

THE CARRIER WAVE



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



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Newsletter of the Phantom Flyers R/C Club

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Phantom Flyers R/C Club Meeting Minutes – 19 February 2024

Attendees: 9 club members were in attendance, Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Members were, Ed White , Jack Buydos, Jose Espinosa, Harold Weaver, Dan Abel, Don Grzina, Bill Reape, Don Jenkins, Jim Alberico.

New Members: None

Technical Session: Ed White showed a video of fellow club member Kevin Cox flying an EDF jet that he constructed by using 3D printing. The Video was posted on 5th of February 2024 on YouTube.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were sent out for the January meeting. There were no questions, there was a motion by Don G. and seconded by Jim A. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: No financial report. Dues moneys have been deposited.

Safety Report. No safety report was given, the position of safety officer for the club is available if anyone is interested. Please be "Safe" as safety is each pilot's responsibility.

Field Managers report: Don mentioned the moles are still active. There has been no noticeable vandalism as of this year. Runway repair will be addressed after the freeze and thaw cycles are finished. Mowing schedule will be completed soon.

Activities Report: Dan presented a schedule for discussion. The schedule for 2024 was discussed. As of this meeting there is not a Swap Meet scheduled this year. There is also a need for a person to be the event leader for the Open House this year. Look for the 2024 Schedule to be posted soon.

GSLMA Report: Harold reported, the reserves were being discussed on possibly doing investing. Still waiting on permit rules for the field. The transition to the county is going slow.

Old Business: The Bylaw changes are on the website and can be found under the about menu.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Reape

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/knowledge_test_updates/

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From the President's desk.



OK, it's not a desk, it's my laptop on my lap. I have two items:

First, last month I requested someone to take on the role of safety officer. Larry Anderson immediately stepped up. Many thanks to Larry. But I wanted to make a couple things clear about that position.

First, the Safety Officer is not the club safety police.

The position is required by AMA and is the AMA point of contact for safety matters. And yes, the job is also providing reminders for anyone gets distracted and forgets about a safety rule.

Second and most importantly, we self-monitor for safety. That means monitoring safety is everyone's job.

Safety is not just about not getting hurt by a spinning prop or burned by an electrical arc. I've seen both happen. It is also about making sure we safely share the sky with full scale aircraft. It is also about being in compliance with FAA rules (registration, current TRUST certification, required aircraft marking). It is also about accepting any reminders about our field safety rules without argument. If there are any safety rules you disagree with, it is your responsibility to bring them up at a club meeting so we can discuss them and change the rules as makes sense.

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At the February meeting there was club interest in having an Open House, probably this spring, but it could be in the fall instead. We've done these in the past and although not wildly successful at getting new members to join, they have netted us a few new members. And they are a good excuse for inviting non-club members to join us for a day of flying. Now the sales pitch. We need a volunteer to be the CD (Contest Director). This is not an AMA rulebook event so you do not have to be a licensed AMA CD. Any club member is fine. The job entails figuring out when to have the event so as to minimize conflicts with large events at other local clubs. Figuring out what to have at the event such as food, giveaways, special prizes such as best in show or most spectacular crash or whatever. Will there be any side events such as a tailgate swap meet or introductory flight training. What club support is needed? You are not expected to do this all yourself but you are the coordinator for the event. And to get help you need to figure out in advance that you need help and ask for it. And we need to produce an event flyer and get it sent to other local clubs (we have an email list) in plenty of time for people to think about it.

So, is anybody willing to take on this role? I would offer the following thought. Mowing season is quickly approaching and the reality is we have more members who cannot mow (usually for very valid health reasons) than those who do mow. If you can't mow, please consider doing this. I would prefer not to have one of the few usual suspects who already do so much for the club, most of whom do a lot of the mowing.

