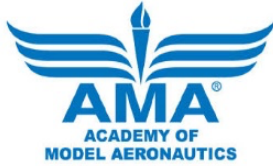


THE CARRIER WAVE



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO

April 2025

Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter

<http://phantomflyersrc.com/>

CLUB OFFICERS

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Send Membership Renewals with Check made out to Phantom Flyers R/C Club

**William Reape
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Board of Directors:

**Ed White
Mitch Galatioto
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Captain Jan Jansen**

Work

**Finally Retired
Glad to be Retired
Not Retired
Recently Retired**

Home

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Club Officer Messages

AMA Announcements:

Based on the following, some area clubs are receiving e-mails from the AMA changing their flight ceiling. To date we know the Wright Flyers and the Signal Chasers in Pacific, MO have received a notice. I am sure more are on the way. Great news for the hobby!

AMA Members,

AMA is excited to announce that we have been granted a National Authorization allowing our members at AMA club sites in Class G airspace to operate above 400 feet above ground level (AGL) for routine, day-to-day activities. Based on your location in Class G airspace, your site will have a new altitude limit of up to 700 feet or 1,200 feet AGL. To determine at what altitude you can fly up to at a flying site, use this guide.

This is an exciting step toward easing restrictions for our members who enjoy this great hobby. As we march forward, AMA will continue to work with Congress and the FAA to further ensure that our members across the country can enjoy the freedom of flight.

Members can view the National Authorization [here](#). Please note that operations above 400 feet in Class G airspace are not permitted until the flying site obtains a copy of this authorization, as well as meet the outlined criteria within the Authorization. Club officers should make sure to keep a copy of the authorization on file with the club's records. Additionally, AMA will be publishing an FAQ guide to address questions and/or concerns that members might have regarding the authorization.

To remain current with the most recent government-related news, regularly visit the AMA Government Affairs blog. If you have any further questions or concerns, contact the Government Affairs department at (765) 287-1256 or amagov@modelaircraft.org.

Thank you,

AMA Government Affairs Team

GSLMA Representative:

The following information came from the Signal Chasers R/C Club in Pacific, MO. I am sure we will get more information from Harold, our GSLMA Rep when he returns from vacation.

Greetings Buder Park Flyers!

There is an annual Buder Park Flying Permit available for \$90 using the process and form attached to this email.

In order to be issued an annual Flying Pass at Buder, you will need to complete the contact section of the attached form. We will then input you as a user in the park system and you will be sent an online payment link. You can pay immediately with a Visa, MC or Discover. If you prefer to pay via check, you can mail a check made out to St. Louis County Parks and Recreation to my mailing address below. Once payment is made, you will be mailed a personalized, brightly colored permit to be placed on your dash when you are at the park. Below are some FAQs.

1. The passes are good for the year, January 1-December 31
2. The hours are dawn-dusk
3. We anticipate black out dates for flying group events, cross country meets, etc.
4. The pass is not prorated for events or flooding
5. Daily passes are \$6/person to be paid at the park, in cash, the day you use the field. (There are envelopes and an 'iron ranger' to take payment on site)
6. If you are just spectating, no pass is needed
7. For insurance requirements and to see the park policy, please visit- <https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/parks/about-us/park-rules-regulations-and-policies/model-sports-drones-rocketry-and-other-aerial-activities/>

For Rocketeers: NAR Members have \$5 million insurance; TRA members have \$3 million insurance. Make sure to have your membership cards with you at Buder.

Enjoy Flying Buder

Thanks,

David Whitney

GSLMA Treasurer



ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Email completed form to mkmartin@stlouiscountymo.gov or mail to:
St. Louis County Parks, 41 S. Central Ave, Clayton, MO 63105

NAME OF EVENT: _____

COMPANY or ORGANIZATION: _____

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE(S) OF EVENT: _____ APPROXIMATE # OF PEOPLE: _____
count everyone at the event -- including vendors, attendees, volunteers, etc.

EVENT TIMELINE: Setup Starts: _____
earlier than 8am requires special approval

Event Times: _____

Teardown Ends: _____
later than sunset requires special approval

ITEMS BEING SOLD: _____

PARK NAME: _____ LOCATION IN PARK: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: ☐ Selling Alcohol ☐ Providing Alcohol ☐ Allowing Alcohol (BYOB)
☐ No Alcohol

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EVENT AND INCLUDE ANY QUESTIONS:

[illegible]

Please list caterers/vendors that you will be using and list all equipment, rentals, etc. that will brought into the park.

If food or drink is being sold by a food truck or caterer (must be on the Parks Approved Vendor List), a St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation Permit to Sell will be required -- usually at no additional cost to the USER.

Water inflatables are not allowed in St. Louis County Parks.

For more information please visit our website www.STLCountyParks.com

<u>VENDOR NAME (Food Truck, Inflatables, Catering, etc.)</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE PROVIDED</u>
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For questions, contact the Recreation Events Coordinator, Maggie Martin, at mkmartin@stlouiscountymo.gov or 314-615-8371.

