

The Carrier Wave



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



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Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter

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We need a Carrier Wave Editor! I'm doing it for this month but we really need someone to step up and take this position. It's fun, it's rewarding, it contributes Karma, and above all, YOU WILL CRASH LESS.

In fact, you will never crash again. Nor ever lose a canopy in the crops again.

Safety Discussion Corner

This will be an official 2 weeks prior to a vote notice to the club that a change of safety rules has been proposed and will be voted on at the August meeting. The proposed change is to **delete rule 38** which states:

38. Each club member must submit emergency contact information (name & phone number) to the club Secretary. An emergency contact list will be maintained inside the frequency board and/or lavatory.

This was discussed at the July club meeting. This rule was voted in as part of a significant revision of the Field Safety and Use Rules in December 2020 (at a special Zoom meeting called by then President Bill Ahrens). One problem was that the rule was never executed. A second problem is that maintaining the list in either of the locations required, which are essentially available to non-club member guests using the lavatory, or to pretty much anyone if in the unlocked frequency board, raises privacy concerns. A third issue raised is that the rule makes it compulsory that all club members submit emergency contact info and many felt it should be voluntary. Several members at the meeting felt the rationale behind the rule (to have an emergency contact list) was important and we just need to work out a way to do that do not raise privacy concerns. We are considering ways to do all that and we solicit ideas.

But however we do it, we are currently not in compliance with our own rules and whatever we do, we will not comply with the rule as written. I solicited the club for feedback and to date the feedback I have received to date has been unanimous – just delete the current rule. Come up with a more workable approach and probably make it voluntary. I plan on calling for a vote to delete the rule at the August meeting.

And be sure to read further on down about Jan's contribution to the Safety Corner.

Mowing

Usually when someone can't make their assigned mowing weekend for whatever reason, they put out an email and informally trade with someone else. Usually this works well. But we have just run into a perfect storm of a lot of changes and an addition of a inbetween mowing. As of what I know now, the next month of mowing is:

7/29: Don and Ed will do an inbetween mowing to keep the grass somewhat under control

8/1: **Scott Meier**, Dan Sundman and Al Slatton (probably Sat or Sunday due to work schedules)

8/8: **Bill McMenamy**, Brad Young and Wayne Wimbish

8/15: **Jim West**, Bill Ahrens, Jack Buydos

8/22: **Jim Alberico**, Jack Buydos, Kevin Cox

8/29: **Frank Eck**, Jose Espinosa, Mitch Galatioto

9/5: **Don Grzina**, Jan Jansen, Jim Greenwood

9/12 **Scott Maier**, Bill McMenamy, Ed White

9/19 **Al Slatton**, Dan Sundman, Jim West

9/26 **Cody Morgan**, Brad Young, Wayne Wimbish

If you are a mower, please check the Rav A Mowing List on page 4 and let Field Manager Don know of any corrections.

Club Events

Club Meeting: The next club meeting is scheduled for 18 August at the field at 7 PM.

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

Glider Contest: We are tentatively planning to add two additional 2m Glider Contests on Sept 7 and Oct 5.

Competition Fun Fly October 11: **HELP - We need a CD !!**

Pattern Contest:

PHANTOM FLYERS RC CLUB 67TH ANNUAL PATTERN CONTEST



Contest Dates: Sept. 27 - 28, 2025

Sportsman – Intermediate – Advanced – Masters – FAI

- Field open Friday for practice
- AMA Sanctioned Event #18455
- AMA Membership Required
- \$40 Entry Fee
- Lunch included Saturday and Sunday
- Drinks included
- Registration Opens 8:30 am
- Flying will begin at about 9:30 AM
- Pilots Meeting 9:00
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards for all Classes

Contest Directors

Jim West and Ed White
618-498-9058 (Jim West - Home Land Line)
636-352-9641 (Jim West - cell/text)
Email: pattern@phantomflyersrc.com

Phantom Flyers Club Location

400 Wiedey Rd.
St Charles, MO 63301

[Google Map](#) (Web Link)

