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Cincinnati Silent Flyers

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President's Corner

Several years ago, we presented the CSF President's Award at the annual "Camp n Fly" evening campfire. While the campfire event has gone by the wayside, we are still going to announce the annual President's Award—albeit through the CSF Newsletter.

This person is one of our newer members, but quickly stepped up, recommended and is Editor-in-Chief of our quarterly CSF Newsletter. This compilation of articles from members and officers of the club goes out to over 120 current and past members of CSF as well as others interested in our club. It keeps them informed of what has been happening and future plans within CSF, as well as timely articles regarding safety, general club updates and "how to's" such as Mike Baker's tips on repairs and general aircraft maintenance.

In addition to being editor of the newsletter, this individual volunteered for the role of "Field Maintenance Coordinator". With his leadership, we've seen the vegetation in the outer areas of our airfield get knocked down (making it easier to find aircraft that "wander" off the runway), as well as clean up and organizing around the shelter and pits. Jerry reduced manpower requirements while keeping everything neat and trimmed, and most importantly helped to organize the sealing of our 400-foot runway, our club's most valuable asset.

On top of all the above, he has been proactive in helping our membership grow, providing valuable insights into club operations, assisting on training night, and providing counseling to those new to the world of R/C.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the CSF and myself, I offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to [Jerry Biscopink](#) for his dedication and efforts!!!

Jerry will be presented with the CSF President's Award plaque at our October Fun Fly (formerly the Camp n' Fly) event.

In closing, be sure to read the spotlight article in this issue on Robert Dombek. Bob is an excellent R/C and full scale pilot and a club member you will want to meet if you haven't already.

Steve Harness

President, The Cincinnati Silent Flyers

[From CSF Flight School](#)

Our 2017 flight training session has now drawn to a close. Despite sometimes challenging weather, **Richard Schmidt, Dan Lutz** and **Joseph Jostworth** "earned their wings" this training season!!!

All were quick learners and are well on their way to becoming accomplished R/C pilots. Congratulations to Richard, Dan and Joseph. We can't wait to see how your fleet grows over the next couple years.

Many thanks to our fine instructors Craig (Ace) Eisentrout, Craig (Deuce) Rouse and Steve Harness for making this a successful training season. Thanks also to Ben Jones and Jerry Biscopink for helping with pre-flights, setting up airplanes and trimming out training aircraft.

Be sure to congratulate our newest pilots when you see them at the airfield!!!



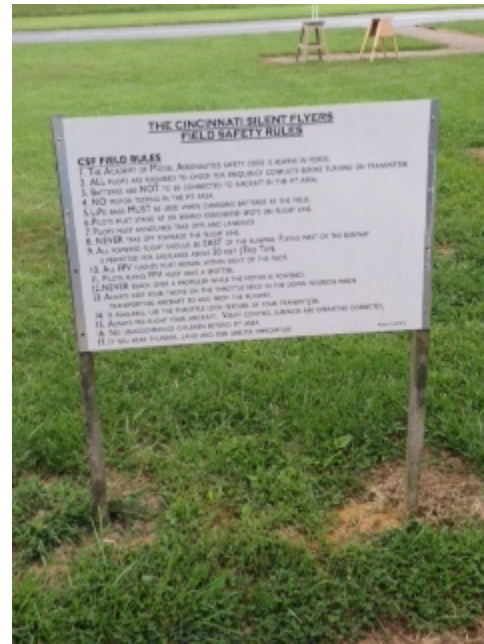
Runway Upgrades

Field Maintenance Report

I am happy to report that we have completed some needed upgrades over the summer. First and most importantly, we were able to crack fill, seal and re-stripe our 400-foot runway. Not many R/C clubs offer a runway like the one that we enjoy at CSF. This runway allows us to enjoy our hobby to the fullest extent. It is our intent to maximize the life of the runway, and this project supports that effort. Sincerest thanks to our many generous members who donated to this special project. These donations are what allowed this to happen.

Thanks also go to Baer's Paving for the professional job!

We were able to continue to improve our vegetation (weed) control in all areas. A special thanks to Robert



CSF Field Safety Rules

Although the end of our peak flying season is not far away, there will still be a lot of good weather ahead. In our haste to make the most of it, let's not forget our field safety rules. Of course, it is our responsibility to be aware of the AMA safety rules but there are a few specific local rules worth reviewing.

1. No spinning props under the shelter. What this means is that you should not arm your aircraft under the shelter. Use the provided flight stands at the flight line.
2. Stay behind the flight line (marked with the concrete squares) when flying. This makes sure that everyone flying has good vision of the runway and greatly reduces the chance for injury.
3. While not a local rule, it's important that lipo batteries are always charged in a protective lipo charging bag or enclosure.

