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers #276. CD: David Turner, P.O. Box 143, Southmayd, TX 76268. Phone: 903-821-4329(day) E-Mail: mrda-vidturner@gmail.com WebSite: www.texomarc.org 3 day event. Friday Gnat; 9am. 2948 @ 12 noon. Saturday SSC, 10 rounds to be flown. Pilot meeting; 9am. Start engines promptly after. Sunday Open B. Pilots meeting 8:30am. Start engines promptly after. Awards for 1st thru 3rd places in each numbered event; JSO combined.

MAR 30--Alvin, TX (C) 23rd 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: Conrad Behrens, 1311 Varese Drive, Pearland, TX 77581. Phone: 281-481-1431(day) E-Mail: cbbehrens@comcast.net WebSite: www.alvinrc.org 80" Mono, 60" Biplane, 1/4 Scale and Jets welcome. Indoor restrooms, paved runway great concessions, overnight camping okay - but no hook-ups. Pilot and raffle prizes. Registration 8am, Landing fee \$15

This and That
By Darrell Abby

The cold weather clamped down on us there for a while so the good flying days are a little skimpy in number so when it looks good, the masses escape the cabin fever resulting in a busy flying field. Yes, that's good even if it is hard to find a parking spot. Isn't it great to be part of such an active club. Monday, January 7

was a little cool at 54 degrees and 10-12 mph wind but we flew anyway. A couple of pictures taken by Glenn B. will prove it. Speaking of

January, Barry P. adds another winter maintenance card for gassers. Check your gas tank for Tygon tubing gone

manner, of course. Perhaps it gives you a chance to meet a new member or someone you don't know.

Early Warning: The US Scale Masters Qualifier is coming to GSW June 8-9. Now many of our club pilots have scale planes of some sort and you need to get these scale birds ready to enter this little contest. You can fly electric foamies or giant scale gassers or anything in between. There are categories for beginners up to expert. It is a fun and



Jan. 7 Cold Weather Flyers

challenging event. Like Lawrence says-- what maneuvers you pilots fly every day will allow you to fly and compete in this



contest. Talk to the head honcho guys (Lawrence H. or Max F.) and they will explain the maneuvers, how it works, a few rules, etc. And after it's over you will be yet a better pilot. I'm sure Lawrence will

stiff; might as well replace it.

Lots of discussion at the last meeting on flyers using our nice field without being club members. Rather than institute any new dollar charges or rules, the bottom line decision by vote was to enforce the rules and policies now in effect concerning wearing your club card on your person or transmitter while on the flight line. I know I'm preaching to the choir here, but we need the choir members to help enforce this and challenge everyone to show their cards. And we shall do this in a nice friendly

be explaining it all in detail soon so stay tuned. But it's not too early to ask questions and start getting ready. Oh, and don't forget the Biplane Fly-In May 18.

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

GSWAM 2013 Events

I will be coordinating and supporting events but will not be running individual events. I appreciate the Club Members that have taken over several of the events as Event Managers. The fun flies remain a question mark as far as someone taking the lead. I would like to have a volunteer for each fun fly before scheduling dates this next year. I know that it is difficult to plan a year in advance but I need 3-4 individuals that will be available to act as event managers for these events.

The events held last year are listed below with the dates changed to the 2013 dates. Please contact me or attend the club meeting to express your interest in the events that we held this last year. If you feel that other events would better serve the Club and you would like to manage please contact me or bring your ideas to the meeting.

- March 30st Fun Fly
- April 13th Tag Frank
- April 27th Fun Fly
- May 18th Biplane Event Darrell
- May 25th Fun Fly
- June 8-9th Scale Masters Qualifier Lawrence
- July 6th Club Picnic Chuck
- Sept. 21th Big Bird Tim
- Sept 28th Fun Fly
- October 5th All Scale Flyin Barry
- October 26th Fun Fly
- November 2nd Food Drive Frank and Chuck
- November 16th Control Line Event
- November 30th Fun Fly
- December 7th Toys for Tots Walt
- December 8th Christmas Party Max 817-691-9630

Seen At The Field





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