

# The Carrier Wave



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



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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 March 16, time and place tbd.  
2 meter glider contest April 5, set up 10AM. Glider contest to continue through October on first Sunday of the month.  
Open House tentatively scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting

### **Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting Minutes February 16, 2026**

**This was a historic club meeting!** To my knowledge this was the first February club meeting to be held **at the flying field on a flyable day**. The meeting was held at lunch time to allow people to fly afterward. It was President's Day which is a federal holiday and a day off for some employees of some businesses.

**Attendees:** Meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by President, Jim West. Members present were: Larry Anderson, Jack Buydos, Kevin Cox, Kevin Edler, Don Grzina, Jan Jansen, Dan Sundman, Ed White, Harold Weaver and Brad Young.

**Tech Session:** There was a brief discussion of disposing of LiPo batteries. Jan has tried soaking some packs in salt water to discharge them but it did not work well.

**Secretary's Report:** There were no questions or changes to the January meeting minutes published in the Carrier Wave. A motion to approve was made and approved. Ed reported 32 current renewals, down from last year's high of 52, but noted that memberships typically continue to trickle in after the holidays.

**Treasurer's report:** The club has over \$12,500 in the account. There are frequent deposits to the club account as membership renewals continue to trickle in. No new expenses incurred.

**Safety Report.** No one had any safety issues to report. Jim reported that Larry Anderson will continue as Safety Officer for 2026. If anyone wants to give Larry a break, contact Jim.

**Field Managers Report:** Moles, lots of moles. Don discussed the maintenance of.

Remaining work on the spindles on the Lexmark mower deck is to buy and install new bearings. Don plans to complete the installation of new bearings by end of February and reassembly of the mower when better weather permits but before mowing season starts.

**GSLMA Report:** The St. Louis Parks Dept continues to want to charge exorbitant fees for scheduled events. The response continues to be stop registering events.

**Activities Report:** The club events schedule continues to evolve. The first 2m glider contest will be April 5 with setup at 10:00 AM. 2m glider contests will continue through October on the first Sunday of the month. The Open House is tentatively scheduled for May 16. Jack Buydos will CD it again this year. Dan Abel is creating a preliminary events schedule similar to last year's but avoiding conflicts with regional events. The group discussed organizing a Cub Day or High Wing Day event, with Dan suggesting focusing on classic aircraft from a specific era to avoid scale-only flying. The idea of a Big Bird event was also floated.

**Old/New Business :** No old or new business was raised.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 12:50 pm

Ed White  
Club Secretary

## Name the Plane

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



There were no responses for the last name the plane therefore it shall remain a mystery. (it was a C54). So here is a new photo. 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)

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

## **More GSLMA info from Harold**

The AI Companion Meeting Assets for this February GSLMA meeting were a little weak and not quite complete for this meeting, maybe because I ended the meeting for all too quick. The results are always emailed to me immediately after me ending the meeting,

which i am amazed how they are able to do that so quick. The key theme of the meeting was to disband GSLMA and give the money in the treasury to the past average 200+ members that paid bought yearly permits, plus some times gave additional donations, all of preceding which i oppose. Only five clubs and no independent members are represented at the current meetings. The reason the The Buder park department took over from GSLMA was not due to anything GSLMA did. It was because of a big shake up in the St Louis County government after the Executive was fired for misdeeds and the new Executive forced the Buder Park management to take over model airplane activities from GSLMA in 2024 and they raised the yearly permit fees from \$35 to \$90 and added day permits for \$6, all of which are very poorly managed. The Buder park Department does not do not require FAA or AMA licenses or wants to have anything to do with the AMA which could cause future problems. All they want is the money and they are not very responsive to keeping the infrastructure like runways, pavilions, etc. in good shape which are subject to damage after every park flooding. I am convinced that if GSLMA hangs in there and builds the member ship up, GLSMA can get a much better working relationship with the Park Department. I think the current county executive is going to retire very soon and that will be a great time to come down from the top by appealing to the new executive.

## From the Workshop

By Kevin Cox

I have attached a full scale prints along with a capture of my CAD work for an upcoming project the YF-23. I originally designed it to 83" long but settled for 80". Power will be twin 90mm EDFs on 12S Li-Ion packs. Construction will be a fiberglass upper portion with foam and balsa for the lower half. Unfortunately, I have 2-3 other projects ahead of it but I needed to glue the drawing sheets together, hence the photo opportunity.

Thanks,  
Kevin

