

THE CARRIER WAVE



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO

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Newsletter of the Phantom Flyers R/C Club

<http://phantomflyersrc.com>

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Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting Minutes - 21 September 2020

President Bill Ahrens opened the meeting at 6:30 PM at the field. Fifteen members were present plus our honored guest Mr. Bob Underwood.

Wayne Knaust presented an honorary lifetime club membership to Bob. A little background on Bob for those who do not know. Bob has lived in the St Louis area for most of his life. The main exception was when he went to work at AMA HQ (then in Reston, VA) as the AMA Technical Director. He created the AMA Education Committee and served as AMA Education Director. He has CD' ed five FAI World Championships and served as FAI/CIAM Technical Secretary for 6 years. He was inducted into the Model Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997. And then there is flying, Bob has placed at two FAI World Championships and has scores of wins in both RC pattern and later in RC Scale. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. If you want to know more about Bob, download his bio from AMA at

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/files/UnderwoodRobertLBob.pdf>

Tech Session: There was no Tech Session. Though there was a lot of reminiscing and interesting stories from Bob's past. I was honored just to hear him talk.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the August Meeting were published in the Carrier Wave and approved as written. There are 37 regular club members. [That number has gone up to 40 since the meeting.]

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we are in good financial shape with enough in the bank to pay the lease (due in September). Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Safety Officer's Report: There was no safety officers report.

Field Manager's Report: We continue to have some mower maintenance issues. The red mower had what was suspected to be a hydraulic pump in need of a rebuild and \$200 was approved for that repair. [Since the meeting it was found that the problem was a much easier and cheaper broken belt]. There was discussion that the maintenance costs on the red mower were unusually high this year. It may be a fluke [hasn't all of 2020 been a fluke?] but the Field Managers recommendation was that the club consider putting aside money toward eventual replacement of the red mower.

The green mower has some rust issues on the deck and new member Willie Hannah volunteered to repair it. [On a personal note, the green mower is my hero, yes, it is slower than the red mower, but in people years it has to be 150 years old.]

Activities Chair Report: Jim West reported that the reluctant decision has been made to cancel the pattern contest. The reasons for this are not just covid. At the time it appeared that the two people with CD experience would not be available that weekend.

There is a 2m glider contest on Oct 17. Jan Jansen won the September glider contest.

The club Christmas Party was discussed and it was previously decided that because of Covid-19 a sit-down meal in a restaurant was not appropriate. So, for this year, the party is canceled.

GSLMA Report: There is a GSLMA report in the September Carrier Wave.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Dan Dierking can make mugs with the Phantom Flyers logo. Contact Dan or the secretary if you are interested.

Dan was also interested in spearheading an open house to increase our membership. Dan had previously raised this with the club officers and BoD and with only concern over proper provisions for covid, they all supported the open house. Dan contacted the AMA regarding a question of club liability for covid and confirmed that the AMA saw no issues. The club voted to hold the open house led by Dan on October 10.

Further, to encourage new membership the club voted to reduce the membership fee for this one-time event to \$100. To be eligible for the reduced rate, the person had to be a new member and had to join *at* the Open House. Both Red Wing RC and Mark Twain Hobbies supported the Open House with giveaways. A full report will be available at the October meeting.

The October club meeting will be virtual. Club members will get an invitation to a Zoom meeting.

A reminder that 2021 dues become due in October. Also, it will be time to start getting nominations for officers for next year.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 7:20 PM.

Ed White
Club Secretary

Mr. Underwood's acknowledgement of the recognition given by the Phantom Flyers.

(Photo courtesy of Dan Sundman)



Hi Bill.....

If I may, I would like to pass along a few words of thanks to the club for the recognition and membership award that was presented to me last Monday evening at the meeting. Over the years my activities with aeromodeling have always produced not only fond memories and exciting experiences, but lasting and meaningful relationships with a host of friendly folks. Please know that I felt that way last Monday as well.

Modeling has always been not only an important outlet for my creative skills, but a way to relax, even within the heat of competitive events. In organizing and running events I understood the great satisfaction which comes as a result of such efforts in providing a means and outlet for the skill set of others. It is that method through which clubs such as the Phantom Flyers fill a significant need in our society.

The beautiful plaque, a symbol of the club's recognition, will occupy a very prominent place on the wall of our apartment office, along with other awards my wife and I have been so graciously granted from AMA and FAI. I must admit, however, that there will be something of a delay before I can mount it there, since the repair of our apartment is far from complete following the August 9th flood we suffered! It always helps to HAVE a wall in order to HANG a plaque!

Please pass along my grateful appreciation to the club for the recognition. Understand that that appreciation will always be "real" and certainly never a "phantom", even though now I am one! If I can ever be of service to the club please let me know.

