



**AMA Gold
Leader Club**

August 2022 Greater Southwest Aero Modelers Newsletter

Finally! We got some rain at the field! The runway is looking very good again and it is great to see the green, green grass across the area. Make certain whenever you see one of the mowing crew you give them a hearty "Thank You" for giving of their time to see to it the runway is ready for your use! These guys give of their time every Tuesday and Friday to make all our experiences nice. If you have time to help with any of the chores on either day, or some other time, please contact one of the Officers or Darrell Abbey. I am certain you can fit into the scheme somewhere.

The Texas Scale Championship is just around the corner. Come out September 10 and 11 to compete in one of the few truly scale contests in this area. Lawrence has numerous ways for you to enter, compete and have a blast. If you don't want to compete, then come on out to see some the planes that show up for this contest. There will be some beauties. We are having some out of town guests, too! Hope to see you there.

Hogs have begun to come up from the river after the rains. They have rooted a big spot up close to the gates. Be watchful in the early morning and late evenings as they can be quite dangerous when startled.

Members found a vagrant asleep in the shelter cage the other morning. He had started a fan, pulled out the tarp from the container and was sleeping under the counter. It did not appear that he had taken any money from the refrigerator or made off with any food items or soft drinks. When he was confronted, he left out of the front gate. It is thought that he had squeezed between the gates to get into the field. Again, be watchful as you come into the field in the mornings.

Our asphalt business neighbors helped us by re-paving the parking lot and the apron into the gates from Randol Mill Road. It is much smoother than it has been in years. Thanks to Frank Rowell for making contact with them to get this accomplished!

We still sorely need a newsletter editor!!! As you can see; Sonny and I aren't as good as what we have been used to for several decades. If you have some skills and don't mind helping, we would muchly appreciate it. (So would the readers.....)

Come to the meeting September 12th. I will have an addition prized at the drawing for some lucky member!!!!

See you at the meeting!

Tim

August 9, 2022 GSWAM Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting Location: McDonalds Restaurant 1732 Pipeline Rd Hurst, TX
Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM by Club President Tim Lovett

19 club members in attendance

Business Meeting Minutes Approval: A motion to accept the provided July 2022 business meeting minutes was made by Frank Rowell. The July business meeting minutes were approved as written via a show of hands vote by attending club members.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Burton was not in meeting attendance but reported to club president Tim Lovett all club bills are paid and up to date.

Field Report: Due to the extreme heat and dry conditions vehicles are prohibited from driving out to the runway perimeter to retrieve downed aircraft. Mike Stephens reported a layer of cut grass clippings could be preventing the irrigation system from being able to saturate the runway soil completely. It's recommended the grass sweeper be used to remove as much dead grass as possible to allow the sprinkler system's ground coverage to be more effective.

New Business:

Asphalt Plant: Frank Rowell reported that he had contacted the asphalt plant's management to see if any excess asphalt/gravel could be dropped off at the flying facility for use in repairing the drive-in road and parking lot areas. In the past asphalt plant trucks have deposited asphalt and gravel which was used to repair the parking lot and drive areas.

Max Ficken Texas Scale Qualifier Information: The 2022 Texas Scale Qualifier is scheduled for September 10th & 11th. Custom Scale Qualifier polo shirts will be available for purchase until September 1st for \$20.00 per shirt, so get your shirt ordered ASAP because they will not be available for purchase at the event. Also, the club voted to provide up to \$300.00 of funding for the scale qualifier event prizes. Motion to approve the \$300.00 event funding was made by Lawrence Harville and seconded by Sean Dickerson. Motion passed by a show of hands vote by attending club members.

Club Movie: Bob Mueller reported that a new WW2 movie, A Higher Call, coming out in the near future. The movie is an incredible true story about air combat and chivalry over the war-torn skies of WWII. Club members attend certain movies as a group which is a lot of fun in itself, plus you get to see a great movie. More info regarding the Higher Call movie to follow.

Old Business:

Notice - No November 2022 Club Meeting: This year (2022) the club will not have a November business meeting, instead there will be a December meeting on Tuesday December 13th.

Replacement Fire Extinguishers: Club VP Randy Mayhew and Mike Stephens worked to acquire three replacement (re-chargeable) ABC fire extinguishers for the club

flying facility. Mike reported three extinguisher units had been purchased and are being installed on the east side shelter posts.

GSWAM Club Party: Club president Tim Lovett reported the 2022 GSWAM Dinner Banquet will be held November 12th at the First Assembly of God church located at 3800 Hwy 121 in Bedford, TX at 7:00 PM. Meal costs are expected to be between \$10.00 - \$15.00 per person for a catered meal. The club had a choice between Italian or Mexican food and through a show of hands voted for Italian food to be served at the banquet.

Flight Instructor Coordinator: When a new R/C pilot comes to the GSWAM club with their newly minted R/C plane(s) they will be needing to learn to properly fly their new R/C aircraft with a club flight instructor. When someone is searching for a flight instructor, they will need to contact Bob McDuff who is the GSWAM flight instruction coordinator who schedules training days/times at the flying field. During daylight savings time training can be scheduled for week day evenings. For weekend training it is still necessary to contact Bob so he can schedule an instructor for flight training.

Club Shirt & Cap Apparel Vendor: Club shirts and caps Are now available for online purchase from the Daisies, Ducks, and Doodles Shopping link:

<https://shop.daisiesducksdoodles.com/collections/gswam>.

Campaign to CLOSE THE GATE: Reminder for those leaving the field last to PLEASE close the front gate. This month the gate was left open and accessible to possible vandalism. Last to leave Lock the Gate.

Club Raffle: The August 2022 club raffle was won by Frank Rowell.

Model of the Month: The August Model of the Month award was won by Michael Roznick with his electric Bell 412 helicopter. That is one great looking chopper!

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