

# **THE CARRIER WAVE**



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



**AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO**

**June 2025**

*Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter*

<http://phantomflyersrc.com/>

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

**William Reape  
234 Kildare Court  
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### **Board of Directors:**

**Ed White**

**Dan Sundman**

**Captain Jan Jansen**

### **Work**

**Finally Retired**

**Not Retired**

**Recently Retired**

### **Home**

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## Club Officer Messages

URGENT... URGENT... URGENT... URGENT... URGENT... URGENT... URGENT...

The club has recently been made aware of an environmental issue at the field. We have been working with various people to determine the source and any actions required on our part to reduce and with great luck, eliminate.

We were hoping the situation would resolve itself over time, however, so far, random checks at the flying field have yielded continued problems. It is becoming a hazard for mowing crews as well.

Club assistance is required if we are to prevent the problem from escalating which could cause unintended consequences.

So PLEASE help!

If you see the species pictured below at the field, approach it cautiously and attempt removal, but BE CAREFUL! If you brought the species to the field, please take it home with you!

Thanks for your help, it is greatly appreciated!



### ***GSLMA Representative:***

#### **Meeting summary for GSLMA Zoom Meeting (05/06/2025)**

##### **Quick recap**

The meeting covered various aspects of park maintenance and improvement, including field conditions, runway repairs, and cleaning efforts. Discussions were held about upcoming events, promotional ideas, and the unique features of the park that could attract more visitors. The team also addressed administrative matters such as permits, insurance requirements, and the need to update their mailing list.

##### **Next steps**

- Fred to create a walking tour video of the park showcasing different areas (drone, rockets, RC, control line)
- John Garrett to coordinate with Darren to take aerial drone footage of different park areas
- John Moll to trim grass inside the control line circle and clean up the area before the contest
- John Moll to put back up the shelf board in the control line area
- Fred to forward Tom's request for runway resealing and crack filling to Maggie, the Park Director, and Park Supervisor
- Harold to get Don Grisenia to write up information on repairing cracks in the runway
- Tom to build the 4th run-up stand for the RC area next weekend
- RC team to retrieve and repair the stand located east of the rocket area
- Doug to consider moving the May 31st rocket event up by one week to avoid the 3-day weekend

- John Moll to inform out-of-town contestants about the daily permit requirement for practice on the Friday before the contest
- Fred to inform all club members about rangers checking permits

## **Summary**

### **Field Maintenance and Speed Contest**

In the meeting, Fred discussed the progress made in the speed contest and the condition of the field. He mentioned the new Park supervisor and the county's response to their concerns. Fred also shared the efforts made by the team, including pressure washing the picnic tables and pavilion floor. The team agreed to continue their efforts to improve the field and discussed the need for cleaning all asphalt surfaces. Tom raised the issue of resealing the runway and filling cracks, and Fred offered to forward any requests to the appropriate contacts.

### **Runway Repair and Stand Construction**

Fred discussed the repair of cracks in the runway, suggesting that if the cracks are too wide, they need to be milled out and new asphalt laid down. Harold agreed to get information from Don Grisenia on how to repair the cracks. Tom reported that they were working on three new run-up stands for the RC area and planned to build a fourth one the following weekend. They also discussed the need to repair a stand that had been floated away and was currently in the speed circle area. John Garrett mentioned that the Porta Potty had been returned to the control line area.

### **Control Line Area Cleaning Plans**

John Moll discussed the cleaning of the control line area and the RC, and mentioned a conversation with a new park supervisor, Chris, who is taking over from Mike Luby. John plans to trim the grass and clean up the area on Saturday. The park department is now responsible for cleaning the speed circles and other areas. John also mentioned a proposal to dam up the Merrimack River in the 1980s to create a recreation area.

### **Park Features and Upcoming Events**

In the meeting, Tom, Fred, John Moll, and others discussed the unique features of their park, which includes rocketry, Rc, control line, and drone activities. They considered promoting these features to attract more visitors and possibly create a full-fledged rocket event, drone race, and control line contest. John Moll suggested creating a YouTube video showcasing the different areas of the park and its activities. They also discussed the upcoming events, including a world cup in September and a rocket event on the 31st. The team also discussed the need to update their mailing list, as some members have been replaced.

### **Permits and Insurance for Park Activities**

The team discussed the need for permits and insurance for various activities at the park, including drone control, rockets, and RC areas. They also discussed the importance of having a ranger present during these activities. The team also discussed the need for awareness about the permit and insurance requirements among club members and participants in the American Rocket Challenge. The conversation ended with a discussion about who would be buying for the night.

## ***Carrier Wave Editor:***

### **Requests:**

If you have not provided your FAA number to Bill Reape, please do so immediately so your number can be documented in the club roster. If you do not have one, please apply for one and provide the information to Bill.

## **Club Events**

**Club Meeting:** The next club meeting is scheduled for 16 June at the field. Keep an eye out for the start time. Hope everyone can make it out to fly and for the meeting!

**RC Decathlon:** The Decathlon of RC is in full swing, so get out there and fly!

### **Glider Contest – June 1<sup>st</sup> Results**

Sunday, June 1 we held our monthly Phantoms Two-meter Glider Contest under excellent weather conditions. Wind was light and variable. Lift was available every one of the five rounds if you knew how to recognize it. We had 11 contestants with several from MVSA. Radians were the most prevalent gliders and took the first 4 places. We had several spectators including Bob W from MVSA. Bob helped with timing and other things.