Dombek and Steve Harness for their help in trimming back the growth along the driveway. Our goal is to minimize the number of maintenance days that we need from our members. Less work and more time to fly! This year we have called for only two maintenance days from the membership and at this time don't foresee the need for any more this year.

A large storage locker has been installed in the shelter area.

The storage locker provides a place for our "aircraft retrieval tools," lost and found items, as well as other airfield-related items.

The higher vegetation areas next to the grass field were mowed twice this year. We are looking at ways to improve this area next year with more frequent mowings.

We did lose a number of our field flight stands over the July 4 holiday due to an unusual case of vandalism. The stands have now been replaced and we are back to the number of flight stands that we originally had at the airfield. Thanks again to the members who donated these!

Finally, I really appreciate the efforts everyone makes in helping us keep our field neat and clean. This is one of the best airfields in the R/C hobby!

Jerry Biscopink

Remember that safety for our members and guests is always our number one objective!

See you at the field,

Craig "Ace" Eisentrout

CSF Safety Director

CSF Member Jim Ryan Featured in September *Model Aviation*

Accomplished RC pilot, model aircraft designer and scale model builder, Jim Ryan, is featured in this month's *Model Aviation* magazine. Jim has completed many scale model builds as seen in our last newsletter edition. *Model Aviation* features his AH-56 Cheyenne attack helicopter. The full page article appears on page 84. We encourage you to read this interesting article. Congrats to Jim for his great contributions to the R/C hobby and to our club.

Maintenance Tips from Captain Mike (Baker)

Captain Mike is a past CSF President and an experienced R/C pilot. In this issue Mike shares the following tips:

1. Take the time to assemble a good R/C tool kit with the proper sized tools for your R/C aircraft. Mike puts special emphasis on owning

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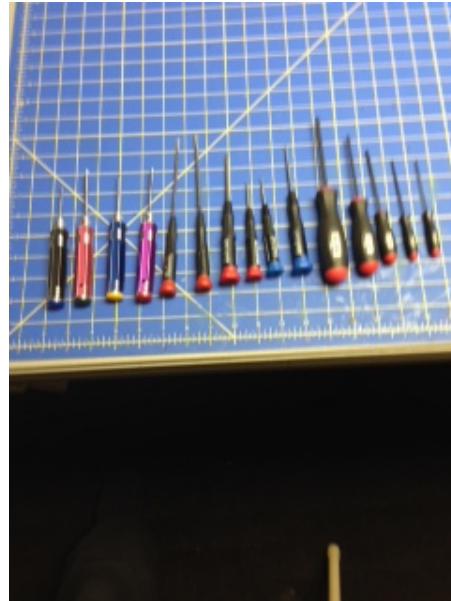


Aerial view of runway after sealing completed (photo thanks to R. Dombek)

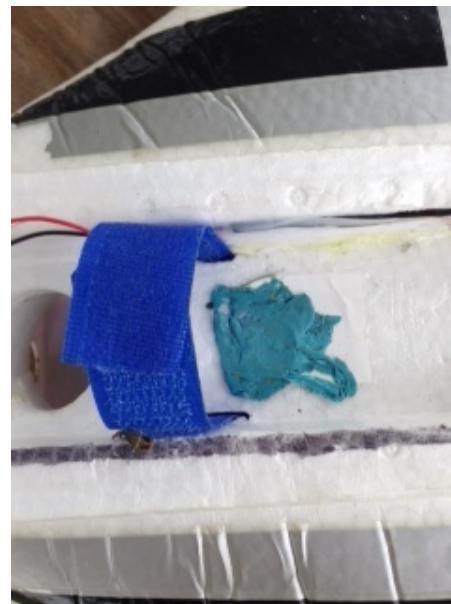


New and refurbished flight stands

a set of quality screwdrivers and hex drivers. Mike says, "you can save yourself hours of time and frustration trying replace rounded out screw heads by using the proper screwdrivers for the job".