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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 container 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	29
Jim Alberico	Jack Buydos	Jose Espinosa	Jan Jansen	Don Grzina
Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	Mitch Galatioto		Ed White
Bill Ahrens	Frank Eck	Jan Jansen	Cody Morgan	
August				
1 *1	8 *4	15 *5	22	29
Scott Meier	Bill McMenamy	Jim West	Jim Alberico	Frank Eck
Alvin Slatton	Wayne Wimbish	Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	Jose Espinosa
Dan Sundman	Brad Young	Jack Buydos	Kevin Cox	Mitch Galatioto
September				
5	12 *6	19	26*7	
Don Grzina	Scott Maier	Alvin Slatton	Cody Morgan	
Jan Jansen	Bill McMenamy	Dan Sundman	Brad Young	
Jim Greenwood	Ed White	Jim West	Wayne Wimbish	
October				
3	10 *8	18	25	31
Jim Alberico	Jim Greenwood			
Kevin Cox	Cody Morgan			
Mitch Galatioto	Jim West			

***Notes: Event weekends**

*1: Gliders Sunday.

*3 Open House Saturday *4 Scale Fly-in Saturday

*6: EDF Fly-in Saturday *7: Pattern Contest Friday – Sunday

*8 Comp Fun Fly Saturday

Phantom Flyers RC Club July 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The monthly Club meeting was held at the flying field. The meeting started at 7:00pm and was led by the Club President Ed White. There were 7 members in attendance plus a guest, Kirk Steinbruegge who is being trained by Ed flying an Aeroscout.

Tech Session

A short tech session was hosted by Ed White who discussed a filler known as Easy Sand 5. Ed thought the product was very useful for repairs. Later in the meeting Frank Eck also mentioned another product used in the Troy High School 9th grade called “Foam Clay” sold on Amazon. And he saw it used on a repaired foamy and was impressed. Both products look interesting and possibly useful for repairs.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as printed in the July Carrier Wave.

Treasurers Report

Jose reported only minor changes to treasury. Ed mentioned that we should have enough money to service the Port a Potty. That smells like a good idea to me.

Safety Report

Ed White led a discussion about Club Rule #38 which states we should maintain an emergency contact list for all members at the field. We do not do this. It was decided this was a bad idea and with further approval from the Club we will delete the rule. A discussion was further initiated about using the emergency contact number on your cell phone. I mentioned having ICE number on your phone. About half the members did not know about this feature. If you add a number to your emergency contact group, that number can be called on your cell phone without actually logging into your phone. Just swipe the phone and the emergency contact touch point appears below your login.

Field Report

Opening up portions of the Fence was a big topic of discussion. Bill Reape provided an estimate of \$128 plus a post hole auger to install 4 new posts. This would open two passages in each fence. I posed a question about getting rid of portions of the whole fence and Ed happily assigned me the project to provide options and sketches. Jan Jansen will help.

A request was made to be courteous about parking in the center spot and not blocking off access through the center of the fence so other fliers can get through.

A concern was raised about members not showing up for mowing and not finding replacement to cover their assignment

Runway crack filling will wait until we are out of the heat wave

Additional mowing was discussed due to the grass growing excessively. I believe Jan Jansen volunteered to make an extra cut

Frank Eck recommended using a herbicide under the fence to make trimming easier

GLSMA Report

There was no July meeting. The June 3 meeting minutes reported that more paperwork and fees would be required for flying contest. Additional requirements basically for using the Parks Dept. There was emphasis to maintain good relations with the County Parks personnel

Old Business

Mitch G. resigned from the Board of Directors. We will need to elect a new board member as part of the normal election cycle in the fall. Jan Jansen will be the new spokesman for the lease.

New Business

There was no response to an inquiry for new business.

Jim West

And Now: Don Grzina Images From Oshkosh – Name That Plane!



Send your answers to NameThatPlane@phantomflyersrc.com

Correct answer will be revealed by Don next month. Anyone else sending in a correct answer (as decided by Don) will receive guaranteed respect at their next visit to the flying field. (Max duration 5 minutes)

Editor: Sorry this is late, it should have been in last months CW. There are no notes for the July 2 Meeting.

