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Cincinnati Silent Flyers

The ONLY all-electric RC club in Hamilton County

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President's Corner

What a GREAT year for the Cincinnati Silent Flyers!!! We've enjoyed many fantastic flying days with low winds and great temperatures. As we begin to wrap up the flying season, here is a quick recap of what the CSF has accomplished in 2017.

Our training program saw quite a few new pilots join our ranks. Some were first-time RC-ers, some are experienced pilots. We are glad to add both groups to our club! Congratulations to Joseph Jostworth, Dan Lutz and Richard Smith for having their solo flights!!!

We had several major events that were attended by our members. The Open House and Fun Fly events saw many planes dusted off and returned to the skies over our field. The weather for these events cooperated. Chef Jerry kept us fed and refreshed with ample food and beverages.

Our membership roster continues to grow with both new and experienced pilots. This gives everyone a chance to meet other RC hobbyists and expand their knowledge and flying skills

We had a very successful indoor flying season. We learned a lot from experienced FPV folks from the Anderson Flyers - not to mention giving us a chance to practice with our smaller craft in a limited space environment.

Our airfield saw many improvements during the year. Most notably sealing our entire 400' runway, addition of an equipment storage locker and the mowing of the outer

field area. Almost all of this was accomplished through the generous donations of our members!

In 2017, we've seen the addition of a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter goes out to over 120 current and past CSF members as well as individuals who have indicated an interest in our club. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep everyone current on CSF events and activities. It provides us with another avenue of staying in touch and keeping everyone up-to-date.

Thanks to all those who generously supported our special projects this year. And a special THANK YOU! goes to our diligent treasurer Craig (Deuce) Rouse. Under his excellent stewardship our treasury has even grown a little this year. So, we'll be starting off our new flying season in 2018 (our 15th year of being chartered!!) with an adequate financial reserve.

While the "official" flying season is winding down, we're hopeful for a mild winter so that we can still have several enjoyable flying days. We are already looking forward to another great flying season in 2018!!

Steve Harness

President

The Cincinnati Silent flyers



MISCONCEPTION

"As God is my witness, I thought turkeys could fly!!"

Black Friday Turkey Fly!

(Save the date- Friday Nov. 24)

Here is just the excuse you've been looking for to avoid the crowds at the malls on Black Friday. We will be meeting at the field on Black Friday morning for our last planned Fun Fly this year! The "Head Gobbler" (Prez Harness) will be providing the donuts so all you need to bring is a cup of coffee and something to fly. Who knows, we might even convince our "full scale" helicopter pilot, Koril, to drop a turkey or two to see if they really can fly!

Plan to come out and see everyone one more time this year. Have some fun as our flying season winds down this year!

Gobble Gobble!!

Lipo & Aircraft Storage Tips

Fellow silent Flyers,

Sadly the bulk of the outdoor flying season is behind us. As the "building season" (or repair season in my case) begins, it is good to think about winterizing your equipment. That includes your lipo batteries to maintain the health and longevity of your "fuel" source.

In the reading I've done, most recommend storing lipos at about 3.8 volts per cell. Your charger should have a setting that allows you to automatically charge (or discharge) to that level. Since there are many varieties of chargers, I won't try to describe the individual methods. That's why you saved the manual, right?

For long term storage some recommend placing your batteries in large zip lock plastic bags and keeping them in the refrigerator at about 37-40 degrees. This is intended to slow the inevitable chemical reaction that degrades the lipo. Don't put them in the freezer!!!

I'm sure all your landings were smooth, but in my case, I'll be checking all my aircraft now for the damage that the occasional harder-than-planned reunion with the ground may have caused. Also, take the time before you store your aircraft for the season to check your landing gear, your motor mounts, and the integrity of all the flying surface hinges.



Field Maintenance Report

Hi Silent Flyers! It is my pleasure to give you an update on our CSF facility as we enter the end of our flying season. As Steve Harness previously stated, we owe a huge "Thank You!" to everyone who supported our needed facility upgrades this year. We ended the summer with a newly sealed and striped runway and new flight stands at the flight line. We were able to get the main entrance road trimmed and plan to work more on this next season. The new storage locker was an excellent idea and was a welcomed addition. It gives us a place to store needed retrieval equipment and "Lost & Found" items in a safe and protected manner.

When 2018 rolls around you'll be ready to go!!

See you at the field!!

Craig "Ace" Eisentrout

Field Safety Officer



More on Lipo Safety!

A product worth considering is the Bat-Safe lipo charging box. This is a nice safety improvement for use in our homes over the lipo charging bags that most of us use now. If you ever wondered why lipo charging safety is something to take seriously then click on the link below to see the Flite Test video of the results of over charging a lipo battery.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nrsoMsEMNU>

This brings me to the topic of the field mowing and here I want to give special recognition and thanks to our mowing contractor and next door neighbor, Denny Wortman. Denny has done a great job for us again this year. For those of you who saw the excellent condition of the field and commented on it, this was testament to Denny's care of our grounds. Denny also contributed his time and effort by donating a couple mowings of the high grass area to our club. It really looks outstanding and for those of us who have made excursions in this area recovering aircraft, it makes a huge positive difference. I have personally enjoyed working with Denny this year. We intend to support Denny's work by continuing to have him mow the high grass area on a regular schedule next year.

Even though the regular flying season is coming to a close it is still possible to come to the field anytime you want to fly. When that unseasonably warm day comes this winter then take advantage of it and come out to the field and keep your flying skills sharp. We will always keep the field ready to accommodate you.

Happy Flying,



Jerry Biscopink
Field Maintenance Coordinator.

Tips from Capt. Mike

Captain Mike (Baker) suggests using inexpensive "throw-a-way" art brushes as a method for applying epoxy glues to model aircraft. The brushes allow for a more precise and even glue application and are inexpensive enough for one time use. Capt. Mike recommends Harbor Freight as a source for these brushes.



Thanks again to everyone for your support this year!

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