Carrier Wave Editor – Mitch Galatioto:

Requests:

Articles, pictures, items for sale for publishing in the Carrier Wave are always appreciated. Let me know what you are building, repairing, flying or selling!

For previous issues of the Carrier Wave, mowing schedule, event calendar and club roster/contact information (handy for mowing), see below link.

- <http://phantomflyersrc.com/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Phantom-Flyers-RC-Club-139791882811519/>

FAA links; please make sure you are compliant (See Club President's note above):

- https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/knowledge_test_updates/
- <https://dronetrust.com/faa-trust/>

Club Events

Club Meeting: The next club meeting is scheduled for 21 April. Look for an e-mail with the location or log in information and please attend if you can.

RC Decathlon:

The Decathlon of RC Has Begun!!!

The original start date conflicts with Easter and is scheduled to be rainy. So Ed suggests trying for the following Sunday, April 27 and let's hope the weather cooperates. There's no need to wait until then though; go ahead and start now if you wish!

Winter Flying in Foley Alabama – Harold Weaver

These are 3 photos that show the results of my loss of signal to my 1.2 m E-flite Slow Ultra Stick.

The first is the condition of the Stick when it was found. It appears to have been a steep dive after I lost sight when it was about 20 ft in the air. It impacted the wet soft ground left wing tip first which spun its nose into the ground driving the nose 6 inches into the ground and then settled back into an upright condition as you can see in the photo. Both blades of the prop broke off as the motor went into the ground including the full length of the battery. The battery was totally discharged after setting for 2 days. There was no damage to the motor and it and the 6 inches were easy blown clear of debris.

The only real damage was to the left-wing aileron hinging and a chunk of foam that broke off from the wing root as you can see in the photo. The aileron hinge was easily repaired with Blendederm tape and I elected to temporarily install a new left wing as you can see in the photo. I will replace that chunk of foam when I get home and then reinstall the repaired wing in place of the new one. It is a very sturdy airframe and very easy to fly and even though it has thick non-symmetrical airfoil with a little dihedral it is fully aerobatic and in the hands of an experienced 3D pilot like Brian Malloy I'm sure it can be really wrung out.

Although it's ready to fly as shown in the photo I'm not sure I will get to fly it again until I get home to St Louis because even though we have warm weather here where I fly with the SARCM club in Foley, AL it is very windy and gusty almost every day.



2025 Phantom Flyers RC Club Flying Site Mowing & Task Schedule

Weekend dates shown are Friday dates.

It is expected the mowing will occur within Thursday to Monday span of the scheduled date.

The bold name is the team captain, responsible contact your team and arrange mutual date and time.

Call Don Grzina (636) 233-0193, Ed White (636) 219-2255, or Mitch Galatioto (636) 734-6322 for on-tainer access keys

Report any equipment or grounds problems to any club officer.

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

April				
4 *1	11	18 *2	25	
Don Grzina	Bill Ahrens	Jose Espinosa	Mitch Galatioto	
Bill McMenamy	Larry Anderson	Frank Eck	Jan Jansen	
Jack Buydos	Don Grzina	Kevin Cox	Rich Jenkins	
May				
2 *1	9	16 *3	23	30 *1
Scott Maier	Dan Sundman	Jim West	Brad Young	Jack Buydos
Bill McMenamy	Alvin Slatton	Ed White	Wayne Wimbish	Larry Anderson
Cody Morgan	Don Grzina	Frank Eck	Rich Jenkins	Bill Ahrens
June				
6	13	20	27	
Mitch Galatioto	Kevin Cox	Alvin Slatton	Ed White	
Jose Espinosa	Scott Maier	Dan Sundman	Brad Young	
Jan Jansen	Cody Morgan	Jim West	Wayne Wimbish	
July				
4 *1	11	18	25*3	
Jim Alberico	Jack Buydos	Jose Espinosa	Rich Jenkins	
Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	Mitch Galatioto	Scott Maier	
Bill Ahrens	Frank Eck	Jan Jansen	Cody Morgan	
August				
1 *1	8 *4	15 *5	22	29
Bill McMenamy	Jim West	Wayne Wimbish	Jim Alberico	Frank Eck
Alvin Slatton	Ed White	Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	Jose Espinosa
Dan Sundman	Brad Young	Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	Mitch Galatioto
September				
5	12 *6	19	26*7	
Don Grzina	Scott Maier	Alvin Slatton	Ed White	
Jan Jansen	Bill McMenamy	Dan Sundman	Brad Young	
Rich Jenkins	Cody Morgan	Jim West	Wayne Wimbish	
October				
3	10 *8	18	25	31
Jim Alberico	Rich Jenkins			
Kevin Cox	Cody Morgan			
Mitch Galatioto	Jim West			

***Notes: Event weekends**

*1: Gliders Sunday. *2 Decathlon of RC Sunday *3 Open House Saturday *4 Scale Fly-in Saturday

*5 Pre-NATS Flyin Friday -Saturday *6: EDF Fly-in Saturday *7: Pattern Contest Friday – Sunday