Meeting summary for GSLMA Zoom Meeting (06/10/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting focused on discussing the process of obtaining official paperwork and reservations for flying contests, including associated fees and insurance requirements. Various challenges were addressed regarding field maintenance and cleaning, with concerns raised about the county's cooperation and equipment limitations. The group also discussed budget considerations for a build project and emphasized the importance of maintaining diplomatic relations with county officials when dealing with park-related issues.

Next steps

- Fred to contact Chris and assess the current state of field cleaning efforts.
- Fred to inspect the fields on Thursday and determine if further cleaning is needed.
- Fred to follow up with the county about repairing cracks in the runway and control line areas.
- Fred to explore the possibility of getting the Fenton Fire Department to assist with cleaning using their water trucks.
- Tom to follow up with the club treasurer regarding the event approval and insurance documentation for the upcoming Sunday fun fly.
- Doug to contact NAR representative about listing St. Louis County as an additional insured entity on their insurance statements.
- Fred to bring wood for the next stand build when a date is set.
- John to decide within a week whether to cancel the World Cup and reschedule the F2A Team Trials based on the field condition update from Fred.

Summary

Contest Permit Process and Scheduling

Fred explained the process of obtaining official paperwork from the county to hold a contest, which involves making a reservation, paying a rental fee, and providing insurance information through the AMA. He noted that the fees vary depending on the area and payment method, with credit card payments including a 3-4% surcharge. Harold mentioned that he had spoken with Jeff Young about scheduling a meeting, but Jeff was unavailable on Tuesdays.

Field Cleanup for Event Approval

Fred discussed the process of obtaining official approval for an event, mentioning the challenges faced with the county's new crew lacking the necessary equipment to clean mud from the field. He noted that some volunteers from Bobcat could help with the cleanup, but this is no longer an option. Fred plans to check the current condition of the field before the upcoming club meeting and will ask for a power brush to remove remaining mud. John expressed concern about the cleanliness of the field, emphasizing the need for thorough cleaning to avoid canceling events like the World Cup and rescheduling the F2A Team trials. Tom mentioned a fun fly scheduled for Sunday, noting the expected cloudy weather.

County Cooperation and Park Maintenance

John expressed frustration with the county's lack of cooperation and customer-friendly approach, emphasizing the need for them to clean the areas for upcoming events. Fred discussed a cleaning quote of \$1,200 for the speed circle and \$4,000 for all areas, with potential funding from various groups. Harold questioned the park department's progress on runway repairs and expressed concern about recurring issues due to flooding. Fred planned to follow up with the park department and assess field conditions on Thursday.

Park Cleaning and Contest Reservations

The group discussed issues with cleaning the park and obtaining reservations for flying contests. John expressed frustration with the county's inefficient cleaning methods and suggested using a water cannon with low pressure and high volume instead of a pressure washer. Fred agreed to contact the Fenton fire department about potentially providing assistance with cleaning. The group also discussed the high cost of reservations for flying contests, with John advising attendees to simply pay the \$6 daily fee instead of the \$300 reservation fee. Tom mentioned that several clubs had been invited to join their upcoming contest.

Grass Maintenance and Insurance Updates

The group discussed issues with grass maintenance at the flying site, noting that deer presence and equipment problems had hindered mowing efforts. They also addressed an insurance requirement from St. Louis County, which needs to be listed as additional insured on two statements, though the exact process for this remains unclear. Tom mentioned he had \$360 left in his budget for a build project but was considering letting someone else handle it.

Park Incident and Diplomatic Resolution

Fred recounted an incident at a park where John Mall had insulted county officials, leading to a tense situation that Fred had to defuse. Fred emphasized the importance of being diplomatic when dealing with county employees and park officials, as they are funded by taxes and have their own chain of command. Despite the incident, the contest was able to proceed, though Fred noted that the park did not have the equipment to clean off the mud.

