



# Eagle Eye News

Georgetown, TX

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**The Meeting is March 9th ,The Second Tuesday at:  
Mel's Lone Star Lanes  
1010 North Austin Ave  
Georgetown, TX**

## GAMA Electric Fun Fly

GAMA is holding an Electric Fun Fly on Saturday April 17 Any type of Electrically powered aircraft is welcome. The entry fee is \$5.00. Come on out and have some quiet fun.

Please contact:

Richard Looby drlooby@suddenlink.net 512-863-4339

Bob Petrinec rpetrinec@austin.rr.com 512-260-3887

## GAMA Flight Instruction

GAMA Members once again is offering flight instruction to new members who do not know how to fly RC Aircraft or members who need a little refresher. The club has a trainer aircraft and buddy box for use in flight instruction. Contact the instructors listed below to arrange a time to meet at the field for flight instruction.

Please contact:

Terry McMahan tmcmahen@gmail.com 512-863-4339

Bob Petrinec rpetrinec@austin.rr.com 512-260-3887

## Pattern Flying

Pattern practice will be held on the Second Saturday of the month. Show up at the field or contact Terry if you are interested. Come on out and see what is going on.

Please contact:

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## Club 40 Racing

GAMA is planning on holding two Club 40 Pylon Races this year. Please come out and help or get involved in racing.

Please contact:

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## Field Maintenance

The Field Chairman will hold field maintenance on the last Saturday of the month. Come on out to the field and help. Remember you get extra year end auction points for helping.

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### Special points of interest:

- Please make sure your address information is correct with the Membership Chairman: George Gilliam at 512-310-0533 or Email: georgegilliam@sbcglobal.net
- Send the Editor an E Mail if you are reading this on-line and did NOT receive an E Mail telling you the newsletter has been uploaded to the Web Site.

### GAMA FINANCIAL STATEMENT FEB 2010

28-Feb

#### BANK ACCOUNT

Savings	\$ 21,954.70
Money Market	Closed
Checking	\$ 1,260.08

Account Balance	\$ 23,214.78
Cash on hand	\$ 46.00

Total assets \$ 23,260.78

#### INCOME

Dues	\$ 430.00
Other Badges	\$ 4.00

Total Income \$ 434.00

#### EXPENSES

Action	\$ 160.00
Clawson	\$ -
Ritchard looby, Mower battery	\$ 39.81
Sanaloma Laser, Badges & Pins	\$ 160.00
George Gilliam, PO Box & Postage	\$ 46.97

Total expenses \$ 406.97



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More information about non-GAMA events on the calendar can be found at the [AMA District 8 Web Site](#) and in *Model Aviation*.

GAMA event information can be found on the [GAMA Web Site](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	M A R C H
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9 GAMA Meeting, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	10	11	12	13 Pattern Practice	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Club 40 Race GAMA Field	
28	29	30	31				

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## GAMA Minutes 2/09/2010

### Upcoming Events:

Event	Location	Date	Date
Electric Fun Fly	GAMA Field	April 17	October 30
Club 40 Race	GAMA Field	March 27	November 13
Club 40 Race	Waco	April 24	
Club 40 Race	Texas City	May 22	September 18
Club 40 Race	Alvin	June 19	October 16
Red Bull	Hearne	June 24 – 27	

Bob Petrinec would like to have an in-flight trimming class on the last Saturday of the month.

There is a Swap Meet in Weatherford on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**President's Report:** Richard informed the club that Steve Valadez had resigned as Secretary/Treasurer for the year because of medical problems and his unit is being called up to go to Haiti. The Treasurer's duty will be handled by Bob Petrinec and the Secretary's duty will be handled by Everett Sturm.

Guests and new members were introduced:

Jack Emery	Potential new member
Harry Laginsky	New Member
Joey Matush	New Member
Scott Carlin	New Member (also is a flight instructor)

**Membership Chairman:** George reported we have 53 members with 11 of them being new members. 35 of last years members have not renewed and George will send out a reminder letter informing them that the cutoff date is March 1. George included safety labels with the membership cards to identify your aircraft as per AMA rules.

**Field Chairman:** Steve is going to try to have a field work day on the last Saturday of the month. He would like to work on the trailer (replace the doors). Next month he would like to repair the petromat.

**Vice President:** Bob has started the free table again. The free table is located in the back of the room with stuff available to anyone that wants it. He gave the financial report. The land owner where our field is located was contacted about changing the tax exemption for the area occupied by our field. Bob met with him and provided him with information about our tax exempt status and informed him our structures were temporary. The first Club 40 Race will be held at our field on March 27. We will also host the last race on November 13. He reminded members that Pattern Practice is the second Saturday and trim setup is the last Saturday.

**Pattern Committee:** Terry talked about the Georgetown Air Show had been moved to Temple and the Temple RC Club provided the RC show. A discussion was held about approaching the Temple Club to see if we could also participate. This show is a major fundraiser for the Temple Club and we did not want to dilute it. There is a pattern contest in April in Temple. Terry asked anyone interested in attending to please contact him for more information.

The Show and Tell featured a Transmitter Tray presented by Terry McMahan and an engine with bad bearings. The short prop on the engine is used to shorten breakin. The meeting closed with the Door prize drawings.

Recorded by Everett Sturm

## Out Standing in the Field

February 27<sup>th</sup> was a fantastic field day. 16 people showed up to help bring the field up to ship shape with mowing, landing strip repair, cleanup of the trailer and grounds. The weather was surprisingly perfect after it snowed earlier this week. Several other people joined us after the cleanup to fly. It was probably one of the best attended field events since the last fly in.

I would like personally thank and recognize the following people who willingly gave their time to help make the club's field a pleasant place to fly and socialize:

Mike Fisher	George Gilliam	Fred Pendlebury
John Funk	Richard Looby	Bob Petrinec
Ray Rayburn	Chuck Esh	John Pratt
Vernon Sisney	Mark Duren	Joey Matush
Rene Grebe	Alan Hurd	Greg Polcsik

### Stephen Gilskey

If I missed anyone, I apologize as I tried to have everyone sign the roster. Also, forgive me if I misspelled anyone's name.

Remember, if you come out to help, you will be credited with points toward the annual auction at the end of the year.

I am working on finding a solution for patching the petromat and hope to have a work day the last Saturday of March (weather permitting) to repair the runway and to repaint the striping on it. I will send out an e-mail when we get closer to the date.

If you have any suggestions to help make our field a better place, please contact me at

[sgilskey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgilskey@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 512-363-3385.

Again, thank you all for your help.

Stephen Gilskey

## Club Officers from left to right:

- Stephen Gilskey—Field Chairman
- George Gilliam—Membership Chairman
- Everett Sturm—Editor/Secretary
- Richard Looby—President
- Bob Petrinec—Vice President/Treasurer





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## Flying Field GPS Coordinates

On March 1, 2007 the GPS Coordinates of the GAMA flying field were determined using a DeLorme GPS receiver and DeLorme software running on a laptop computer. The same units were used to determine the location of the Georgetown airport in order to determine the distance from the flying field to the airport terminal building.

Following is the information logged:

### Airport

N 30 degrees, 40.7655 minutes

W 97 degrees, 40.5704 minutes

Elevation: 790 feet msl

Bearing from airport to flying field: 49.0 degrees

Distance from airport to flying field: 3.82 miles

### Flying field

N 30 degrees, 42.9560 minutes

W 97 degrees, 37.6824 minutes

Elevation: 810 feet msl

Bearing from flying field to airport: 229.0 degrees