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**The Meeting is June 14th ,The Second Tuesday at:
Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Ave, Georgetown.**

Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm

Around the Field...

Rene Grebe sent in this tidbit about a pattern contest he and several other GAMA members attended:

GAMA was well represented at the Atchafalaya Pattern contest in Louisiana. In the FAI class, Brett Wickizer came in 1st and Paul Villarrubia placed 2nd, in Intermediate, Mike Fisher placed 3rd and myself (Rene) finishing 3rd in the Advanced class.

Congratulations to the winners! Good Job!

Work Day:

While Terry McMahan hasn't mentioned it, I am sure he would like to thanks all of those who came out to the field on Saturday, June 4th to help get our field ready for the Texas Classic Pattern Contest that will be held on June 25th and 26th at our field.

Texas Classic Pattern Contest!

On June 25th and 26th GAMA will host the Texas Classic Pattern Contest put on by Tri-City Flyers RC from San Antonio. Tri-City Flyers asked GAMA to host the contest at our field due to unsuitable conditions at their field. GAMA will provide food and drinks (\$\$\$) for all in attendance. Spectators are always welcome.

GAMA members who wish to help, contact Bob Petrinec, information about the contest itself, contact Chuck Hochhalter, Phone: 210-842-5031, E-Mail: cahochhalter@gmail.com

Contest Info:

Classes 401,402,403,404,406

Entry \$35 ALL Classes

Pilot Meeting 9:30am

Field is open for practice Friday after 9am (sun usually clears about 11am)

Sportsman Class (401) may fly any legal AMA plane.

Awards will be given 1st thru 3rd.

Entry Fee includes lunch on Saturday.

There is area for overnight camping.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS or WATER AVAILABLE.



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Local Events

Information about local events can be found on the **GAMA Web Site** or at the host club's web site.

Next GAMA Field Event: Club 40 Pylon Race!

GAMA will be holding a Club 40 Pylon Race
On Saturday, November 13th!
At the G.A.M.A Field.

Baron Melvin von Richtofen

"Don't forget to carry out the garbage," bellows Melvin's wife as he puts his plane in the car. "And be sure to be home by two o'clock so the lawn gets mowed." "Yes, dear," Melvin replies as he neatly stores the field box in the back of the station wagon.

An occasional Saturday morning is Melvin's only time to himself. It is a time when he can escape the boredom of the office, the petty problems of his kids and the nagging of his wife. Once in a while, whenever he can escape the pressure of his routine world, he lets another Melvin deep within himself take control if only for a few hours.

This other individual surfaces slowly as Melvin drives to the flying field. No one but Melvin is aware of this metamorphosis. No physical change occurs. It is more a change of attitude. When Melvin bolts the wings onto the fuselage, he feels that he is in control. And when he taxis his red triplane out for takeoff, he is flushed with eagerness. This is a secret shared by man and aircraft—an unspoken agreement between man and machine that is conveyed by thought alone. Once airborne, he is no longer Melvin the office worker, dutiful father, obedient husband. He is Baron Melvin von Richtofen, defender of The Fatherland, hero of the western front. He is fearless under fire, calm and relaxed, a master of the sky whose name strikes terror into the hearts of the enemy, beloved throughout the Rhineland.

Cruising high above the field or out over the trees, he is on dawn patrol, searching for barrage balloons. Suddenly, bullets whistle through the wing wires. He looks up. There, three Spads are diving from out of the sun and closing in fast. Should he dive to escape or turn and fight? The challenge is there to be taken—attack! He pulls back on the stick and the nose comes straight up. A burst at the onrushing enemy to scatter their dives. Then hard right rudder as they pass to complete the turn and gain the advantage of position. The enemy still has the advantage of speed, so the Baron pursues. By anticipating the direction of pullout of one of the Spads, the Baron heads him off and maintains the advantage of altitude. "Whatever is beneath me is as good as 18 lost," Baron Melvin shouts as he presses the dive. Quickly there is another victory for his staffel. A slow roll over the aerodrome signals to his fellow aviators another victory in the sky. Downwind, a split-S lines up the triplane for a landing approach. Idling back the Öberousel/Enya engine, he flares for landing over the grass airfield. Leveling out, slowing, touchdown at stall, full elevator to drive the tailskid into the sod—a perfect three-point landing. Then a slow taxi back by brrt-brrrt-brrt of the engine brings the famous aviator's plane back to the revetment.

And now for the camaraderie of his fellow fliers. They laugh and talk of things of flight—ailerons, castor oil and rpms. They drink root beer and joke under a clear blue sky laced with thin oil trails of planes dancing in the summer sun. How time flies among fliers! A few more patrol flights and aerobatic practice or leading his squadron of gallant colleagues into the air until the day grows old and it becomes time to clean the plane and put it away.

Slowly again, the clandestine Baron Melvin fades during the drive home and the more domesticated Melvin returns. "Are you going to mow the lawn?" his wife whines as he unloads the field box from the car. "Jawohl mein...I mean...yes dear," he replies meekly.

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GAMA FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011 May 31 2011 BANK ACCOUNT

Savings	\$	26,246.32
Checking	\$	154.63
Account Balance	\$	26,400.95
Cash on hand	\$	-
Total assets	\$	26,400.95
INCOME		
Dues	\$	50.00
Club Pins	\$	7.50
Name Badges	\$	-
	\$	-
Total Income	\$	57.50
EXPENSES		
Bob Petrinec, May Door Prizes	\$	49.56
George Gilliam, Postage	\$	4.30
Total Expenses	\$	53.86

GPS Coordinates for the GAMA Flying Field

North 30 degrees, 42.9560 minutes
West 97 degrees, 37.6824 minutes
Elevation: 810 feet msl
Bearing from flying field to airport: 229.0 degrees
Use 655 CR141, Georgetown, TX as the address
in your GPS

GAMA May Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order by Steven Gilskey at 7:00 PM

Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Presidents Report

GAMA will sponsor a Pattern Contest – Put on by Tri-City Flyers out of San Antonio. Expecting Approx. 30 Flyers. To be held Saturday June 25th.
GAMA Hats – Go to GAMA website and print out form to order.

USRA – Hearne, TX GAMA supplies volunteers for event (weekend of 6/9-12) will need (6) people to assist.

Free lodging provided by event, lunch + Donation of \$500.00 to club. Has (5) volunteers at meeting. If interested please contact Bob Petrinec.

Treasurers Report

\$26,188.82 in savings account as of date.

\$208.51 in checking as of date.

\$193.00 expenses for month.

Income of \$230.00 from dues, badges, etc.

Total amount in treasury \$26,397.33

Membership Report

97 members as of this month.

We have 25 new members in 2011 and 4 new members since last meeting.

Field Report

No Report as Terry McMahon was absent. We will need workday before Pattern Contest. It was reported that the lawn tractor needs a new battery as it has to be jumped frequently to start.

Bill Bruce brought up the need for a PA System for the field if we are going to expand our events at our current field. Suggestions made to check with Guitar Shops for this type of system.

Field Search Committee

Meeting with Valerie Covey, County Commissioner, on Monday April 18th. Discussion and presentation on who GAMA is, our community support and youth involvement and what we are looking for in a permanent club field. Good first meeting. Valerie has since called and wants to meet again for a proposed field location. We believe it will be possibly the Hutto Landfill site.

Website

Please let Chuck Esh know if there is anything else we would like to see within the site.

Show & Tell

Bob discussed how to remove rust in engine when left without running for period of time. He has good specifics on the "How to" of removing from engines. If interested or need help, contact Bob Petrinec for his always appreciated sage advice!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM with raffle for those in attendance.



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