

THE CARRIER WAVE



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



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Newsletter of the Phantom Flyers R/C Club

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Phantom Flyers R/C Club Meeting Minutes – 20, May 2024

Attendees: 8 club members were in attendance, Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Members were, Ed White, Jose Espinosa, Don Grzina, Bill Reape, Kevin Cox, Jack Buydos, Larry Anderson, and Don Sundman.

New Members: None

Technical Session: None

Secretary's Report: The minutes were sent out for the April meeting. No corrections. There was a motion by Don G. and seconded by Kevin. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Jose reported there was no changes with the account.

Safety Report. Larry Anderson sent out a post about an engine starting accident at another club. Please be "Safe" as safety is each pilot's responsibility.

Field Managers report: Don reported the runway repair sand is not available at the usual place. The Trimmer has been worked on. The mowers are going to post when the cutting is happening for field closing.

Activities Report: Discussion was had about best possible date for the open house this summer. August 8th may be the best date not in conflict with other club activities. Jack will check and report at the next meeting.

GSLMA Report: Harold reported. I did express my feeling to GSLMA about getting the SL County Parks to let us go back to the way we have operated up until this year and we can work out any of the Parks Department's concerns. I think is primarily money and it's got GSLMA members support for that proposal. GSLMA is setting up a meeting to talk about it among our members. The key problem with the county is their proposal for collecting fees via cell phones does not take any responsibility for AMA and FAA requirements.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Reape

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/knowledge_test_updates/

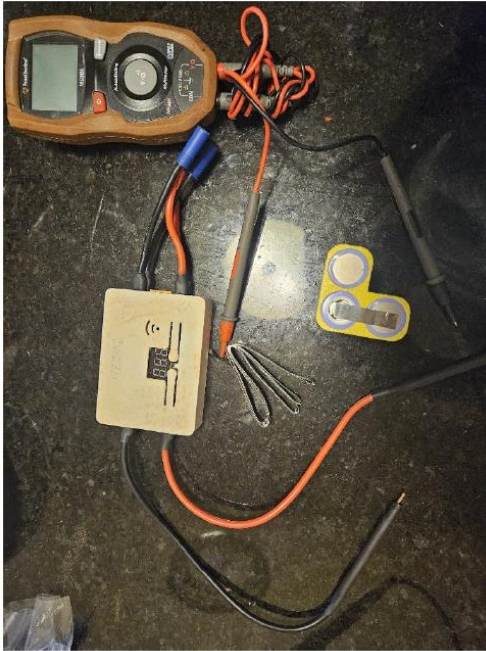
<https://dronetrust.com/faq-trust/>

Members Projects/Tech Session

Update:

In the February issue of the newsletter I mentioned getting an inexpensive spot weld kit from Amazon. The plan was to use it to build battery pack out of Li-Ion cells, well after about 50 welds it no longer works. I haven't opened it up to see what burned up but has the 'let the smoke-out' smell to it.

Truth be told I think the supplied tin strips had too high of a resistance or the contact points provided by the welder were insufficient or both. The 3S Li-Ion pack was extremely warm after a flight. So I am back to soldering!



Events

June 2024 Sailplane Contest (CD Larry Anderson)



Flyers

We had 8 contestants at our, second of the year, Phantoms two-meter glider fun fly contests. We held our pilots meeting at 9:45 and flew continuously until around 12:45. There were five rounds flown. The field was beautiful as was the weather. Everyone flew on board electric launch so we set up our chairs in the middle of the runway with the landing corral located between the runway and the cornfield. Thermals were large and frequent. If you happened to launch during a sink cycle, your flight was short. (With every lift cycle there was a sink cycle.) One round you could barely get 3 minutes. The next round you went up over 1000 feet and had no problem making your time and more.

Radians dominated the glider types flown. Five of the 8 flyers had Radians and a sixth glider flown by Kevin had a Radian wing with his own original, V-tail fuse. First and second place were won by kit built conventional balsa gliders. However, that was more the result of the pilots catching boomer thermals than balsa glider construction.

If you have a Radian sitting around in your shop, dust it off and bring it out. Glider guiders from Phantoms and MVSA filled out the roster.

There was plenty of kidding around and some good-natured trash talking that added to the fun of the day.

Several people mentioned to me they had a good time.

