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Cincinnati Silent Flyers

The ONLY all-electric RC club in Hamilton County

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Hello Silent Flyers and Happy Summer! Hope you are having a great summer and getting in some good flying time at the CSF field this year. As always, in this newsletter edition we have many items of general interest to share with you, our club members. This includes a save-the-day request for [AMA Day](#) at our field which we further explain in this edition. Please take the time to review the newsletter and get caught up on the latest at CSF for the summer. See you at the field!

President's Corner

Definition of a **Club**: an association of persons for some common objective usually jointly supported and meeting periodically (Merriam Webster).

The Cincinnati Silent Flyers is a club or association of people who enjoy flying radio control aircraft of all types. We all like to get out to the field and spend time floating (or zooming) around the open skies at our airfield.

To support our club, we pay our dues but may not think of what else is involved in keeping our club going and GROWING. Paying dues is important, as it supports the cost of many activities we may not even think about. For example, we are fortunate that our dues pay for grass mowing services at the airfield. This gives us more time to fly, and less time spent cutting grass. We are the only club I am aware of with this luxury. Yes, we still do need to spend time once a month trimming places where the mower does not get. However, with many people helping to trim, this becomes a much smaller task—usually taking about 1 hour per month. With about 720–740 hours a months (depending on 30/31 days), we all should be able to afford 1–2 hours a month to help out.

There are also other ways each of us can help keep the club moving forward and growing. Volunteering to coordinate an event, donating supplies for an event, and participating in events are just as important as paying dues.

Currently, there are a handful of members who consistently show up to perform field maintenance, donate supplies, and participate in events. This can become a burden on those few, cause burnout, and lead to the loss of great members. Having many members attending our events—even if just for 1 or 2 hours—leaves a positive impression on guests attending these events. It shows these guests we have an involved and active membership, and encourages those guests to join CSF.

Our next major event is the AMA Fun Fly Day/ Cub & Cessna Fly-In on Saturday, August 12. WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this a successful event. Even simple things like donating food supplies (hot dogs/buns/chips/drinks), helping with publicity, and above all—just showing up and participating—go a long way in **jointly supporting** the CSF. The phrase "Many Hands Makes Light Work" applies to the CSF.

Thanks for your support and have a great summer!

Steve Harness

President, The Cincinnati Silent Flyers



Introduce Yourself to New Members

As you might expect, we have new members joining the club on a regular basis, and we also lose a few members due to relocations and other reasons. When you show up at the field to fly and see someone that you don't know, please take the time to introduce yourself. Regardless of our various backgrounds, we all share at least one thing in common—our interest in radio controlled aircraft. Take the time to welcome everyone you meet at the club.

The best part of CSF is the wide variety of backgrounds of the people we have in the club. More than one member has told us that they learn more about the hobby from other members than any other source. Please make the small yet important effort to continue to keep our club a welcoming place that is inclusive of all members, from the novice to the veteran flyers.

Club Safety Office Update



Field Maintenance Report

Hi Pilots! Hope you are enjoying an excellent summer.

I have a few simple requests for helping out the club this summer in terms of general field maintenance support. Really just some easy things that will add to everyone's flying enjoyment.

- *Please be sure to take home any trash that you generate while at the field. We don't have a regular trash pickup so if possible take your soda cans and food packaging home with you when you leave the field.*
- *If you see trash blowing around on the field, please pick it up and put it in the trash receptacle located under the shelter.*
- *Make sure that you use the battery disposal can for lipo batteries only - not trash. It is*

Hello Silent Flyers!

How many times have you gone to fly a new airplane for the first time and it was a disaster? You put in the time to carefully assemble the aircraft exactly per the instructions, used the recommended power setup and of course, made sure that all of the control surfaces were moving in the correct directions. You even took the time to make sure that the control surface deflections were set to the right percentages (probably not, but maybe). And then the plane flies terrible, sometimes so bad that you can't even get it back to runway! Bad plane design? What did you miss?

