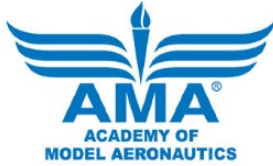


THE CARRIER WAVE



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



AMA #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO

March 2025

Phantom Flyers R/C Club Newsletter

<http://phantomflyersrc.com/>

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Send Membership Renewals with Check made out to Phantom Flyers R/C Club

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Board of Directors:

	Work	Home
Ed White	Finally Retired	(636) 219-2255
Mitch Galatioto	Glad to be Retired	(636) 734-6322
Dan Sundman	Not Retired	(314) 749-4029
Captain Jan Jansen	Recently Retired	(314) 285-4286

Club Officer Messages

Club President – Ed White:

Summary of Proposed Club Budget

The 2025 club budget will be presented and voted on at the March 17 club meeting (last Zoom meeting of the Spring). We do not put extensive budget information in the Carrier Wave or on the groups.io group since both are open to non-club members. But LET ME BE CLEAR, ALL club members have full access to the club finances. To get a full copy of the proposed budget to review prior to the meeting, just sent me an email to president@phantomflyersrc.com to request a copy. The proposed budget shows proposed budget for 2025 and compares than budget to actual expenditures in 2024. The following are largely unchanged in the proposed budget except for small increases:

- Fixed expenses (AMA charter/insurance and container insurance)
- Open House (small increase due to increased cost of food/drink)
- Field lease (no change)
- Recurring field expenses (service porta-potty, gas, normal wear on mowers, e.g. belts, blades)

We had some unusual mower maintenance expenses last year. The proposed budget for mower maintenance is about 1/3 of last years actuals. If large, surprise maintenance costs come up, we'll deal with that by special votes at a club meeting.

The big difference is that we are proposing to reseal the runway. It has been 10 years since we last did that. If you go out and look carefully at the runway, I think you will see why we think this needs to be done soon. The donation from the Brian Kretchmar estate gives us a considerable cushion in the treasury. The cost of resealing is estimated to be \$1400 for materials only (assumes all labor is performed by club members). If approved and spent as proposed, we would end 2025 with approx. \$1700 remaining in the treasury (assuming no further new members, and we usually get at least 5-10). Like any budget, we try to underspend but price increases and stuff happens. If in any category we turn out to be underfunded the club will be asked to approve an increase.

Again, any club member can contact me if they want to see details of the budget prior to the meeting.
Ed

GSLMA Representative:

The following information came from the Signal Chasers R/C Club in Pacific, MO. I am sure we will get more information from Harold, our GSLMA Rep when he returns from vacation.

G'Day All,

Yesterday I was in the area so I swung by Buder Park to see if there were any notices posted regarding what St Louis County Parks intended to do about permits and paying to fly at the park.

Note the pictures below. To get a day permit it costs \$6. You fill out & put the money in the envelope and drop it in the slot.

County Park's website references an annual permit, but I could not find any other information on how to get one. The facilities are nice but it will now cost to use them.



Carrier Wave Editor – Mitch Galatioto:

Swap Meets:

The Belleville RC Flyers will be hosting their annual Swap Meet on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Swansea Moose Lodge, 2425 North Illinois, (Highway 159), Swansea, Illinois. Doors will open at 8:30 for both sellers and buyers. Approximately 60 tables will be on a first come, first served basis with no reservations. Entrance fee = \$5 and table rental = \$10. We will continue our traditional auction with 2 separate kits up grabs. Contact Dan at 618-444-8063 or Darwin at 618-205-3340 with any questions.

The Swansea Moose Lodge is located on the west side of North Illinois Street (Hwy 159), 4.2 miles south of Interstate 64 and immediately north of the Swansea Metro Link Station.

Requests:

Articles, pictures, items for sale for publishing in the Carrier Wave are always appreciated. Let me know what you are building, repairing, flying or selling!

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 (See Club President's note above):

- https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/knowledge_test_updates/
- <https://dronetrust.com/faa-trust/>

Club Events

Club Meeting: The next club meeting is scheduled for 17 March. Look for an e-mail with the log in information and please attend if you can.

Glider Contests: There was 1 contestant glider contest on the beach at Gulf Shores Alabama! The pilot flew several times with lots of spectators and curious Seagulls and Pelicans. Flight times were motor assisted so fairly-long with the first spot landing in the sand and all others caught by the pilot. I declared myself the winner and celebrated with Food and Wine! Mitch!



Rocket Launch: As was stated in Ed's e-mail to the club, he was approached by the St. Joseph's Academy Rocket Club Faculty Leader. They are participating in a nation-wide contest called the American Rocketry Challenge (<https://rocketcontest.org/>) and needed a place to do some test launches.

Our field was ideal for this effort and it is great to support community/STEM related activities.

After receiving FAA approval, Ed met with the faculty lead at the field and All Systems Were GO!

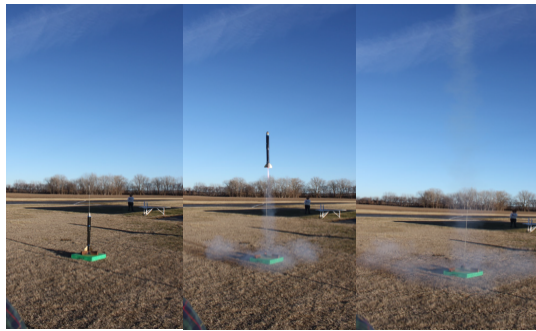
Results: On Tuesday afternoon, they flew 2 rockets, 1 flight each. Both were completely successful. Both landed on our grass. Which was good because the fields are still a mud pit. I'm sure they will be back in March.

