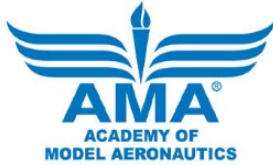


# **THE CARRIER WAVE**



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



**AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO**

**January 2025 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter*

<http://phantomflyersrc.com/>

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **Contact Number**

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<b>President – Ed White</b>	<b>(636) 219-2255</b>
<b>Vice President – Jan Jansen</b>	<b>(314) 285-4286</b>
<b>Secretary – William Reape</b>	<b>(314) 568-0555</b>
<b>Treasurer – Jose' Espinosa</b>	<b>(636) 947-6067</b>
<b>Safety Officer – Larry Anderson</b>	<b>(636) 233-3086</b>
<b>Field Manager – Don Grzina</b>	<b>(636) 233-0193</b>
<b>Chief Flight Instructor – Ed White</b>	<b>(636) 219-2255</b>
<b>Event Coordinator – Dan Abel</b>	<b>(314) 707-0138</b>
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**Send Membership Renewals with Check made out to Phantom Flyers R/C Club**

**William Reape  
234 Kildare Court  
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### **Board of Directors:**

	<b>Work</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Ed White</b>	<b>Finally Retired</b>	<b>(636) 219-2255</b>
<b>Mitch Galatioto</b>	<b>Glad to be Retired</b>	<b>(636) 734-6322</b>
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<b>Captain Jan Jansen</b>	<b>Recently Retired</b>	<b>(314) 285-4286</b>

## **Club Officer Messages**

### ***Club President – Ed White:***

The next club meeting is scheduled for 20 January.

### ***Secretary – Bill Reape:***

Don't forget to renew your membership. The form is located on the Club Website:

<https://www.phantomflyersrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2025-membershipform2.pdf>

### ***Web Master – Ed White***

I've been doing some website updating and added some information that probably should have been there all along. If you can think of other information that should be on the website, or find anything confusing or contradictory, please let me know at [webmaster@phantomflyersrc.com](mailto:webmaster@phantomflyersrc.com)

Under the membership menu item you will now find: (if you don't see this at the bottom, please refresh your screen).

Club Meetings: Are held the 3rd Monday of the month starting at 7 PM. May through October at the field. November and January through April is via Zoom meetings. No business meeting in December.

Access to Flying Field: All club members will be given a key which unlocks both the gate cable and the restroom facility. The club Secretary is responsible for making sure all current club members have a key. If you need a key, contact the club Secretary using the email link above.

Membership Cards: Since the use of 2.4 GHz has become widespread there is little reason for going to the expense and effort of making membership cards. Consequently, the club no longer issues memberships cards.

Club information email list: The club uses Groups.io to communicate information to the club. Please join this group when you are invited. If you need to be invited contact [webmaster@phantomflyersrc.com](mailto:webmaster@phantomflyersrc.com) Any club member can use the Groups.io list to send an email to the entire club. Simply send an email to [phantomflyersrc@groups.io](mailto:phantomflyersrc@groups.io) When you get a group email message it will indicate who sent the message. Be aware that if you click on Reply, when you send your reply the message will go to the entire club. That is fine if that is what you wish to do. However, if you want to send a private reply, then click on Reply and before you send the reply, change the To address to the desired recipient. If the address in the To box includes @groups.io, you will be sending your reply to the entire group

### ***Field Manager's Report – Don Grzina:***

Thanks to the generosity of the Saints RC, the Phantom Flyers now have a new (to us) mower. This Kubota tractor cuts a nice six-foot path, 22 inches wider than our 'big' zero-turn. Another nice feature is a steering wheel for guidance. As you can see, it fills the shed quite well. The mower is diesel powered, so we need to be vigilant to fill tanks with the correct fuel. More information will follow in future Carrier Waves.



## ***Carrier Wave Editor – Mitch Galatioto:***

- Articles, pictures and tech notes for publishing in the Carrier Wave are always appreciated. Let me know what you are building, repairing or flying!
- For previous issues of the Carrier Wave, mowing schedule, event calendar and club roster/contact information (handy for mowing), see below link.
  - <http://phantomflyersrc.com/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/Phantom-Flyers-RC-Club-139791882811519/>
- FAA links; please make sure you are compliant:
  - [https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational\\_fliers/knowledge\\_test\\_updates/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/knowledge_test_updates/)
  - <https://dronetrust.com/faa-trust/>

## **Club Events**

### **2024 Phantom Flyers RC Holiday Party**

The party took place on December 7, 2024 at JJ's Restaurant in O'Fallon, MO. JJ's is a great place for this kind of a get together and I can't thank them enough. Good food and a relaxed atmosphere that makes it easy to have conversations. We had 25 people attending including old and new members. And had a back room all to ourselves. Thanks to all the attendees!

