

The Carrier Wave



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- Sealing of the runway was discussed. It was brought up that sealer alone would be around \$ 1400. We will delay runway sealing due to the cost and our low membership count, 37 members, as of last check. We will look into any help from AMA.
- Jim suggested putting down insecticides.
- Once more the desire to get rid of the moles was brought up. No action at the time.

Activity:

- Our pattern contest has been sanctioned.
- Open house was suggested for Saturday May 16. A budget of \$300 was suggested.
- First glider contest date Sunday of April, 5th

GLSMA meeting was report on by Harold. The organization appear to have trouble with participation from other clubs. Harold has sent the meeting notes to Bill McMenemy.

No Old Business was brought forward.

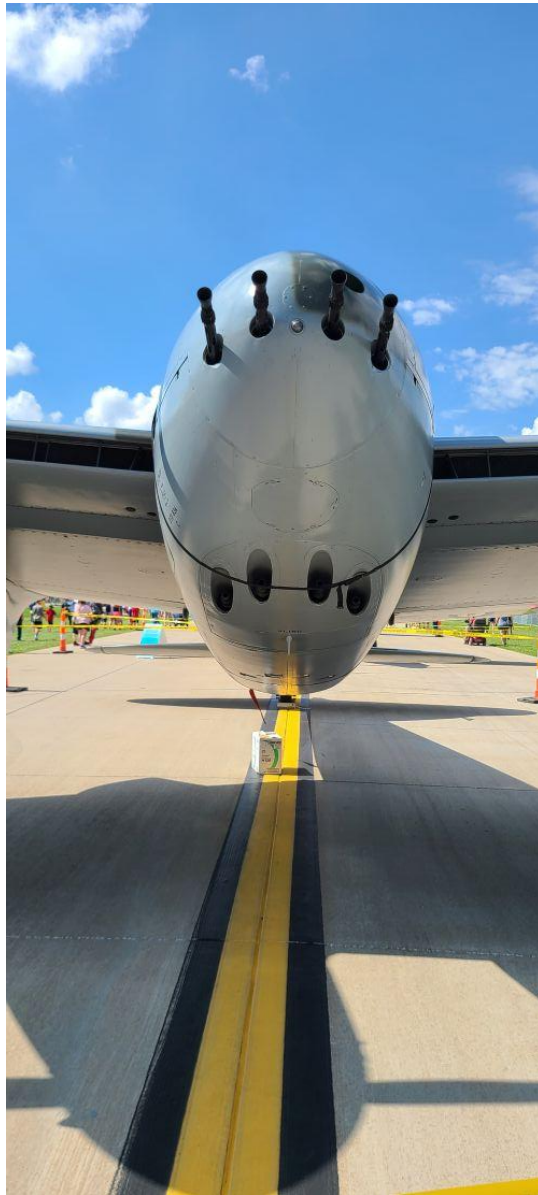
No New Business was brought forward.

Meeting adjourned.

[My thanks to Jan Jansen for recording the meeting minutes. I have one correction; the cost of the AMA charter renewal was \$135. Ed White]

Name the Plane

Last month's winner was Mr Ed White who correctly identified the mystery plane as an F4F Wildcat. 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). (And if you can provide the British nick name for the plane I will throw in an additional 5 minutes, oops, did I say British? (Editor)).



Send your answers to NameThatPlane@phantomflyersrc.com

GSLMA

Meeting summary

Quick recap

The meeting focused on discussing flooding issues at Booter Park's RC and control line areas, with participants sharing observations about water levels and damage to the runway. The group discussed previous cleanup efforts using a water truck and power washing, and considered options for future maintenance including requesting county assistance or seeking funding from AMA for runway repairs. They also talked about the history of GLSMA and its current role, with some considering whether to dissolve the organization while maintaining access to funds for field maintenance. The conversation concluded with discussions about upcoming events and swap meets, as well as sharing information about glow engine collections and maintenance.

Next steps

- [Fred: Send an updated request to St. Louis County \(Maggie\) regarding the need to fill cracks and seal the RC runway, including photos of current runway condition.](#)
- [Fred: Include in the request the offer to pay a portion of the sealing/crack repair costs using GLSMA funds, if needed.](#)
- [George's: Send his email address to Harold \(and/or Fred\) to be included in future communications and meetings.](#)
- [Fred: Consider applying for an AMA grant to help fund runway repairs, and coordinate with George's \(and others\) on any required paperwork.](#)
- [jdwod: Use Google Maps to measure the RC runway and provide approximate dimensions for future reference or cost estimates.](#)
- [jdwod: Optionally, obtain rough estimates from asphalt companies for sealing and/or replacing the runway for future planning.](#)

Summary

RC Area Flood Cleanup Challenges

The group discussed the recent flooding at the RC area, which reached 18.6 feet and receded, leaving some mud on the runway. They noted that the county has been unresponsive to cleaning efforts, despite previous use of a power brush during last year's flood. John suggested contracting a cleaning company, as the county seems uninterested in prioritizing this task. Fred and John mentioned their experience cleaning mud off the control line and speed circle areas in the past.

Runway Cleaning Logistics Discussion

The group discussed the costs and logistics of using a water truck to clean the runway, which was funded equally by GLSMA and Lafayette Escadril. They noted that while the county initially provided

a power washer, the water truck was more effective in removing dust and debris. Fred explained that he had to obtain permission from the county to bring in the water truck and arranged the necessary insurance. The discussion also touched on the history of the RC field and control line area, with John mentioning that the RC area was established after the control line area in 1960.

Park Pavilion Rental and Events

The group discussed the rental arrangements for the park pavilions, noting that while the entire park is rented for events, they only need to rent the RC field, which is beneficial for their activities. They also talked about upcoming events, including the National Model Aviation Day, and George mentioned his efforts to get media coverage for the event. Harold mentioned possibly contacting NBC's 10AM Show Me St Louis. Fred mentioned that the GLSMA charter was renewed without insurance, as they don't sanction or run events under that banner. Harold explained that keeping the charter is important for access to GLSMA funds, which might be lost if the charter is not renewed.

RC Runway Maintenance Planning

The group discussed the need to repair and maintain the RC runway at Booter Park, with Fred agreeing to submit a request to the county for crack filling and sealing. They estimated the runway to be 33 feet by 350 feet, with Harold suggesting they could seek funding from AMA for the repairs. The group also discussed the upcoming Belleville swap meet, where Fred will have various glow motors available for sale.

AMA Club Leader Status was Renewed for 2026

And we were bumped up from Bronze to Silver Leader Club Status

