

The Carrier Wave



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



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Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter

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Club Meeting: The next club meeting is scheduled for 15 September 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

September Mowing

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

9/12 **Scott Maier**, Bill McMenemy, 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 and let Field Manager Don know of any corrections.

Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting Minutes August 19, 2025

Attendees: Ed White, Bill Reape, Bill McMenemy, Jim West, Jose Espinosa, Larry Anderson, Don Grzina.

New member Ray Hellman.

Technical Session: 8 club members were in attendance. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Ed White reported AMA reports that we are still (since September 24, 2024) the only club in the nation with authorization to fly in class E airspace. The World Championships for Pattern flying was interesting. He attended and volunteered, 62 pilots representing 32 nations. 1) Andrew Jesky, 2) Lassi Nurila (Finland), 3) Onda Tetsuo (Japan). 4th Jason Shulman, 9th Peter Collinson. Team USA won team championship, 2nd Japan, 3rd Austria. WC (junior) Seth Huntingford (Australia). Scoring is far more complicated than what we do at contests in US. Only top 10 made the Finals.

Secretary's Report: There were no minutes from the July meeting.

Treasurer's report: Jose reported there may be an increase in the new lease.

Safety Report. Larry A. reported that another accident has happened at another RC club with starting a gas airplane. Everyone be careful when starting the motors. This accident did require surgery but at this point no amputations were required. Ed White discussed Rule 38 in the Bi laws. The rule is about posting emergency contact information at the field. To prevent the possibility of personal information being used in a criminal manner it is necessary to not display personal information at the field. A motion was made by Don G. to remove the rule and seconded by Larry A. The Motion

Passed.

Field Managers Report: Don G. said he had a problem with the zero turn mower. Jim West said he would meet and check some of the switches to try and locate the problem. The spectator fence is not required by the AMA. Discussion about the existing fence and removal. Bill Reape made a motion to remove the existing fence, add 2 new posts at the entrance area, leave 3 posts on each side for signs. Add eyelets to the posts for a removable chain during events as a spectator safety barrier. Expenses are to not to exceed \$200.00. Seconded by Don G and passed. Bill R. will take on the Foreman chore.

GSLMA Report : To be in the Carrier Wave.

Activities Report: The 2 meter contest will be in September the first Sunday, weather permitting. EDF Fly in September 13, 2025.

Old Business : Jan Jensen is working on the Lease. All submissions for the Carrier Wave to be sent to Bill McMemany.

New Business Jim West said the pilots area is very uneven and should be fixed. Ed stated the repair is a challenge because of the materials we have.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm
Respectfully submitted, Bill Reape

[GLSM Meeting summary](#)

Quick recap

The meeting focused on logistics and insurance requirements for renting a field for an upcoming contest, including discussions about cleaning costs and surface preparation for safety. The group reviewed upcoming World Cup events and team trials, with particular attention to international participation and the addition of new F2G electric speed events. Various administrative matters were addressed, including permit issues, park maintenance concerns, and ongoing communication with county authorities regarding insurance requirements for sanctioned contests.

Next steps

- Fred to email Chris and Dave Whitney about the approved cleaning proposal for the control line area
- John Moll to email Fenton Fire Protection District about cleaning the speed circle

- John Moll to follow up with the county regarding the complaint filed with the Missouri Attorney General
- Fred to contact George about AMA insurance details for the September contest
- Fred to coordinate with Lafayette Escadrille and GSMA to split the cost of the water truck cleaning service
- John Moll to prepare for the F2A World Cup and Canadian Cup events on September 25-28
- Fred to continue efforts to explain AMA insurance requirements to the county
- John Moll to investigate options for starting the jet speed model on National Model Aviation Day

Summary

Field Rental and Insurance Challenges

Fred and Tom discussed the logistics and insurance requirements for renting a field for an upcoming contest, with Fred expressing frustration over the county's unclear insurance requirements. They also touched on the challenges faced by the Rocket Club due to insurance issues, with Doug explaining that they were temporarily shut down due to difficulties in obtaining the necessary coverage. The conversation concluded with Fred mentioning the upcoming F2A World Cup contest in September.

F2A Engine Cleaning Proposal

The group discussed cleaning the flying circle, which needs to be spotless for the F2A engines to operate safely. Fred presented a proposal from KATS Property Services to hose down the asphalt surface for \$175 per hour plus a \$60 hydrant fee, with the work estimated to take 3 hours. Tom moved to have Glosma pay half of the cleaning costs, with Lafayette Escadrille covering the other half, and John Moll emphasized the importance of a clean surface to protect the precision engines, which can cost over \$700 each.

World Cup Pilot Selection Updates

John Moll discussed the upcoming World Cup events, mentioning the participation of international pilots from Europe, Canada, and potentially Cuba, pending visa approvals. He highlighted the addition of F2G electric speed events, which will run alongside the F2A team trials, with the goal of selecting a U.S. representative for the F2G team trials in Australia. John also noted that F2G will be incorporated into future World Cup events, but the necessary rules and transitions from AMA to FIA regulations make it too late to include it in the current event. Tom interrupted to remind John that there was a motion on the floor, prompting John to agree to continue the discussion later.

Control Line Area Cleaning Costs

The group approved a motion to split the cost of cleaning the control line areas, with GSMA paying half and the other half coming from a drill fund. John Moll offered to contact the Fenton Fire Protection District to see if they could assist with cleaning the area, as Valley Park was not within their jurisdiction. Fred discussed ongoing communication with the county regarding AMA insurance for sanctioned contests, noting that he was explaining the process to Maggie who had some questions about the insurance documentation.

Model Aviation Day Planning Meeting

Fred discussed National Model Aviation Day on August 17th and John Moll's interest in trying to start his jet speed model. They talked about John Moll's pulse jet plane and Tom's experience with nitro-powered planes. Fred mentioned cleaning efforts at the park with John Moll's help, including trimming the grass inside the speed circle. They also discussed tall grass near the park entrance and Fred's request for solar power approval, which he hasn't heard back on yet. Tom suggested using a small solar panel and battery for electric flying, and Fred mentioned having a generator. John Garrett joined the conversation late, and Fred informed him that a water truck had been approved for half the cost between Lafayette and Gsma, with a price range of \$600-700.

September Events and Park Issues

The group discussed upcoming events in September, including a stunt and scale contest on the 19th and 20th, the U.S.A. Cup on the 25th and 26th, and the Canadian Cup on the 27th and 28th. John Moll shared that he had filed a complaint with the Missouri Attorney General's office regarding St. Louis County charging fees for using Booter Park for model airplane flying, which he believes was donated land. The group also discussed the lack of available envelopes for one-day flyers at the park and the difficulty in obtaining yearly permits.

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

Since there were no correct entries, actually there were no entries, the name the plane contest continues. I think it looks like a mini Boeing 247.

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)

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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 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	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