

# **THE CARRIER WAVE**



## **PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB**



**AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO**

**June 2019**

Newsletter of the Phantom Flyers R/C Club

<http://phantomflyersrc.com>

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

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**Phantom Flyers Club Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19, 2019**

President Jan Jansen opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Flying Field. There were 9 members in attendance. Our newest member William Macmenamy came to the meeting and introduced himself. He has been flying at the Saints. Welcome to the Club.

**Secretary's Report**

The Club is currently at 37 regular members. The April Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report**

No report

**Field Managers Report**

- The red mower was repaired. The hydraulic belt was replaced.
- The toilet needs to be maintained
- No plans have been laid out for runway maintenance. May is gone and will probably be in June. Budget is a concern. Last year 2 cracks cost \$150. Jose says we have it.
- New gravel has been estimated at \$400 or less.

**Activities Report**

- We need to pick a date for the glider contest. Next weekend does not look good. Will try for June 1<sup>st</sup>. The next date is June 22.
- This weekend is the insbrook Float Fly.
- Jan volunteered to CD the glider contest
- Last Tuesday, club members coached students at St Paul's Catholic school on flying r/c airplanes. There were 30 students from Travis Coleman's class and the event went on for about 2 hours. The following members participated: Ed and his wife, Jan Jansen, Don Grzina and Dan Abel. A big thanks to those who volunteered their time to such a good cause.

**GLSMA News**

There was a field cleanup effort by the club and there was help from by the Parks Department. Flooding went to within 2 inches of the pavilion roof.

**Old Business**

Nothing was discussed.

**New Business**

- Local Clubs have been flooded. We have extended an invitation to the Saints to fly at our field as guests. Someone must be here to accompany them. We will not hand out keys and they must have an AMA card.
- Club member Jim Plonka is in the hospital.
- There is an email from the AMA with new guidance from the AMA. Clubs close to airfields must have letters of agreement between the club and the airfield. For us that would be Lambert Field.

Very Cold and Very Windy - Meeting Adjourned.

jjw 6/9/19

# Elfrink Lake Float Fly

June 29, 10:00 – 1:00

Finding places to fly is always a chore. Finding places for float flying is even tougher. Our club started float flying over 20 years ago at Innsbrook with one or two events per year. As popularity grew, we looked for more lakes we could use. Club member Ed Haas arranged the first float fly at Jim Elfrink's lake in 2009, and we have been flying there once or twice a year since then.

Unfortunately, Jim Elfrink had a devastating auto accident in early April, and he succumbed to his injuries in late May. Sometime in April, we put our scheduled float fly for June 29 on hold, hoping for Jim's recovery.

Jim's son Steve has encouraged us to hold the float fly as scheduled, and I have accepted his offer. It will be our final event at this location, and it will be a fitting tribute to Jim Elfrink.

Please see the attached flyer, and make an effort to attend, even if you are not a float flyer. Bring your lawn chair, sunscreen, non-alcoholic beverage, and some "finger food" to share. ... Don V



A combined Phantom Flyers/Wright Flyers Fly-In

Date: Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 10:00AM-1:00PM

Location: Jim Elfrink's Lake  
(see directions below)

Frequency Control: Sign-Up Sheet

**Guest Flyers are welcome.  
Must have Current AMA  
membership to fly.**

GPS Directions:

[Click here to view](#)

[Google Maps Coordinates](#)

Directions To Jim Elfrink's Lake:

Traveling West on I-70:

Take Exit 203; Turn Left at Hwy W/State Hwy W (signs for Foristell); Continue on Hwy T; Turn right at S Service Rd; Turn Left at Hwy T; Continue on Hwy T for 10.2 miles; Turn right at Borgmann Rd.; At end of Borgmann Rd Turn Right (You will see storage sheds to your left); Follow road to the end. Flying Lake is on the left.

Traveling East on I-70:

Take Exit 203; Turn right at Hwy T (signs for Foristell); Turn right at S Service Rd; Turn Left at Hwy T; Continue on Hwy T for 10.2 miles; Turn right at Borgmann Rd.; At end of Borgmann Rd Turn Right (You will see storage sheds to your left); Follow road to the end. Flying Lake is on the left.