Brian M flew 4 perfect rounds and just missed a perfect 5th round by 1 second. Brian knows his Radian and how to read lift. Jan J also did very well with his Radian taking second place with only 13 seconds total overtime for all 5 rounds inclusive. In round 1 Rich R scored a perfect time and his first landing in the corral, something he had been attempting to achieve for some time. In round 4 (the noon ballon) we had 6 gliders in the same thermal all circling together, that looked sweet.

The final standings were.

1. Brian M.
2. Jan J.
3. Dave Q.
4. Bill R.
5. Bill O.
6. Kevin C.
7. Jim W.
8. Rich R.
9. Wes W.
10. Brad Y.
11. Ed W.

Our next two meter contest is Sunday, July 6. All AMA members are invited to fly with us.



## 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 ontainer 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	
<b>Don Grzina</b>	<b>Bill Ahrens</b>	<b>Jose Espinosa</b>	<b>Mitch Galatioto</b>	
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
<b>Scott Maier</b>	<b>Dan Sundman</b>	<b>Jim West</b>	<b>Brad Young</b>	<b>Jack Buydos</b>
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	
<b>Mitch Galatioto</b>	<b>Kevin Cox</b>	<b>Alvin Slatton</b>	<b>Ed White</b>	
Jose Espinosa	Scott Maier	Dan Sundman	Brad Young	
Jan Jansen	Cody Morgan	Jim West	Wayne Wimbish	
July				
4 *1	11	18	25*3	
<b>Jim Alberico</b>	<b>Jack Buydos</b>	<b>Jose Espinosa</b>	<b>Rich Jenkins</b>	
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
<b>Bill McMenamy</b>	<b>Jim West</b>	<b>Wayne Wimbish</b>	<b>Jim Alberico</b>	<b>Frank Eck</b>
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	
<b>Don Grzina</b>	<b>Scott Maier</b>	<b>Alvin Slatton</b>	<b>Ed White</b>	
Jan Jansen	Bill McMenamy	Dan Sundman	Brad Young	
Rich Jenkins	Cody Morgan	JJim West	Wayne Wimbish	
October				
3	10 *8	18	25	31
<b>Jim Alberico</b>	<b>Rich Jenkins</b>			
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 SAILPLANE	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	<del>7:00 P.M.</del>
FEBRUARY	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	<del>7:00 P.M.</del>
MARCH	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	<del>7:00 P.M.</del>
APRIL	21	CLUB MEETING FIELD	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>
MAY	19	CLUB MEETING FIELD	<del>7:00 P.M.</del>
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	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
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	<del>5-7</del>	<del>JET JAM EDF FLY-IN ELIZABETH, INDIANA</del>	
JUNE	12-15	ELI FIELD AEROTOW MONTICELLO, IL	
JUNE	21	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 RC Club Meeting Minutes May 23,2025

Due to weather the meeting was postponed to Friday May 23, 2025. The meeting was opened by President Ed White at 7:05 PM. Also in attendance were Larry Anderson, Jack Buydos, Jose Espinosa, Don Grzina, Brad Young. Secretary Bill Reape was unable to attend the meeting.

No Tech Session was presented.

Secretary's Report for the April meeting was published in the Carrier Wave. As reported the online membership application form was found to be not working. It is now fixed.

Treasurer's Report - The Saint's club has graciously donated the remaining funds in their Treasury, \$4000 to our club! We are very grateful for this donation, the mower and especially for multiple new members. Many thanks. Our tax report for tax year 2024 has been filed with and accepted by the IRS.

Safety Officer's Report – We set this time aside this month for a review of the AMA Safety Code. The review was led by Safety Officer Larry Anderson. The following elements of the Code were reviewed and discussed:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

Field Manager's Report - Field Manager Don Grzina reported that we have fallen behind original schedule of having the resealing complete by the Open House. The runway prep work is taking more time and effort than we originally planned. We had put aside \$200-\$250 aside for runway prep and we have pretty much spent that. Larry moved we authorize up to an additional \$250. This led to discussion that we are all in agreement with completing this prep work completely before spending the money to perform the sealing. Don recommends that we increase the additional funding authorization for runway prep to \$500. Don is concerned that we not get held up having to request additional money. Larry allowed the modification of his motion to \$500. Don seconded. Motion passed.

Mowing tutoring for the new mower is largely complete. There may be a few stragglers due to mowing canceled due to rain. If you are scheduled to mow and need training on the new mower, contact Don.

Event Coordinator Report - Next is glider contest this coming Sunday. There was way too much discussion on the President's admittedly very impressive crash in the in the May glider contest on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Open House was mostly a bust due to weather. It was a good day for socializing. Not a good day for flying due to crosswind.

GSLMA Report – Harold Weaver sent a full-page report on GSLMA fees which will appear in the next Carrier Wave.

Old Business – Our application for bronze level Leader Club status has been granted by AMA

New Business: None raised

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Ed White



**Quote of the month:**

How many engineers does it take to program an FRSky Radio?

Answer: Lots, or just one Kevin!