



# The Eagle Eye News

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Georgetown Aero Modelers Association

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**The Meeting is October 11th ,The Second Tuesday at:  
Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Ave, Georgetown.**

**Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm**

## Georgetown Airfest!

G.A.M.A. was well represented at the 2nd Annual Georgetown Airfest out at the Georgetown Municipal Airport on Saturday October 1st. We had over 50ft of space along the flight line to show off our planes. The weather was perfect and the crowd was out in force. Many stopped by and enjoyed looking at our aviation creations, asking questions and getting good answers. Many thanks to those who participated! Plan for next year as we will be back!

Some pictures of the event (Photos taken in the morning before the crowd showed up):





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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: Halloween Electric Fly-In!

GAMA will be holding a Electric Fly-In  
On Saturday, October 29th!  
At the G.A.M.A Field.

#### GAMA FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

September 30 2011

#### BANK ACCOUNT

Savings	\$ 26,454.03
Checking	\$ 156.07
Account Balance	\$ 26,610.10
Cash on hand	\$ 0.00
Total assets	\$ 26,610.10

Note: \$150.00 Transferred from Savings to Checking

#### INCOME

Dues	\$ 20.00
Name Badges	\$ 5.00
Total Income	\$ 25.00

#### EXPENSES

Bob Petrinc, September Door Prizes	\$ 49.94
Action Portable Toilet, September	\$ 80.00
Sanaloma Laser, LLC, Name Badges	\$ 18.00
George Gilliam, Postage	\$ 12.46
Al Clawson Disposal, Oct., Nov. & Dec.	\$ 61.71
Total Expenses	\$ 222.11

Proposed and accepted changes to the Georgetown Aero Modelers Association, Inc. By-Laws.

#### Article II - DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

##### EXISTING

D. Dues for new members joining the Association during the year shall be based on one twelfth (1/12) of the present annual dues per month remaining in the current calendar year.

##### PROPOSED

D. Dues for new Regular and Senior members joining the Association shall be as follows:  
January 1st.- Jun 30th shall be the full year dues plus initiation fee.  
July 1st. - October 31st. shall be 1/2 of the full year dues plus initiation fee.  
November 1st. - December 31st. shall be the full year dues plus initiation fee for the remaining current year and includes membership for the next year.

#### Article III - OFFICERS

B. Election of Officers:

##### EXISTING

2. Officers shall be elected by the membership of the Association at the last meeting of each calendar year.

##### PROPOSED

2. Officers shall be elected by the membership of the Association at the November meeting of each calendar year.



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## GAMA September Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order by Stephen Gilskey at 7:03 PM

Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance

### Vice Presidents Report

- Next event – Air fest at Georgetown Airport on 10/1/11. Bob Petrinec will be meeting with Air Fest and Airport personnel regarding GAMA involvement. Watch GAMA website for additional information or any changes. To access the Airport use the South gate entrance, which is closest to I-35 if coming from that direction, then look for signs. George Watts noted that the Lions Club is putting on a pancake breakfast starting at 7:00AM. It will be held in one of the hangers with signs noting location. Terry McMahon told the group that Hobby Express will be exhibiting at the Air Fest and will have the sale trailer on site with equipment to view and purchase.
- Halloween Electric Fun-Fly on Saturday 10/29/11, Halloween Weekend, wear a costume and bring your Electric Only flying stuff out.
- Bob still has (3) club trainers, need to adopt for training or he will sell off.
- Kiwanis Club – We have set a meeting date to present GAMA to the club and will need to put together a visual presentation. Something of the effect like Bobby presented to City Commissioners office with more direction to getting youth involved and how we might support.
- There is a "Smart Phone" App available to all who would like to download from 2 Brothers Hobby called R/C Light Source. In 2009, due to low membership levels, the club borrowed \$500.00 from club Savings account to help pay for the annual year-end auction for that year. Bob asked that a motion be presented to return that money back into club savings account this year as our membership is very strong and we should have more than enough money for year-end auction. Motion was presented and passed by members present.

### Treasurers Report

- \$26,572.32 in savings account as of date.
- \$228.18 in checking as of date.
- \$26,800.50 total in savings/checking accounts
- \$90.00 in dues collected for month
- \$10.50 income from badges
- Total income for month was \$100.50
- \$250.00 transfer from savings to checking to cover future expected bills over next 30 days

### Membership Report

- We now have 107 club members as of this month, New members in 2011 = 35
- A new Junior member joined at this meeting increasing our membership to 107 Members
- Anyone who is interested in displaying an airplane at Air Fest, please let George Gilliam know and he will make up a tag for you.

### Field Report

- Watch out for cracks in field due to lack of rain. Easy to twist or break an ankle if not watching out where you are stepping. Also, Dust devils are also flying around with heat and winds and the Farmer plowed the field next to our runway so expect additional dusting with wind and no rain.

### Field Search Committee

- Richard Ray reported that he had received an email from Commissioner Covey stating that she had not forgotten about GAMA's request for assistance in locating a new permanent flying field. She has been kept very busy with the fires around county recently.

### Youth Program

- Georgetown High School – Aviation Program: Bill Bruce to approach HS again with possible program formatted by AMA for introduction into flying and physics involved.
- McNeil High School – Aviation Program: Bob Petrinec to approach McNeil HS with same program formatted by AMA for introduction into flying and physics involved.

### Motions presented and passed on GAMA Club By-Laws

- (Changes shown on page 2 of this newsletter)

### Other Items

- An electric story was related which recently happened at field. Pilot had armed his plane on table in Pitt/Stands area to check servo operation (Club Rules state to not arm any plane in Pitt/Stands area, only on flight stand inside fenced area). One servo was reversed and when he pushed the reset button on transmitter, the plane took off destroying his second plane sitting in front of this plane. It ended up on ground stuck under adjacent table where he was able to disconnect battery. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS STAY AWAY FROM IN FRONT OF PROP/PLANE WHEN ARMING AN ELECTRIC PLANE AND DO SO ONLY ON FLIGHT STAND ADJACENT TO RUNWAY!
- Stephen read a letter submitted to the club by Douglas Staines regarding his asking for support of Jim Rice who is running for the position of President – AMA. This would give Texas great representation and better visibility within AMA organization. Each member should vote in forthcoming elections and consider Jim as a good candidate.
- A comment was made regarding LiPo battery fires with batteries stored in house or garage. LiPo batteries can be very hazardous if not stored in a protected environment such as a LiPo charging bag or fire proof container. Please be careful when working with these batteries and ensure proper storage is utilized!

### Show & Tell

- Gary Fisher presented and displayed his recently Super Cub purchased from Hobby King's USA warehouse.
- Terry McMahon presented a new Park Zone Spitfire PNP model which Hobby Express now has in stock.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.



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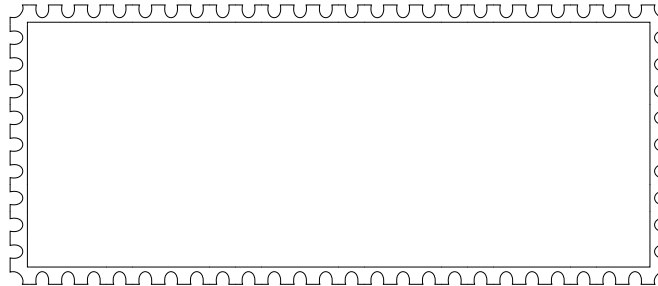
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### GPS Coordinates for the GAMA Flying Field

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