

The Carrier Wave



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



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Club Events

Club Meeting: The next club meeting is scheduled for **Sept 21 at the field 1PM pm.**
Glider contest to continue through October on first Sunday of the month.

From the Desk of the Prez

On August 25 the runway asphalt maintenance was completed. The runway was extensively cleaned and grass was thoroughly edged, then cracks were filled with hot rubber, some more than once, and finally 2 coats of sealant were applied. The work was contracted out to Asphalt Services. I think they did a pretty good job. After the runway was sealed, Don Grzina and Jack Buydos applied white striping to add the finishing touches. As a friendly reminder, we are still looking for donations to help fund this project.



Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting

Phantom Flyers RC Club Meeting Minutes August 17, 2026

Attendees: The meeting was called to order by President, Jim West at 6:30 PM at the field. Members present were: Larry Anderson, Jose Espinoza, Don Grzina, Brian Molloy, Jan Jansen, Ron Schippers, Jim West and Ed White.

Tech Session: Larry discussed a 150cc, 5-cylinder, gas radial engine he is getting for a 118-inch Stearman.



Secretary's Report: The July meeting minutes were published in the Carrier Wave. We currently have 37 members. The July Secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer's report: There were field maintenance expenses of \$621, mostly in mower repairs. The bank balance stands at \$19,842 (includes \$6750 for the runway repairs). The X-Mark mower had a problem again with the drive system. This time the repair was done by a mower repair shop including \$260 labor+\$85 parts+\$100 to transport the mower to and from the field. This unexpected expense caused us to exceed the mower maintenance budget. A motion was made and members voted to approve a \$600 increase in the mower repair budget.

As a practice we do not publish the detailed budget and actuals in the Carrier Wave because the Carrier Wave is available to non-members. ***Be aware, the detailed budget and actuals data is always available to any current member at any time upon request (send a simple email request to the President, Treasurer or Secretary).***

Safety Report: No issues raised.

Field Managers Report: Both mowers were fully operational as of the meeting. Notify Don if you need reimbursement for filling the fuel jugs. The runway repairs are under contract but they have not scheduled a day for it just yet, but is expected within the next few weeks. . Note to selves, if it is necessary to manually move the X-Mark mower, there are hydraulic bypass valves that have to be cracked open - one valve for each of the rear drive wheels.

Activities Report: The meet-me-in-St louis pattern pre-Nats fly-on occurred July 23 - 25. Aside from the usual suspects: Robert Green. Vince Bortone, we had several out-of-town visitors including Michi Akimoto, a member of the 2025 Canadian F3A World Championship team from British Columbia, Canada. Also attending was Monroe Michaelis, President of NSRCA from Lake Charles, LA. Last but not least was an old friend Joe Dunnaway, currently living in Texas. The Scale Fly-in is scheduled for August 22. We need to set a date for the Open House if we want to hold it in September

GSLMA Report: Nothing new to report.

Old Business : The club voted unanimously to approve the expenditure for the runway asphalt repair. The repair should commence within a few weeks and will take 1-2 days. Jan Jansen's committee on increasing membership has been busy soliciting inputs. Larry Anderson presented some of his initial inputs to Jan's committee. These included: develop a grass runway capable of handling smaller airplanes, advertise training, build club camaraderie.

New Business : The club was notified with the required one-week prior notice on a vote at this club meeting to increase dues for 2027 to \$175. All responses received prior to this meeting were in acceptance of the increase. There were sufficient club members at the meeting to constitute a quorum for voting and a motion was made and approved to increase dues for 2027 to \$175; The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Ed White, Secretary

[2M Glider Contest results for the August 9th contest.](#)

We had six pilots entering and completing the contest. We also had three people in attendance that did not compete but added to the fun on a very hot and humid day. I think it was about an even split between all wood planes and Radians. It was quickly clear that lift was all but absent. Most flights were in the 2-to-3-minute range. No flight reached the target 5 min. Kevin got lost in the corn once. Luckily, he retrieved his airplane quickly and was able to continue the contest. I (Jan) had one hard landing in the landing zone forcing me to go to my back-up plane. The first four rounds had a target time of 5 minutes. Round five was a "make-up time" round with no limit on flight time and points available. After four rounds Brian was in first place with a narrow 17-point lead over Bill Ott. They flew man on man for the last round. Bill was able to edge out Brian with the longest flight of the day; 4 min. 35 sec. Brian's excellent score was in large part due to landing in the zone in every flight.

1. Bill Ott 1119 points
2. Brian 1037 points
3. Jan 856 points
4. Wess 850 points
5. Larry 718 points
6. Kevin 706 points

I did not realize until I was writing this that Wess almost passed me up during the last round. Thanks everybody for coming out on such a miserable day.
Jan

Name the Plane

Larry Anderson correctly named the Aug name the plane Curtis Robin.

Now for the September name the plane.



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

Photos From the Scale Fly In
By Kevin Cox

















Photos From the Open House
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