The final standings were:

1. Bill O.
2. Larry A.
3. Brian M.
4. Rich R.
5. Ed W.
6. Kevin C.
7. Jim A.
8. Tom R.

The next two-meter glider contest is Sunday, July 7. Either myself, or Jan Jansen will CD the July contest. Everyone with an AMA card is welcome to fly in this event.

Additional pictures are here!

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBtirF>

At The Field!

Ed's new pattern ship!



Mitch flying his P-51 Mustang



Airplane Stuff for Sale

Phantom Flyers,

Long time club member Brian Kretchmar passed away about a month ago. Ed and Mitch are in the process of inventorying his equipment.

Please review the attached pictures to see if there is anything you are interested in buying.

Pricing will be finalized soon and all items will be priced to sell.

Photos here:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBvvhB>

For additional information on any item, please send Mitch an e-mail at gala.3@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks!

Ed and Mitch

Check-out the other schedules here:

<https://www.phantomflyersrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-EVENT-TABLES-A.pdf>

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PHANTOM FLYERS 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE				
JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR FLY-IN	12:00	ED W
FEBRUARY		NONE		
MARCH		NONE		
APRIL	7	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
	27	OPEN HOUSE	10:00	
MAY	5	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
JUNE	2	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
JULY	7	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
	27&28	MEET ME IN STL PATTERN FLY	10:00	ED/JIM
AUGUST	4	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
	10	OPEN HOUSE	10:00	JACK
SEPTEMBER	7	SCALE FLY-IN	10:00	DON G
	14	EDF FLY-IN	10:00	KEVIN
	28/29	PHANTOM FLYERS PATTERN CONTEST	9:00	ED W/JIM
OCTOBER	12	COMPETITION FUN FLY		
NOVEMBER		NONE		
DECEMBER	TBD	CHRISTMAS DINNER	TBD	ED W

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				
5 ^{*1}	12	19	26	
Mitch Galatioto	Bill Ahrens	Jose Espinosa	Dan Sundman	
Jack Buydos	Larry Anderson	Don Jenkins	Jim West	
	Don Grzina	Bill McMenamy	Ed White	
May				
3 ^{*1}	10	17	24	31
Brad Young	Jack Buydos	Jose Espinosa	Dan Sundman	Jim West
Bill Ahrens	Larry Anderson	Mitch Galatioto	Don Jenkins	Ed White
Jim Alberico	Kevin Cox	Don Grzina	Bill McMenamy	Brad Young
June				
7 ^{*1}	14	21	28 ^{*3}	
Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	Mitch Galatioto	Jim West	
Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	Don Grzina	Don Jenkins	
Jim Alberico	Jose Espinosa	Jan Jansen	Bill McMenamy	
July				
5 ^{*1}	12	19	26 ^{*3}	
Dan Sundman	Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	Mitch Galatioto	
Ed White	Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	Don Grzina	
Brad Young	Jim Alberico	Jose Espinosa	Jan Jansen	
August				
2 ^{*1}	9	16	23	30
Don Jenkins	Jim West	Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	Mitch Galatioto
Bill McMenamy	Ed White	Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	Don Grzina
Dan Sundman	Brad Young	Jim Alberico	Jose Espinosa	Jan Jansen
September				
6 ^{*6}	13	20	27 ^{*2}	
Don Jenkins	Jim West	Bill Ahrens	Jack Buydos	
Bill McMenamy	Ed White	Larry Anderson	Kevin Cox	
Dan Sundman	Brad Young	Jim Alberico	Jose Espinosa	
October				
4	11 ^{*7}	18	25	31
Kevin Cox	Jim Westt			
Jan Jansen	Bill McMenamy			
Jim Alberico	Dan Sundman			

***Notes: Additional volunteers for field prep will be greatly appreciated.**

*1: Gliders Sunday. *2: Pattern Contest Friday – Sunday *3 Pre-NATS Flyin Friday -Saturday

*5: EDF Fly-in Saturday *6: Scale Fly-in Saturday *7 Comp Fun Fly Saturday

Don't forget to renew your membership!!

<https://www.phantomflyersrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-membershipform2.pdf>



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Check there for the back issues of the Carrier Wave Newsletter, mowing schedule, event calendar and club roster/contact information (handy for mowing).

Articles, pictures and tech notes for publishing in the Carrier Wave are always appreciated. Let us know what you are building, repairing or flying!

Send them to:

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