

# The Carrier Wave



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



**AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO**

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*Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter*

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## Club Events

**Club Meeting:** The next club meeting is scheduled for October 20, 7pm via zoom.

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

**Competition Fun Fly October 18:** **HELP - We need a CD !! Fun fly now moved to Oct 18.**

## Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

**Attendees:** 8 club members were in attendance, Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Members were, Ed White, Bill Reape, Bill McMenamy, Jan Jansen, Jim West, Jose Espinosa, Jack Buydos and Don Grizina.

**New member:** none

**Technical Session:** none

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and motion made by Jan J. and seconded by Don G. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and motion made by Jan J. and seconded by Jim West. All were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Jose reported the lease has been paid. The new lease has increased to \$5,500.00.

**Safety Report. None**

**Field Managers Report:** Don G. said he repaired one tire on the Kabota

mower. Possibly 2 more mowings left this year. Ed will be making caution signs for the spectators to be installed. It was suggested to paint the center line on the runway before the Annual Pattern Contest. Ed said it Could be completed with materials we have on hand.

**GSLMA Report** : To be in the Carrier Wave.

**Activities Report:** The 2 meter contest will be in September and October, the first Sunday, weather permitting. EDF Fly In was a success. 8 Pilots participated this year. September 27-28 will be the Annual Pattern Contest.

**Old Business** : Name the plane contest winner is Bill McMenamy. Also a Big Thank you to Club Members Cody Morgan, Ray Hellman, Ron Rutledge, and Frank Eck. For their help in removing and taking to the recycling center the chain link fence and the poles.

**New Business** Next month we need new officers and Board members nominated for open positions.

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

## Name the Plane

OK, we have another name the plane contest submitted by Don Grzina. A classic airplane that is very easy on the eyes.



Send your answers to [NameThatPlane@phantomflyersrc.com](mailto:NameThatPlane@phantomflyersrc.com)

Correct answer will be revealed by Don next month. As before, 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)

# 2025 Phantom Flyers RC Pattern Contest Results

## Phantom Flyers RC Club

### 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pattern Contest

On September 27 and 28, 2025 the Phantom Flyers hosted our 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pattern Contest. The contest was sanctioned by the AMA, sanction #18455 and was an NSRCA District 5 precision aerobatic event. All classes except Club Class were available to fly. There were no entries for Sportsman class. The entry fee was \$40 which included lunch both Saturday and Sunday including a variety of drinks. We had hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday and fried chicken on Sunday. Awards were given for first, second and third place finish.

Overall, the contest went very well. The weather was extremely nice with mild temperatures and little wind. There was a brief pilots meeting to determine who was going to fly FAI and who is going to fly Masters. This resulted in a very nice split between these advanced pilots making for a great competition in both classes. A total of 11 pilots flew six rounds. We flew one line and started flying at 10:15 am, when the sun was just out of the box. Six pilots were from our club. Other pilots came from Michigan, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois. We are not actually sure where Bill Ahrens came from. The scoring system worked well under the watchful eye of Ed White, the CO-CD. After flying ended on Saturday several of us went out for a nice dinner at PIO's in St Charles.

Prior to the contest an invite was sent out to the club for those interested in being spectators and several club members came to watch the event on Saturday and seemed very interested in the flying. They requested to see copies of the sequences so they could better understand the maneuvers. Unfortunately I was unable to supply this but it is a good thing remember for the next contest. This year the contest flier was posted on the NSRCA District 5 Facebook page which generated some interest. Contest results were posted there as well.

### **THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED**

Thanks to all the club members who helped make this happen including:

Don Grzina for getting the field prepped

Ed White for running the scoring machine and getting the generator and being Co-CD!

Jan Jansen and Don Grzina and Jack Buydos for bringing ice and coolers

Special Thanks to Don Bollinger for grilling delicious hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday. Don does not fly pattern and volunteered his time to help us out!

Special Thanks to Kevin Cox for taking pictures and bring back developed copies for the awards. Many good pictures can be found at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCvFE2>. Kevin does not fly pattern and volunteered too!

Special Thanks to Cindy West for bringing the fried chicken lunch on Sunday. She does not fly pattern either.

Below are the results and some pictures.

Jim West

Contest Director

Contest: 2025 Phantom Flyers RC Pattern

District: 6

Date: 09/27/2025 - 09/28/2025

Location: St Charles, MO

Contest Director: Jim West

### Intermediate Results

Finish	Pilot	Final Score	Round 1	Round 2
1	<a href="#">Angel Espinosa</a>	<b>2000.00</b>	1000.00	1000.00

### Advanced Results

Finish	Pilot	Final Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	<a href="#">Jim West</a>	<b>4000.00</b>	1000.00	1000.00	994.96	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
2	<a href="#">Stan Marmuziewicz</a>	<b>3935.80</b>	971.57	997.38	996.64	970.21	960.61	953.76
3	<a href="#">Don Grzina</a>	<b>3838.88</b>	844.42	968.06	1000.00	983.51	887.31	879.57

### Masters Results

Finish	Pilot	Final Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	<a href="#">Robert Green</a>	<b>4000.00</b>	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	0	0
2	<a href="#">Jack Buydos</a>	<b>3781.02</b>	850.81	871.12	825.52	909.90	1000.00	1000.00
3	<a href="#">Jan Jansen</a>	<b>3733.87</b>	911.76	890.95	863.22	782.07	933.67	997.49
4	<a href="#">Freddy Hagens</a>	<b>3419.45</b>	811.17	764.22	811.49	804.70	886.28	910.51