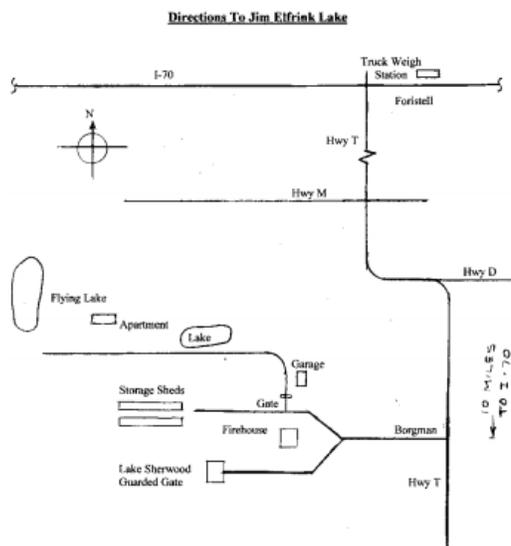
**\*\*\*Must have Current AMA membership to Fly\*\*\***

For additional information:

Call Danne Anderson 636-528-0534

Website: [www.wrightflyersrc.com](http://www.wrightflyersrc.com)

E-Mail: [information@wrightflyersrc.com](mailto:information@wrightflyersrc.com)



# Phantom Flyers RC 2019 Event Calendar

Event	Date	Day	CD	Remarks
Snow Fly	1 Jan		Jan Jansen	
2M RE Sailplane Contest	18 May	Sat		
Innsbrook Float Fly	25 May	Sat	Don Vetrone	
2M RE Sailplane Contest	22 June	Sat		
Meet Me In St. Louis Pattern Fly-in	13 July	Sat	Ed White	
2M RE Sailplane Contest	20 July	Sat		
Joint Fun Fly at Phantom Field	4 Aug	Sat	Ed White	
Scale Fly-In and Contest	17 Aug	Sat	Don Grzina	
Float Fly Innsbrook	31 Aug	Sat	Don Vetrone	
2M RE Sailplane Contest	1 Sep	Sun		
Joint Fun Fly at Wright Flyer's	7 Sep	Sat	WF	
Pattern Contest	28-29 Sep	Sat- Sun	Ed White	
2M RE Sailplane Contest	5 Oct	Sat		
Christmas Dinner	7 Dec	Sat	Jan Jansen	

## STL Metro Area Events of Interest

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. MVSA 2m and RES

26 May      Innsbrook Float Fly

31 Aug      Innsbrook Float Fly

## Out of Town Events of Interest

8-9 June Barnstormer's Pattern Contest (Hillsdale)

12-16 June Horizon Hobby Aerotow

22-23 June Pittsburg Pattern Contest

29-30 June Chicago Pattern Contest

6-7 July KCRC Pattern Contest (Lake Jacomo)

14-18 July Pattern Nats

10-11 Aug Omaha Pattern Contest

24-25 Aug Cedar Rapids Pattern Contest

7-8 Sep Great Bend Pattern Contest



**Saturday June 22, 2019 10AM**

Located at Gate 9 of the Missouri State  
Fairgrounds off Clarendon Road

Contact Dan Piscopo @ 660-383-2991 or  
[SedaliaRCFlyersClub@outlook.com](mailto:SedaliaRCFlyersClub@outlook.com)