I gave some brief(\*ish) remarks that I'll repeat here. First and foremost my thanks to so many club members who supported the club so much during the year.

The officers: **Don Grzina, VP; Bill Reape, Secretary; Jose Espinosa, Treasurer**

The appointed supporting cast:

Don Grzina, Field Manager – probably the busiest man in the club  
Kevin Cox, Carrier Wave Editor – maybe second busiest  
Dan Abel, Events Coordinator  
Larry Anderson, Safety Officer

The folks always willing to help at the field: Jack Buydos, Kevin Cox, Mitch Galatioto, Jan Jansen, Jim West and others (memory is the second thing to go)

Board of Directors: Mitch, Dan Sundman, Dave Evans (retiring), Ed White

**Club thanks to all of them and anyone I forgot to mention.**

***AND A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MOWED.***

I tried to summarize a few highlights for the year, in no particular order:

Larry and Jan ran the great series of 2m glider contests

We had a great Open House where we picked up 5 new members

Jan CD'd a great fun fly event which shall forever be known as  
“Watch the airplane - DON'T watch the ball!”

Thanks for a very generous donation of a mower from Saint's RC Club,  
we picked up several new members for the Saint's, welcome!

We had a successful Meet Me in St Louis Pattern Pre-Nats Warm up, including a guest flyer from Argentina who will be here next year as part of Argentina's Team for the Pattern World Championships

We had our 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Pattern contest, Big THANKS to CD Jim West and chef Don Bollinger

Last, but not least: The 400 ft max altitude law remains in effect across the nation – But not at our field. **As of 23 September we became the first club in the US with formal FAA authorization to fly above 400 ft in class G airspace and to first authorized to fly in class E airspace at all.**

*To All, Have a Happy and Safe 2025!*

Ed White, President and Christmas Party Host

(My New Years Resolution is: your cellphone has a camera, remember to use it!

**Phantom Flyers R/C Annual Snow Fly on January 1st, 2025**

Participants: Mitch Galatioto, Bill Reape, Jose Espinosa, Bill Ahrens, Jan Jansen, Brad Young, Don Grzina, Jack Buydos, Dan Abel, David Nixon, Frank Eck, and Randy Long.

Report: First Flight was at 11:15 by yours truly Mitch Galatioto! For all intents and purposes, it should have been Bill Reape, but he said, No, it's OK, you go first. I should have known something was up and it was; the wind! I landed ON THE RUNWAY, but unfortunately, it's back to the hobby shop for a new prop. Bill Reape got the second flight and landed in the grass; much smarter. Bill Reape, Bill Ahrens, Jan, Jack, Don, Brad, and Jose all got flights in! Several of our new members showed up and it was a great time getting to know them. We even had one potential new member come out as well.



# Meeting Minutes

## Phantom Flyers R/C Club Meeting Minutes 18 November 2024, Rev A

*Rev A - The November minutes were revised to clarify club office election results.*

**Attendees:** 8 club members were in attendance. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Members were, Ed White, Bill Reape, Harold Weaver. Dan Abel, Don Grizina, Mitch Galatioto, Bill McMemany, Bill Aherns.

**New Members:** None

**Technical Session:** None

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were sent out for the September meeting. There was a motion by Mitch G and seconded by Don G. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** None

**Safety Report.** No reported incidents.

**Field Managers report:** Don reported the mower from the Saints Club is large and in good working order. It was approx. \$2200.00 new 3 years ago. There is not enough room in the container for 3 mowers.

Don reported there was a few hours of repairs needed to the extra mower, pulleys, belts, spindles, etc. He has it in good working order to be used however the club decides. It was discussed that the generous gifts from the Saints Club it was mentioned to Pay It Forward and donate the mower we can't properly store to the Wright City Club. Bill Reape made the motion and Don G seconded to gift the mower to the Wright City Airplane Club; motion passed. Thank you to Don G. Jack and Ed for all of the work on equipment that need constant maintenance.

**Activities Report:** Dan reported the Christmas Dinner is coming up December 7, and the Annual Frozen Fingers on the first of January. So far the 2025 schedule is the same events as this year.

**GSLMA Report:** Harold reported he will be setting up a zoom meeting so that communication can begin. The Parks Department did clean up the area after the flood waters this fall.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Nomination are Ed White for President, Jan Jansen for Vice President, Bill Reape for Secretary, Jose Espinosa for Treasurer, Jan Jansen and Dan Sundman for Board of Directors.

Activities Dan Abel, Safety Officer Larry Anderson. GLSMA representative is Harold Weaver.

There were no further nominations and nomination were closed. Mitch Galatioto. and seconded by Bill Ahrens . A motion was made and seconded to accept the compete slate. It was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted, Bill Reape



**Have a safe and Happy New Year!**