### F3A - Prelim Results

Finish	Pilot	Final Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	<a href="#">Brenner Sharp</a>	<b>3000</b>	1000	1000	1000	<del>1000</del>
2	<a href="#">William Ahrens</a>	<b>2902.29</b>	<del>934.81</del>	988.83	940.95	972.51
3	<a href="#">Mark Woytassek</a>	<b>2716.61</b>	<del>551.99</del>	913.41	913.62	889.58

### F3A - Semi Finals Results

Finish	Pilot	Final Score	Preliminary	Round 5	Round 6
1	<a href="#">Brenner Sharp</a>	<b>2000</b>	1000	1000	<del>992.06</del>
2	<a href="#">William Ahrens</a>	<b>1967.43</b>	967.43	<del>934.51</del>	1000
3	<a href="#">Mark Woytassek</a>	<b>1872.79</b>	<del>905.54</del>	936.77	936.02







## October 5<sup>th</sup> 2M Glider Contest Results

Submitted by Bill Ott

Apparently if you win a funfly you get to do the write up now, so here we gooooo. Sunday October 5th, looked like a good day early in the week but as time passed the wind forecast picked up.

We has a South breeze 10-15 that had the thermals moving out!  
I pulled in about 9:45 and Larry Anderson, William Reape, and Bill Ahrens were sitting around talking. I started setting up and Robert Samuel's pulled in with a big bag of peanuts!

Shortly after we had enough guys for a funfly. We had Larry Anderson, Bill Ahrens, the winner of last months 2m Bill Reape, Ed White, the bean runner Kevin Cox, and myself. We also had several spectators, Danne Anderson, Bob Williams, Bill McMenemy, and Roberto Samuel's. We flew 5 very fast rounds. Most flights were under 3 minutes with the longest flight being 5:04 made by yours truly. We had 6 land outs, several in the beans that kept Kevin running in and out of the beans.

Out of the 30 flights we had 3 landings in the box, those were made by yours truly. Larry dinked his nose on the 4th round landing keeping him from flying the 5th round. It was another great 2m funfly with Larry as the CD. I sure hope we do the same next year and hope for more participants. Here are the final standings.

Thanks for a great year Larry.

Bill Ott.	14:13
Larry Anderson.	9:57
Bill Reape.	9:12
Kevin Cox.	7:52
Bill Ahrens.	5:59
Ed White.	3:14

## GLSM Meeting summary

### Meeting assets for GSLMA Zoom Meeting

#### Meeting summary

##### Quick recap

The club reviewed their current financial status and discussed various banking options to reduce expenses, including a potential switch to a credit union. The group addressed challenges with organizing upcoming contests, particularly regarding St. Louis County approval processes and park maintenance requirements for an international event. They also covered website moderator responsibilities and planned for the next club meeting, while clarifying communication channels and documentation needs for various park-related matters.

##### Next steps

- Fred to forward emails sent to Aj, Chris, and Maggie regarding the Booter Park event permissions to John Moll.
- John Moll to contact Dennis Hancock about expediting approval for the circle cleaning at Booter Park for the upcoming contests.
- Harold to speak with Mark Weaver about identifying the appropriate alderman for the Booter Park area.
- Fred to compile meeting minutes for the upcoming CL club meeting on September 11th.
- Harold to send out the AI companion minutes from this meeting.
- Fred to discuss with Whitney about switching to a credit union to avoid bank fees.

##### Summary

##### Club Financial Status and Savings

The group discussed the club's financial status, with Harold reporting they had \$15,688.23, including recent expenses for state registration (\$10.45), web hosting (\$4), and a bank fee (\$6.50). Fred mentioned that their Control Line Club had switched to a credit union with no fees, and suggested this as an option for reducing expenses, though John Moll noted that finding such credit unions can be challenging.

### **Banking and Contest Approval Challenges**

The group discussed banking options for the club, with Fred mentioning a nearby Community America branch that could help reduce bank fees. They also addressed challenges in organizing CL upcoming contests, particularly with St. Louis County approval processes. Fred explained that he had submitted all necessary paperwork, including insurance documents, but was still waiting for final approval to hold the event. Harold suggested potentially reaching out to higher authorities to expedite the process, as the event is only three weeks away and involves participants from multiple countries.

### **Boder Park Cleaning Initiative**

John Moll suggested contacting the County Council representative for Buder Park to address the need for cleaning the park's circles, emphasizing the importance of the upcoming CL international event that cannot be canceled due to financial and logistical commitments. Harold and Fred discussed identifying the correct alderman and obtaining a map to determine the appropriate contact, while John Garrett mentioned that Buder Park is in District 3 and Councilman Dennis Hancock is the representative. Fred confirmed that all necessary insurance documents have been provided to the county Park Dept, and John Moll offered to contact Hancock directly to expedite the process.

### **Park Fees Contact Strategy Meeting**

John Moll discussed his efforts to contact the Missouri State Attorney General's office regarding park fees, but received a letter stating it was out of their jurisdiction. He plans to call Dennis Hancock, the district 3 representative for Buter Park, tomorrow to explain the situation. Fred provided context about the park's management structure, including the roles of Aj (Park Director), Chris Holmes (Park Supervisor), and Maggie (who handles reservations and billing).

### **Email Attachments and Meeting Plans**

Fred discussed sending email attachments to John Moll, clarifying that he uses Google Photo Drop for large files but will switch to email attachments as requested. Harold inquired about the GSMA website moderator, and Fred confirmed it is managed by an RC club member but noted minimal use of the websie. The group discussed the upcoming CL club meeting on September 11th, with Fred planning to prepare minutes from a recent site walk with John Moll.

*AI can make mistakes. Review for accuracy.*