Thanks to Ed for doing all the work and making this wonderful event occur!



From Left to right our Rocketeers are:

Molly Sweeney, Greta Voss, Franny Handley and Izzy Mancini



RC Decathlon:

The Decathlon of RC Has Begun!!!

With the (occasional) great weather we've been having it seemed useless to wait until the April meeting to start this. Pretty much no change to the rules other than the start date. Go out and have fun with it!

The rules are on the website under Events. Please download the rules and print the form (page 3). I will print some forms and try to get them to the field.

Call me, text or email if you have questions.

Ed

636-219-2255

PHANTOM FLYERS 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR FLY-IN	12:00	ED W
FEBRUARY		NONE		
MARCH		NONE		
APRIL	6	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY A/JAN J
APRIL	20	DECATHLON OF RC OPENING	12:00	ED
MAY	4	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
MAY	17	OPEN HOUSE	10:00	JACK B
JUNE	1	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
JULY	6	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
AUGUST	3	2 METER SAILPLANE	10:00	LARRY/JAN
AUGUST	9	SCALE FLY-IN	10:00	DON G
AUGUST	15-18	MEET ME IN STL-PATTERN FLY (Field is Open for All Flying)	TBD	ED
SEPTEMBER	13	EDF FLY-IN	10:00	KEVIN C
SEPTEMBER	27&28	PHANTOM FLYERS PATTERN CONTEST	9:00	JIM W
OCTOBER	11	COMPETITION FUN FLY		
NOVEMBER		NONE		
DECEMBER	6	CHRISTMAS DINNER	TBD	ED

PHANTOM FLYERS 2025 CLUB MEETING DATES

JANUARY	20	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
MARCH	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
APRIL	21	CLUB MEETING FIELD	6:30 P.M.
MAY	19	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
JUNE	16	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
JULY	21	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
AUGUST	18	CLUB MEETING FIELD	7:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER	15	CLUB MEETING FIELD	6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER	20	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER	17	CLUB MEETING ON LINE	7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER	N/A	NO CLUB MEETING	N/A

NON-PHANTOM FLYERS 2025 EVENTS

MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY	16-17	D5 PATTERN PRIMER HILLSDALE LAKE	
JUNE	5-7	JET JAM EDF FLY-IN ELIZABETH, INDIANA	
JUNE	12-15	ELI FIELD AEROTOW MONTICELLO, IL	
JUNE	21	3 rd ANNUAL ROLLA WARBLER & SCALE FLY-IN	
JUNE	20-22	HOFFMAN ESTATES (CHICAGO) PATTERN	
JULY	10-15	AMA NATS - R/C CONTROL LINE SCALE	
JULY	16-19	AMA NATS - SCALE AEROBATICS	
JULY	25-27	OMAHA PATTERN	
JULY	19-27	AMA NATS - SOARING	
AUGUST	16	MIDWEST AIR WING WARBLER FLY-IN	
AUGUST	9-16	F3A PATTERN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, MUNCIE, IN	
AUGUST	19-23	AMA NATS - PATTERN	
AUGUST	20-23	ILLINI SUPER JETS, ELIFIELD.COM	
SEPTEMBER	5-6	E JETS EDF FLY-IN	
SEPTEMBER	5-7	HILLSDALE LAKE (KC) PATTERN	
SEPTEMBER	28	SPIRITS TAILGATE SWAP MEET	
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			

Meeting Minutes

Phantom Flyers R/C Club Meeting Minutes – 17 February 2025

Attendees: 7 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, Jose Espinosa, Bill McMenemy.

New Members: None

Technical Session: No Tech Session

Secretary's Report: There were no questions or changes. There was a motion by Don G and seconded by Jose E. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Two additional checks have been deposited. Container insurance is needed. Ed discussed the need for the \$250.00 insurance cost for the container. Bill M. made the motion to pay and Don G. seconded to pay that bill.

\$130.00 is needed for AMA Charter that will be paid this month. A budget has been created and will be sent out to Board members and officers this month for review before asking to approve.

Safety Report: No reported incidents.

Field Managers Report: Ed said the serial numbers for the mowers have been reported to the insurance to complete the paperwork. Don G said we need a maintenance manual for the new mower. Bill M mentioned the manual for the new mower can be found online.

GSLMA Report: Harold reported the field is planning to have a kiosk to collect dues. Harold said he would be checking on this.

Activities Report: Dan reported the schedule is ready to be sent out. The Pattern day will have open flying during the Meet Me in St Louis event. Jack Buydos will be the CD for the open house.

Old Business : Mitch has completed the audit for the club account. No issues found. Thank you and good job Jose. The FAA accepted the Rocket Challenge event. The launches will be mostly in March. The Rocket Challenge must be completed by April 7.

New Business: Ed reported he is applying for a grant to help with runway resealing cost. We qualify as a Bronze or Silver club. And Grants can be applied for any time of the year. 2 members did a couple of tasks on the Decathlon this month. Rich Weber and Dan Vossenkemper.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm
Respectfully submitted, Bill Reape



Quote of the month:

If those Pattern Guys can do that manuever,
with enough airplanes, I can too!