Tornado Ravages Air Force Museum Restoration Hangar At Wright Patterson AFB (February 28, 2024)

By Oliver Parken, Tyler Rogoway

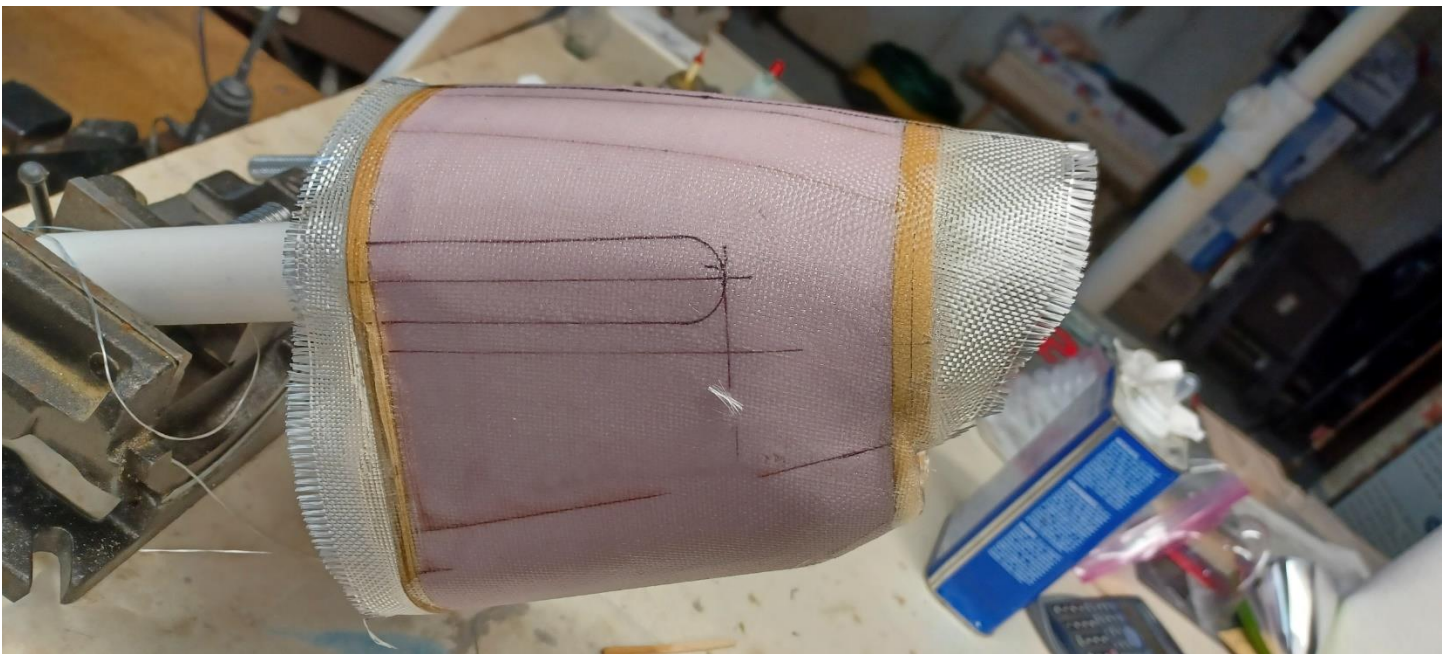
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Members Projects/Tech Session

Don Grzina is making a plug for a new cowl for his Hangar-9 P-51 Mustang.





Don has finalized the shape and has applied one layer of 6oz of glass cloth to the plug.

As mentioned in the above minutes my 40mm EDF Cutlass F7U-3 latest flight was uploaded to Youtube. The model has seen some modification and an issue with it being stuck in a tree! Interesting how flight controls stop working when the CG gets too far aft. The Velcro dot let go on the battery. It has since been replaced with a Velcro strip. The 40mm EDF unit is 3D printed and the airframe is made from Depron. Video link below

<https://youtu.be/y8MZiBPZU-A>



This is a preliminary Event Schedule.

Check-out the other shedules here:

<https://www.phantomflyersrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-EVENT-TABLES-1.pdf>

Preliminary

PHANTOM FLYERS 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE				
JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR FLY-IN	12:00	ED W
FEBRUARY		NONE		
MARCH		NONE		
APRIL	7	2 METER SAILPANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
MAY	5	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
Tentative	25	OPEN HOUSE	10:00	
JUNE	2	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
JULY	7	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
	27&28	PRE NATS PATTERN FLY	10:00	ED/JIM
AUGUST	4	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
SEPTEMBER	7?	SCALE FLY-IN	10:00	DON G
	?	EDF Fly-in	10:00	
SEPTEMBER	28/29	PHANTOM FLYERS PATTERN CONTEST	9:00	ED W/JIM
OCTOBER	12	COMPETITION FUN FLY		
NOVEMBER		NONE		
DECEMBER	TBD	CHRISTMAS DINNER	TBD	ED W

Don't forget to renew your membership!!

<https://www.phantomflyersrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-membershipform2.pdf>



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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!

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