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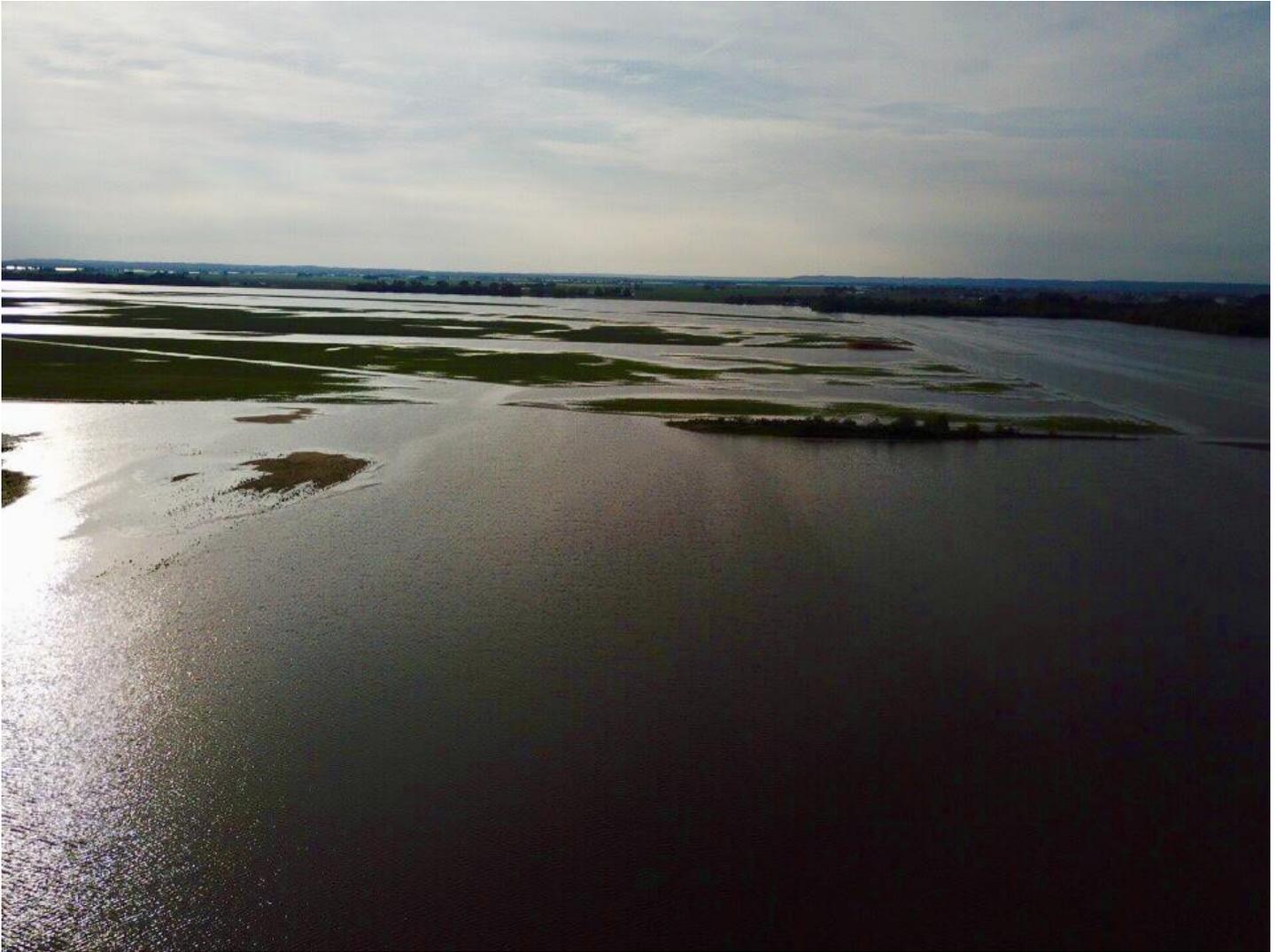
Gates open at 9am. Pilot briefing will be at 10AM. Potluck lunch provided by SRCF members for registered pilots and immediate family will be at noon. \$15 pilot fee includes lunch, drinks and outdoor swap space. NO CHARGE TO SWAP ONLY. Bring your own tables. Swap vendors may purchase a plate of food for \$5. No food available to public but several local restaurants and fast food are a short drive from our airfield. Restroom and bleachers onsite for public use.



# The Flood of 2019!

Thanks to talented and resourceful club members we have glimpses of how our field has fared with the raising water. The aerial recon team was James Greenwood and Jose with the Mavik drone.

I actually made 2 flights, as I got lost on the first one and had trouble finding the field. I was bucking a 7+ mph headwind, so it took forever to get there. Very nerve racking! I was hoping to hover right over the field and scoot around for 5 minutes down low, but as I got to within 1000ft, both times, my battery (and my gut) told me to hit return to home. Even with the wind, it took an agonizingly long time to get it back to dry land. Much thanks to Jose for helping out and spotting for me. Very fun flights, but very sad for all the people directly affected by the flooding. It's unbelievable.