Sincerely,

Bob Underwood

AVP AMA District VI

Phantom Flyers RC Club Open House

October 10, 2020 was the clubs open house. We had a great turn out, excellent weather, lunch and lots of flying. Our organizer, Dan Dierking, did an awesome job and with the help from the sponsors Mark Twain Hobby Shop Center <https://www.hobby1.com/> and Redwing RC <https://www.redwingrc.com/> that supplied most of the giveaways.

This was also a chance to view the prize for the raffle which will be drawn at our November Club meeting.

PICTURES



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2020 Innsbrook Float Fly (by Harold Weaver)

Innsbrook Saturday, September 26, 2020 Float Fly

I didn't arrive until 10:30 and there were lots of ripples on the water. Dave Evans said nothing special happened before I came. It was cool and windy, but everyone had a good time anyway. Wind was up to 13 mph by Dave's wind gauge but it was more or less parallel to the shoreline out of the South so it wasn't too hard to handle. Taxiing back after landing took some planning and a bit of luck from time to time, especially for the airplanes with twin floats. Dave was flying a camouflage painted version of the Tidewater obtained from Aloft Hobbies. Horizon and Tower Hobbies no longer have any of the Flyzone Tidewaters. Dave said Aloft's price was cheap but the shipping cost was almost as much as cost of the model.

Ten people flew with a total of 12 airplanes. I only flew once and narrowly missed diving into the water about 3 times due to throttling down while going downwind. My landing was going well until right at touch down the Tidewater pitched forward standing momentarily vertical nose down in the water but immediately tipped back right side up and I taxied back to shore with no problem and no water inside the model. I think I learned a lesson when flying in strong gusty wind, pick a good throttle setting going upwind and then stick with it.

Watching Brian Malloy fly his Tidewater so smooth you wouldn't have thought there was any wind. Also, the 3D maneuvers he does, you would think would rip the Tidewater apart. Dave Evans was also quite smooth with his Tidewater, and then there was me verily in control, but I and the Tidewater survived.

Another Great Float Fly hosted by Don Vetrone and Bill Moran with great Photos taken by Bill and Dave. The photos they took will give you a good idea of how rough flying was.

Participants and Aircraft Flown

Bill Moran (UltraStick 25)

Brian Molloy (Tidewater)

Mike Heard (Ultra Stick)

Tom Ramsey (Turbo Beaver)

Don Vetrone (Ultra Stick 25)

Dave Evens (Tidewater from Aloft Hobbies)

Kevin Barton (FMS Beaver and E-flite Beaver)

Jeff Brundt (Beaver, Tidewater)

Tim Konst (Sea Duck and E-flite Super Cub)

Harold Weaver (Tidewater)



Mike Heard's Ultra Stick



Bill Moran's Ultra Stick 25



Dave Evans' Tidewater



Kevin Barton's Beaver from FMS



Bob Goulding and rescue boat



Brian Malloy Tidewater



Timothy Konst and the Sea Duck



Don Vetrone's Ultra Stick 25



Kevin Barton's Eflite Beaver



Tom Ramsey's Turbo Beaver



Jeff Brundt's Beaver

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

June				
5	12	19	26	
Ed White	Wm McMenemy	Jose Espinoza	Jack Buydos	
Wayne Knaust	Brad Young	Bill Ahrens	Jim Alberico	
John Klein	Mitch Galatioto	Jan Jansen	Kevin Cox	
July				
3	10	17	24	31
Don Grzina	Wayne Knaust	Jack Buydos	Wm McMenemy	Kevin Cox
Willie Hinnah	Jim Alberico	Mitch Galatioto	Willie Hinnah	Bill Ahrens
Jim West	Jose Espinoza	Brad Young	John Klein	Don Grzina
August				
7	14	21	28	
Jan Jansen	Kevin Cox	Wayne Knaust	John Klein	
Ed White	Mitch Galatioto	Bill Ahrens	Jim Alberico	
Jim West	Wm McMenemy	Jim West	Brad Young	
September				
4	11	18	25*	
Ed White	Jan Jansen	Brad Young	Mitch Galatioto	
Willie Hinnah	Jack Buydos	Jim Alberico	Willie Hinnah	
Jose Espinoza	Don Grzina	Jim West	Jack Buydos	
October				
2	9	16	23	30
Jan Jansen	Don Grzina	William McMenemy		
Jose Espinoza	John Klein	Kevin Cox		
Wayne Knaust	Bill Ahrens	Ed White		

* Note: Weekend of the Phantom Flyers Pattern Contest; much preferred to be completed by sundown Thursday, Sep 24th. Additional volunteers for field prep will be greatly appreciated.