*8 Comp Fun Fly Saturday

PHANTOM FLYERS 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR FLY-IN	12:00	ED W
FEBRUARY		NONE		
MARCH		NONE		
APRIL	6	2 METER SAILPANE	10:00	LARRY A/JAN J
APRIL	20	DECATHLON OF RC OPENING	12:00	ED
MAY	4	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
MAY	17	OPEN HOUSE	10:00	JACK B
JUNE	1	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
JULY	6	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
AUGUST	3	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
AUGUST	9	SCALE FLY-IN	10:00	DON G
AUGUST	15-18	MEET ME IN STL-PATTERN FLY (Field is Open for All Flying)	TBD	ED
SEPTEMBER	13	EDF FLY-IN	10:00	KEVIN C
SEPTEMBER	27&28	PHANTOM FLYERS PATTERN CONTEST	9:00	JIM W
OCTOBER	11	COMPETITION FUN FLY		
NOVEMBER		NONE		
DECEMBER	6	CHRISTMAS DINNER	TBD	ED

PHANTOM FLYERS 2025 CLUB MEETING DATES

JANUARY	20	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
MARCH	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
APRIL	21	CLUB MEETING FIELD	6:30 P.M.
MAY	19	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
JUNE	16	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
JULY	21	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
AUGUST	18	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER	15	CLUB MEETING FIELD	6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER	20	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER	N/A	NO CLUB MEETING	N/A

NON-PHANTOM FLYERS 2025 EVENTS

MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY	16-17	D5 PATTERN PRIMER HILLSDALE LAKE	
JUNE	5-7	JET JAM EDF FLY-IN ELIZABETH, INDIANA	
JUNE	12-15	ELI FIELD AEROTOW MONTICELLO, IL	
JUNE	21	3 rd ANNUAL ROLLA WARBLER & SCALE FLY-IN	
JUNE	20-22	HOFFMAN ESTATES (CHICAGO) PATTERN	
JULY	10-15	AMA NATS - R/C CONTROL LINE SCALE	
JULY	16-19	AMA NATS - SCALE AEROBATICS	
JULY	25-27	OMAHA PATTERN	
JULY	19-27	AMA NATS - SOARING	
AUGUST	16	MIDWEST AIR WING WARBLER FLY-IN	
AUGUST	9-16	F3A PATTERN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, MUNCIE, IN	
AUGUST	19-23	AMA NATS - PATTERN	
AUGUST	20-23	ILLINI SUPER JETS, ELIFIELD.COM	
SEPTEMBER	5-6	E JETS EDF FLY-IN	
SEPTEMBER	5-7	HILLSDALE LAKE (KC) PATTERN	
SEPTEMBER	28	SPIRITS TAILGATE SWAP MEET	
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			

Meeting Minutes

Phantom Flyers R/C Club Meeting Minutes – 17 March 2025

Attendees: 9 club members were in attendance. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Members were Ed White, Bill Reape, Harold Weaver, Dan Abel, Don Grizina, Jose Espinosa, Bill McMenamy, Wes Wallin, Bill Ott.

New Members: None

Technical Session: No Tech Session

Secretary's Report: There were no questions or changes. There was a motion by Don G and seconded by Bill Ott. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Jose reported the account has is at \$9,500.00 so far. Discussion on the budget followed. AMA sanction fee is increased, Ed added more for the Open House. Bill M. asked about the total account as it relates to the budget. Ed stated the account should be at \$1600.00 after all of the items on the budget are completed, approx. Bill R. made a motion to approve the 2025 budget. Wes Wallin seconded, all approved.

Safety Report. No reported incidents.

Field Managers Report: Don G. said he spent 3.5 hours using the roller on the field. It worked well. He suggested that all of the people mowing this year meet at the field sometime to review and learn how the mowers are started and operated. Repairs and sealing on the runway will be done early spring to avoid the hot temperatures. To avoid the trailer for the sealing material and pulling vehicle doing damage. Bill R mentioned Rich Jenkins has the manual for the new mower. Discussion about the parking area were mentioned. Because of poor drainage and very sandy soil the parking area is good as it can be.

GSLMA Report: Harold reported the parks department has a website and a box at the field to pay a \$6.00 fee per day. You also can purchase a \$90.00 yearly pass. GLSMA is planning to work or replace some of the stands at the field. Fred Cromwald is offering to help but it's the parks department doing things. Harold said the box may not be a secure way to pay. Wes W. stated the website works well to pay fees.

Activities Report: Dan Abel reported the schedule is on the website. The 2 meter contest April 6, and the Open House in May are coming up. Bill Ott asked about a Swap Meet this year. Ed mentioned the open house is having a "bring what you want to sell" during the Open House. We no longer have the venue for the Club Swap Meet.

Old Business : Ed mentioned the Leader Club application with the AMA is almost complete. The Grant process for may have a small advantage as a Leader Club.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm
Respectfully submitted, Bill Reape



Quote of the month:

People spend a lot of time mowing the field, so what's wrong with not landing on the runway?!

...and it always seems to move out from under my airplane, what gives with that?!