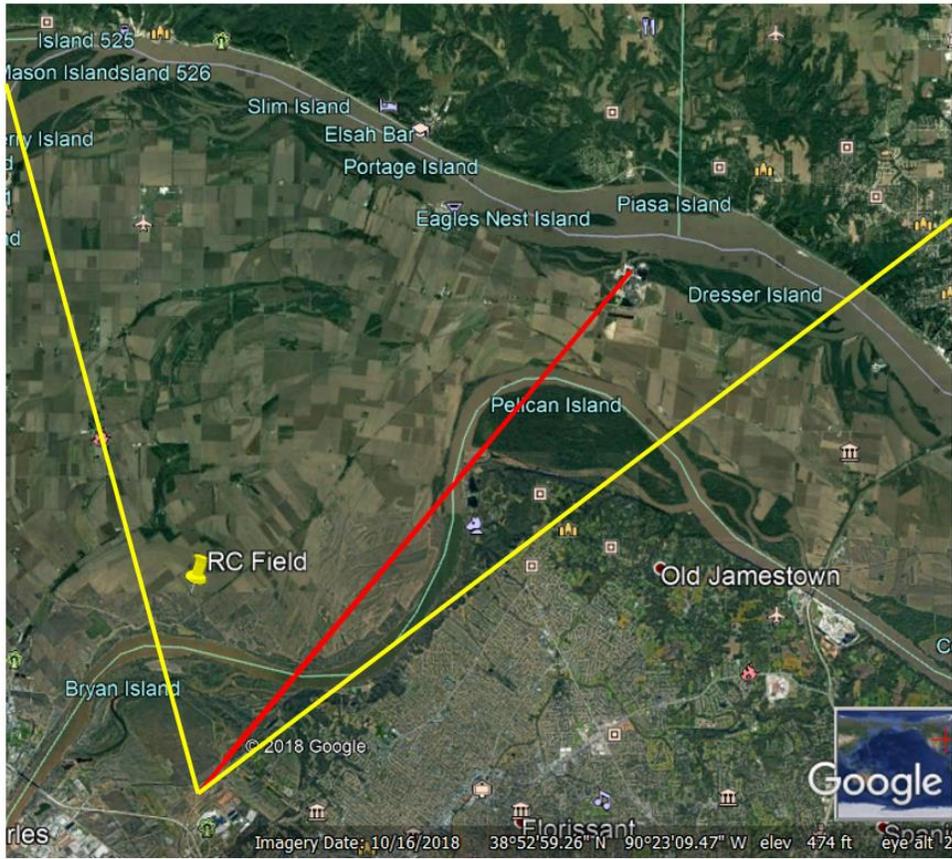


Bill Ahrens captured another set of pictures from an undisclosed airship and that was passed on to Ed White for photo analysis.

Here are the pics I promised. I'm not going to bet my house on this, but here is my best guess. In the pic along the MS river in the distance you can pick out what I am pretty sure is the Portage Des Sioux power plant. Using that landmark and the course of the MO river I drew the red line on the image from Google Earth in slide 2. The red line is where the camera was when it took the picture, though I can't say for sure where on the red line since I only have that one line and no other cross line. The yellow lines are the approximate right and left sides of the FOV. The yellow push pin is the location of the flying field.

Back to the picture on slide 3, the red box area is where I will zoom in on. In the zoomed image in slide 4, the MO river is clear. The line of trees going off at an angle is the Katy Trail (the bump you go over when leaving our field to the SE). If that is correct, and I apply what in amateur astronomy is termed averted imagination, I think I see a few pixels representing the container and the pavilion.

# Portage Des Sioux Power Plant





I think, maybe, a couple pixels are  
the container and pavilion roof

Box from previous slide



Thanks guys! it is probably safe to say that this month's club meeting will NOT be at the field!

# 2019 Innsbrook Float Fly

(pictures courtesy of Bill Moran)

They had about 13 pilots most of which were Wright Flyers, 3 Phantom Flyers and 1 Spirit RC member. Despite the choppy look of the water looks like everyone had a great time. Ed and Dave got time in on their new seaplanes, Albatross and the Timber.

Tim Konst's PBY Catalina



Mike Heard's Somethin' Extra



Beaver: either Kevin Barton's or Tom Ramsey's



Dan Sundman's Eagle



Dave Evans' Timber



Brian's big Cessna 150



Mark Yallaly's Icon



Mike Heard's Ultra Stick (Note unusual floats)



Harold Weaver's Tidewater



Ed White's Albatross



Bill Moran's Ultra Stick



Don Vetrone's Ultra Stick (electric)



# Horizon Hobby Aerotow

Pete George, Ed White, Brian Malloy and Larry Anderson are attending an Aerotow event and the AMA HQ field. The event is held on June 12-16. The photo below was taken at the SLRCA field. Happy Sailing guys!



## 2019 Phantom Flyers RC Club Flying Site Mowing & Task Schedule

Weekend dates shown are Friday dates.

It is expected the mowing will occur within five days of the scheduled date.

The bold top name is the team captain, responsible for scheduling the team.

Contact your team to arrange mutual date and time.