Before condemning this as a lousy plane, did you check to see if the center of gravity (CG) was correctly set? Almost all manufacturers tell you how to find the CG points for your airplane. Even with factory spec. equipment, the CG can change depending on the size of the battery that you are using, the position of the battery, and any modifications that you may have made to the aircraft. Any of these items can have a tremendous impact on the balance of the aircraft in the air. There is an old aviator's adage that correctly states, "A nose heavy aircraft flies poorly, a tail heavy aircraft flies once!"

So, take some time and put some effort into learning more about how CG influences the flight performance

clearly marked but each month we seem to be bailing trash out of this can.

Now for a few others areas where we could use some help. We have been treating the edges of the runway, sidewalks, and tree lines with extended control vegetation killer (Roundup/Extended Control, etc.) to improve the field appearance and to reduce the amount of trimming that we have to do. This has been working out great and we want to continue this. If you have some extended control weed and grass killer that you are not using then please bring it to the field and I will apply it. Just set the container on the back on the concrete pad located behind the shelter by the gas grill and if possible let me know so that I can apply it. I have a sprayer so this is not needed. No containers larger than one gallon please. This would be a big help and keeps our maintenance costs low.

Also, we are looking for ways to get the tall grass cut across the runway from the shelter. We want to do this two or three times per year. This area really needs to be bush hogged so if you know someone who would do this for us then please let me know.

Thanks as always for your support!

Jerry Biscopink

Field Maintenance Coordinator

of an airplane. And then, put what you learned to work by getting that new airplane properly balanced. There are some very good tools for checking the CG on your airplane. Some are homemade, or you can purchase a CG stand like the Great Planes CG machine (shown below) available at Tower Hobbies or your local hobby shop. There are several versions of these on the market.

Put some "balance" in your thinking before flying your next new aircraft! You will be very happy with the results!

Safe Flying

Craig "Ace" Eisentrout

CSF Safety Officer



AMA Day
Saturday August 12
(Save the Date!)



Don't Scrap It, Repair It!

Too many pilots get exasperated after a crash and want to simply scrap their damaged aircraft in frustration. Anybody involved in our hobby has given a plane (or quad) a "dirt bath" at one time or another. The key when this happens is to take a deep breath and to remind yourself that crashes are part of the hobby.

Captain Mike Baker (our resident FPV guru and former club president) has noted that almost all crashes can be repaired if a few simple but important steps are taken. First, Mike advises to take a few minutes (as embarrassing as they can sometimes be) to pick up every single part at the crash site. This is particularly important on foam planes as each of these foam pieces will fit back together like a jigsaw puzzle. That piece of foam that you left on the field can take hours to fabricate back home.

As you have likely heard several times recently, we need all of our members to help us with our upcoming AMA Day. This is our most important annual event, as it is nationally advertised by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as [National Model Aviation Day.](#)

This has always been a great event for our club with fun and food and many interested community members showing up to learn more about our hobby. If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about model aviation then this is the event to invite them to attend. Please put this date on your schedule now and plan to attend. If you can volunteer to help in any capacity, please let Steve Harness know as soon as possible. But whatever you do, plan to come out and spend some time at the event as it is a great way to meet club members and have a really good time!

Also, we want to also use this day for the Cub and Cessna event that we had to postpone earlier. So, while you are encouraged to bring anything you want to fly, we are especially interested in seeing your Cub and Cessna models at the field!

Mike then advises when you are back home in your shop to take the time to lay out the aircraft and start the process of reassembly using the proper glue (usually CA type) and tools for the job. Even if you need to buy a new wing or fuselage, the cost of the repairs will be far less than the cost of replacing or losing an entire airplane. You will also learn some great techniques when making your repairs that will make you a better builder as well as a better pilot. So, while crashes are never enjoyable, they are rarely the disaster they appear to be at the time.



If this is you, see a CSF member for flight training.



For those of you who love biplanes, especially the Pitts Special, take a look at this new offering from HobbyKing.

Questions and comments can be directed to

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