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## Cincinnati Silent Flyers

The ONLY all-electric RC club in Hamilton County

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### President's Corner

It is hard to believe the Autumnal Equinox (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) will be upon us in a few short weeks, signifying the end of summer. I hope you have had some fantastic and safe flying this summer as we move into the fall season.

We have had some great events this year with many members and guests participating. Our annual "Open House & Swap Meet" held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> had a tremendous turnout. We saw quite a few aircraft change hands at the swap meet. At one point there were almost 100 aircraft for sale or available for swapping. The weather was perfect for flying, camaraderie, and just relaxing at the airfield.

On August 4<sup>th</sup> we hosted the annual AMA Fly Day, again with large participation from our members. We were able to meet with several guests new to RC and gave several introductory flights. All of them are still participating in our free training program and getting close to soloing!

While we're on the topic of flight training, I would like to stress a few points. First, our flight training program is vital to both the CSF and the RC hobby. We hope our students will go on to join the CSF. However, even if they choose to join another RC club in the area, it is these new RC pilots who are the future of model aviation!

These people are the ones who will help the hobby continue to grow, thrive, and keep our hobby on the upswing.

**Secondly, we still need more instructors!** If you have been flying for a few years, you certainly have the skill set to work with RC students on a trainer aircraft and help them become safe flyers. Being an instructor is not difficult. All you really need to do is keep the trainer plane out of the trees and from making an “unexpected” landing! Our current instructors Craig Eisentrout, Craig Rouse and I would be more than happy to provide some pointers on how to get started as an instructor.

On the down side, the weather has been VERY UNCOOPERATIVE this year for flight training. So much so, that we increased our training period to extend through September. I checked some training flight logs from previous years. We were able to average around 100 training flights a season. This year, we’ve been lucky to get in a few dozen. Hopefully, the weather patterns will change so we can have training every Wednesday evening through September.

On the plus side for the year, the CSF was invited to be on WCPO TV’s show “Cincy Lifestyles” with Clyde Gray and Mona Morrow! The segment was supposed to run about 2½ minutes, but we were able to be “on camera” around 4 minutes! The whole WCPO team was warm and welcoming and made our visit to the WCPO studios a fantastic experience. If you would like to see the segment, you can find it on the CSF’s Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Cincinnati-Silent-Flyers-570466966410502>

Finally, please remember we are renting our airfield from Mercy at Winton Woods. As such, it is important for us to remember to fly SAFELY and away from the houses southwest of the airfield whenever possible. Also, please remember to always treat “guests” – dog walkers, hikers, and visitors – with courtesy. Those folks have proven to be valuable allies in locating downed / lost aircraft and keeping an eye on the airfield when we aren’t around.

Happy Flying!

Steve Harness

President

The Cincinnati Silent Flyers

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### **Meet a CSF Member**

*(This is part of our ongoing series to introduce our readers to members of the CSF)*

#### **Craig "Ace" Eisentrout**

I've always been interested in scale models, and aviation has been the primary area that fascinated me. Like many, I spent my youth assembling Monogram or Revell plastic models, and crashing Cox control line airplanes before they flew for more than 30 seconds. RC was only the spark of a dream. Getting an engineering degree from Northwestern, completing medical school, residency and fellowship in Pulmonary

and Critical Care medicine at UC, and later medical practice made RC flying an exercise in delayed gratification.

When I learned that in addition to my daughter, I would have a son in 1991, the spark of interest flared. I bought a Goldberg Eagle kit and all that would be needed to fly it, and visited the GCRCC meeting ( at our current field!) to see about joining. The later realization that my son would not be "normal" once again put the RC dream aside, but not forever. With time, my wife Kris and I watched Brett develop and grow and exceed the expert's prognostications. He graduated from Princeton HS, and attended UC for a special program. Both he and I earned black belts in TaeKwonDo.

Brett was my helper as we got a SkyFly up and airborne and occasionally landed where intended. More often than not the airplanes we flew came home partially disassembled.

The economics of my lack of flying ability struck home and I sought out CSF for help. Steve Harness patiently taught me with his venerable Wingo. And the rest, as they say, is history.

My primary RC interest is in scale airplanes. I am (very) slowly building from kits and never let an ARF sit without some modification. My goal is to develop the patience to become a craftsman.

CSF has been my RC home now for the past 15 years. I enjoy the camaraderie and the friendly banter that is common in our hobby, but a little more special at the corner of Mill and Springdale roads.

Craig Eisentrout

(Note: Craig also serves as the club safety officer and as a flight training instructor)



## Field Maintenance Update

Hi Pilots,

We have had a good year in terms of the overall field conditions for our members. There has been little need to call for field maintenance support from club members although many have volunteered to help out when needed. We have also had very good membership support in terms of keeping the field neat and organized so thanks for the support!

We will be doing some minor crack filling in the runway before winter arrives and will continue to fight back the growth beside the driveway - a continuing battle but we are holding our own with this. Our goal is keep our membership flying and not doing field maintenance.

Our new battery charging stations are working out great so thanks again to all who made this possible. No problem now finding available charging stations on a busy flying weekend!

Enjoy the rest of the season and just keep flying!

Jerry Biscopink  
Field Maintenance Coordinator

## Safety Officer's Update

(Enhancing Safety through Flight Instruction)

Many of our club members aren't directly involved in our formal training sessions, but we all help out with newer pilots or those interested in the hobby and in our own way become teachers. It's easy to talk about which are the best planes for new flyers, or what lipo battery charging C-ratings mean. However, we should all remember that the first rule in our hobby is to assure we have a solid understanding of the basic safe operation of all of our equipment.

When to connect or disconnect a battery, learning how to set a throttle lock on your transmitter, proper preflighting of your aircraft, flying only in authorized areas—these are things that should be emphasized right along with the other encouragement that we all provide to our trainees.

You can learn a lot about RC flying from a simulator, but let's remember—at the field, safety always comes first and is an integral part of flying and flight training.

Stay Safe!

Craig "Ace" Eisentrout  
Field Safety Officer

CSF member Ken Russell has discovered the joy of early mornings at the Silent Flyers' field. He has shared some of this with us in the photos he has taken at the field shown below. Thanks Ken!



Know someone interested in model aviation who may want to learn more about flying with our "Member Friendly" club? Ask them to visit our website and sign up for our quarterly newsletter.

Questions and comments can be directed to  
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