Coordinate container access with one of the following people prior to mowing.

Don Grzina (636) 233-0193, Ed White (636) 441-6431,

Jan Jansen (314) 285-4286, Mitch Galatioto (636) 734-6322

Report any equipment or grounds problems to any club officer.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MOW THE SCHEDULED WEEK,  
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

April				
5	12	19	26	
		<b>Brad Young</b>	<b>Larry Anderson</b>	
		John Klein	Peter George	
		Dan Sundman	Brian Molloy	
May				
3	10	17	24	31
<b>Jim Frederick</b>	<b>Jim West</b>	<b>Jan Jansen</b>	<b>Scott Watts</b>	<b>Mitch Galatioto</b>
Kevin Cox	Rick O'Mara	Jose Espinoza	Ed White	Brad Young
Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	Jim Alberico	Don Grzina	Don Grzina
June				
7	14	21	28	
<b>Rick O'Mara</b>	<b>Brian Molloy</b>	<b>Mitch Galatioto</b>	<b>Jack Buydos</b>	
Jan Jansen	Larry Anderson	Jim West	Kevin Cox	
Dan Sundman	Peter George	Jose Espinoza	Scott Watts	
July				
5	12	19	26	
<b>John Klein</b>	<b>Jim Alberico</b>	<b>Peter George</b>	<b>Jim Alberico</b>	
Jim Frederick	Bill Ahrens	Brian Molloy	Jack Buydos	
Ed White	Jim West	Larry Anderson	Scott Watts	
August				
2	9	16	23	30
<b>Rick O'Mara</b>	<b>Mitch Galatioto</b>	<b>Brad Young</b>	<b>John Klein</b>	<b>Jose Espinoza</b>
Don Grzina	Bill Ahrens	Jose Espinoza	Kevin Cox	Jack Buydos
Dan Sundman	Jim Frederick	Jan Jansen	Ed White	Rick O'Mara
September				
6	13	20	27*	10/04/19
<b>Jim Fredericks</b>	<b>John Klein</b>	<b>Jan Jansen</b>	<b>Don Grzina</b>	<b>Brian Molloy</b>
Jim West	Brad Young	Scott Watts	Kevin Cox	Peter George
Bill Ahrens	Ed White	Dan Sundman	Mitch Galatioto	Larry Anderson

\* Note: Weekend of the Phantom Flyers Pattern Contest, much preferred to be completed by sundown Thursday, Sep 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional volunteers for field prep will be greatly appreciated.

# **Phantom Flyers RC CLUB**

(Be sure to explore our website: [phantomflyersrc.com](http://phantomflyersrc.com))

## **2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- Regular \$150/year x \_\_\_\_ yr(s) = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family (IRS Dependents) \$155/year x \_\_\_\_ yr(s) = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Participant (Non flying) \$15/year x \_\_\_\_ yr(s) = \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All new applications received after 1 July of this year will receive next year's dues free

\*\*\*\*\* Late Renewal Fee \*\*\*\*\* \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

(Late fee required if member has not paid by 31 Dec)

Make checks payable to:  
**Phantom Flyers RC Club, Inc.**

**Total Amount Due =** \_\_\_\_\_

	<u><b>Eligible Member</b></u>	<u><b>Additional Family Member</b></u>
Member Name (/Nickname)	_____	_____
AMA Number	_____	_____
Primary Phone (home/cell)	_____	_____
Secondary Phone (work/cell)	_____	_____
Street	_____	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	_____
Spouse's Name	_____	_____
Primary E-Mail Address	_____	_____
Can Mow Flying Field? (Yes/No)	_____	_____

**My signature below signifies that:**

*I have read, understood and will abide by the Phantom Flyers RC Safety and Field Use Rules.*

*I understand that my participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I agree to hold Phantom Flyers RC Club, Inc. harmless for any and all liability for any injuries including death, which I might sustain while participating in this activity.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit form and membership dues to:**  
 Jim West  
 914 Hollow Ave.  
 Jerseyville, IL 62052  
 Full members only, please send S.A.S.E.

<i>For Club Administrative Use Only</i>	Dues Received _____ Date	Current AMA Received/Shown _____ Date
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Check there for the back issues of the Carrier Wave Newsletter, mowing schedule, event calendar and club roster/contact information (handy for mowing).

Articles, pictures and tech notes for publishing in the Carrier Wave are always appreciated. Let us know what you are building, repairing or flying!

Send them to:

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