Event	Club	Type	Day	Date	CD	Remarks
Snow Fly	PFRC		Wednesday	1-Jan		
MARCH				1-Mar		
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	21-Mar		
APRIL				1-Apr		
Swap Meet - Granite City	MAW	Swap	Saturday	4-Apr	??	
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	18-Apr		
MAY				1-May		
F3A Aerobatic Fun Fly - Hillsdale	RCB	F3A	Saturday	2-May	CANCELLED	Hillsdale Lake, Olathe KS
Fall Gate Swap Meet	Spirits	Swap	Saturday	9-May	CANCELLED	
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	16-May		
Pylon Racing	Spirits	Race	Saturday	16-May	CANCELLED	
2M Sailplane Contest	PFRC	2M Sail	Saturday	23-May	CANCELLED	
Innsbrook Float Fly	Innsbrook	Float	Saturday	23-May	CANCELLED	
F3A Pattern Contest - Hillsdale	RCB	F3A	Saturday	30-May	CANCELLED	Hillsdale Lake, Olathe KS
JUNE				1-Jun		
Electric Fly In	MAW	Elec	Saturday	6-Jun		Pontoon Beach, IL
Chuck Mack F3A Pattern Contest	Joliet	F3A	Saturday	6-Jun	CANCELLED	Edwood, IL
2M Sailplane Contest	PFRC	2M Sail	Saturday	13-Jun	CANCELLED	
F3A Pattern Contest - Anoka	Anoka	F3A	Saturday	13-Jun	Brian Dorf	Anoka, MN
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	20-Jun		
F3A Pattern Contest - Pittsburg	Pittsburg	F3A	Saturday	27-Jun	CANCELLED	Pittsburg, KS
F3A Pattern Contest - Chicago	Tri Village	F3A	Saturday	27-Jun	CANCELLED	Hanover Township, IL
JULY				1-Jul		
Warbird/Classic/Giant Scale Fly In	MAW	Warbd	Saturday	11-Jul		
F3A Pattern Contest - Lee's Summit	KCRC	F3A	Saturday	11-Jul		Lee's Summit ,MO
Wright City Flyers 29th Anniversary	Wright	Fun	Saturday	11-Jul	Joint Fun fly with PFRC still on schedule	
Meet Me in St Louis Pattern Fly In	PFRC	F3A	Saturday	18-Jul	CANCELLED	Pattern NATS cancelled
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	18-Jul		
F3A Pattern Contest - NATS	AMA	F3A	Sunday	19-Jul	CANCELLED	
2M Sailplane Contest	PFRC	2M Sail	Saturday	25-Jul	NEED	
Pylon Racing	Spirits	Race	Saturday	25-Jul		
AUGUST				Saturday	1-Aug	
F3A Pattern Contest - Omaha	Omahawk	F3A	Saturday	8-Aug	Bob Wheeler	Omaha, NE
Scale Fly-In and Contest	PFRC	Scale	Saturday	8-Aug	Don Grzina	
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	15-Aug		
F3A Pattern Contest - Cedar Rapids	C. Rapids	F3A	Saturday	22-Aug	Mark Barnett	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Joint Fun Fly - @PFRC	PFRC	Fun	Saturday	29-Aug	NEED	
SEPTEMBER				1-Sep		
Innsbrook Float Fly	Innsbrook	Float	Saturday	5-Sep		
F3A Pattern Contest - Great Bend	Mack SF	F3A	Saturday	12-Sep	Joe Dunnaway	Great Bends, KS
2M Sailplane Contest	PFRC	2M Sail	Saturday	12-Sep	NEED	
2M Sailplane Contest	MVSA	2M Sail	Saturday	19-Sep		
3D Fly In	MAW	3D	Saturday	19-Sep		
F3A Pattern Contest - Tamarack		F3A	Saturday	19-Sep	Joe Burzinski	Menomonee, WI
F3A Pattern Contest	PFRC	F3A	Saturday	26-Sep		
Pylon Racing	Spirits	Race	Saturday	26-Sep		
Jet Fly	MAW	Jet	Saturday	26-Sep		
OCTOBER				1-Oct		
2M Sailplane Contest	PFRC	2M Sail	Saturday	17-Oct	NEED	
DECEMBER				1-Dec		
Christmas Dinner	PFRC	XMAS	Saturday	5-Dec	Bill Ahrens	
Joint Fun Fly - @Wright City	Wright	Fun				Date TBD

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(Be sure to explore our website: phantomflyersrc.com)

2021 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) = _____
 Anonymous Donations Welcome

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>Eligible Member</u>	<u>Additional Family Member</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:
 Ed White
 10 Wolf Ridge Ct.
 St Charles, MO 63303
 Please send S.A.S.E. if you want your membership card mailed

For Club Administrative Use Only	Dues Received _____ Date	Current AMA Received/Shown _____ Date
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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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