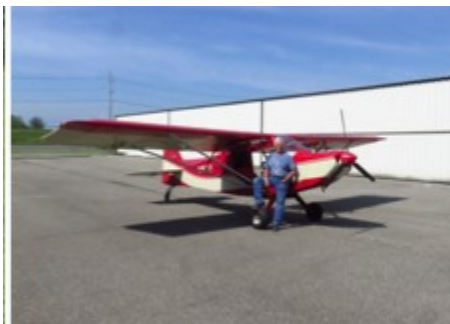


2. Mike recommends adding extra security to your battery compartment by applying a quantity of adhesive putty (Captain Mike recommends Loctite Fun-Tak mounting putty) to the bottom of the battery compartment. The velcro battery straps that come standard in most BNF and RTF airplanes often do not provide enough security to keep the battery from shifting in the battery compartment which can change the center of gravity of the aircraft or even disconnect the battery from the ESC. (see picture below)



Loctite mounting putty in Captain Mike's Convergence

Stay tuned in future newsletters for more "Tips from Captain Mike."



Meet CSF Member- Robert (Bob) Dombek

(This is part of our continuing series to spotlight outstanding CSF Members)

I was very humbled when asked to submit an article about my history in aviation for the CSF newsletter. I am also a newsletter editor, for EAA chapter 974 at Butler County Regional Airport. I'm used to writing about others, not myself. Still, I felt it would be fun to share my love of things that fly with the CSF—here goes!

I tackled my first model on my own when I was 8 years old. It was a Monogram Speedi-bilt Ercoupe and I paid 85 cents in 1952. I assembled it with library

paste. Needless to say, it didn't stay assembled long but I kept building various models from that same line until they resembled airplanes.

My first gas model was a Jim Walker Fire Baby with an .049 OK Cub engine. My first R/C model was a Goldberg Junior Falcon. It had a Controlaire single channel radio which I built from a kit. I hung with R/C as best I could on an Ohio State student's budget. At that time, I flew with the Columbus Ohio Radio Kontrol Club, aka The CORKS.

My first real proportional control model, a Lew Andrews Sportmaster with a Kraft 4 channel radio didn't come along until I had graduated and settled into my career as a physical therapist at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. I then joined the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club (GCRCC). That was before our current field came into being courtesy of Father Rick Schneider, the headmaster of the old St. Francis Seminary. We flew off a road that ran east/west from Mill Rd. where the Kolping Center is now located.

A year later I was called by Uncle Sam. My first assignment was the US Army hospital at Fort Ord, California. I joined the Fort Ord R/C club. We had to fly in the mornings before the strong ocean wind picked up for the day. But, that strong breeze lead to lots of great experiences with slope soaring off the high dune at Sunset Beach State Park. I got my private pilot's license at Fort Ord's flying club just before being reassigned to Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. There I continued to fly with the Lowry Air Force Base Aero Club and also with the Lowry Air force Base R/C Club.

After my release from the military, I returned to my old job in Cincinnati and resumed by GCRCC membership. The club had now moved to their new field which is the field we occupy today at CSF. I also got my commercial pilot's license on the GI bill at the Cincinnati West Airport in Harrison. I finished my commercial program just as the flight school closed and along with a new little one and a second one the way put flying in the back seat for a few years.

My model flying resumed after I built a Heathkit 5 channel proportional radio system which was tuned to the 6 meter amateur radio band. I could fly like crazy as I was the only ham radio set on the field. The GCRCC had organized a big static model display at Northgate Shopping Center and I put my brand new Super Sportster 40 on display. At the far end of the show, near Sears, a

fully assembled Quicksilver Ultralight was on display. I got hooked on ultralights and found my way back to flying full scale via that route, building two ultralights along the way. I later reactivated my pilot's license and joined the EAA.

Aviation took another temporary delay when my first wife died in 1995 after a long battle with breast cancer. In 1996, I purchased my first full scale airplane kit, a Rans S7 Courier (shown in the picture above). It was a four year project that was wonderful grief therapy. Toward the end of the project, I remarried. I guess you could say that my new wife knew what she was getting into with a full size airplane going together in the basement and models all around the basement walls. My new wife presented me with a GWS light stick package with radio for Christmas and I was back into R/C again!

I've been flying the Rans S7 since completing it in 2000. I also fly a rented J-3 Cub from time to time. In 2004, I started another full scale project, an all wood 80% scale Tiger Moth. It's a stick model on steroids! Recently, I came across a Hangar 9 quarter scale Tiger Moth which I converted to electric power. Model and full scale building have been in constant competition for my time.

R/C flying continues to hold a great attraction for me. I have found that I love watching something fly as much as I love flying in something. It's like watching your own private air show! I discovered the Cincinnati Silent Flyers when I met Dave Medford at Colerain hobbies several years ago. I very much appreciate the fellowship and friendships formed through my membership in the club. What a great club!

Know someone who might be interested in receiving our club newsletter? If so, please email their name and email address to jbiscopink@aol.com and they will be added to our quarterly newsletter distribution



CSF Runway sealing and striping provided by Baer's Paving

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