



Cincinnati Silent Flyers

The ONLY all-electric RC club in Hamilton County

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Save the Date - Saturday, August 17

This is the annual AMA National model aviation day! Reminders will follow.

Please get this date on your calendars now!

President's Corner

The Summer Equinox came and passed and with it, it seems we “flew” from the rainy, cooler weather directly into the hot, humid summer months. On the bright side, the drier and calmer weather means more flying time for all of us!!!

The change in the weather pattern has had a positive impact on our training program! Earlier in the year we tried fooling Mother Nature by changing up training nights from Wednesdays to Mondays – sometimes to no avail. Over the last few weeks, our CSF instructors have been able to get in 6-8 training flights per night. We’ve already had one student – Mike B. – solo and ready to fly on his own. We wish him the best and hope he stays out of the trees – unlike most of us! Two other students – Will B. and Jeff G. - are very close to soloing, having completed several successful take offs and landings. OK, so some of those take offs and landings weren’t pretty, but some of ours aren’t either! The students were able to take off, fly around and land **SAFELY** with the planes intact and still in flyable condition. We hope they are enjoying their training and will now become members of the CSF!!!

If you would like to become an instructor- we certainly could use several more - please contact me on how to get started!! There is plenty of surplus equipment around that members would be happy to donate to our training program. I know I’m being repetitive, but our training program is the Number 1 way we attract new members to the CSF!!!

Going along with the weather changes, we had one of the best Open Houses & Swap Meets in the last couple of years!!! The weather was fantastic with mild temperatures, sunny skies and calm winds. We had many guests to talk with and demonstrate our flying, saw many planes exchange hands, and as usual Chef Jerry kept us well fed and well hydrated!!!

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Speaking of Chef Jerry - be sure to give him a big THANK YOU for all he does!!! Not only does he pick up, transport to the field and prepare the food for our events, he also does most of the clean up afterwards. On top of that, he spends many hours a month making sure our field is mowed, trimmed and in great shape for us to fly. The airfield has never looked better! AND, he spends hours putting together and sending out the quarterly CSF Newsletter! THANK YOU, Field Boss!!!

Our next planned event is the AMA National Model Aviation Day on August 17th. This is a chance for us to invite people who may not be familiar with electric-powered model aviation to our field. It gives us an opportunity to demonstrate what model aviation is about and highlight the Cincinnati Silent Flyers' openness to guests. Be sure to mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. If you see someone new, don't hesitate to welcome them to the airfield, introduce them to other members and show them around our airfield. And please be sure to tell others about this event!!! Word-of-mouth is a great way to publicize the CSF!!!

Blue Skies and Calm Winds!!!

Steve "Prez" Harness

Field Maintenance Update

CSF field maintenance has continued right on schedule for this year. Overall the field has been in very good condition for our members with the only detraction from flying being the extremely wet weather we experienced earlier in the season. One project that was been undertaken was extending the drainage line that runs under the runway all the way to end of the property. This drainage line now runs excess storm water completely off the property into a natural drainage area in the woods. This project addressed a long term problem that was causing soil erosion and safety concerns due to the washout areas on the east side of the field. Thanks very much to Prez Steve for his efforts in digging most of the new trench and also for buying and transporting over 100' of corrugated pipe that is now connected to the existing drain line and buried. We still have a little more clean up work to do on this project but the main problem has been resolved which is controlling and directing the storm water off the site.

We're into the shank of our flying season (as a golfer, I use that term cautiously). After a wet Spring with less opportunity to fly we are now more than ready to get into the air.

I want to stress a couple of very important safety rules that sometimes get "bent" when we are rushing to get airborne. First: Don't connect your flight battery in the pits. By the pits, I mean the shelter area with the charging stations under roof. Please either connect your flight batteries on the flight stands or 'do it' in the grass. It only takes one runaway plane, helicopter or multirotor in the pits to cause mayhem for many.

Second: The AMA flying site guidelines recommend that pilots maintain at least a 25 foot distance from the runway edge. This is particularly important when there is more than one pilot flying at a time.

Field Maintenance Update (Cont.) Our efforts to reduce the amount of time our members are asked to spend maintaining the field is a planned effort. I feel that it has also been largely successful. To achieve this, we are still performing our routine spraying around the runway and borders of the property to reduce the amount of hand trimming that is needed. Also, we have been working on removing the overgrowth along the driveway as weather permits by both pruning and spraying.

We have had support in this area from Craig "Ace" Eisentrout, Ken Russel and Steve Harness and of course from our good neighbor Denny who keeps our lawn mowed and looking great for us.

Other members have also helped by assuring that any loose trash is picked up and cleaning up in areas by keeping limbs collected and off the mowing area and general clean up (Thanks Angie and Ben). These efforts are noticed and really appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer.
Keep Flying!
Field Boss



This year we added a new "airport" quality windsock to the field. It was set at a height that captures the wind velocity below the tree line at takeoff and final landing heights just above the runway. As many of you know, wind velocity changes can be significant above the tree line. Let us know, does this windsock meet your needs or do you prefer to know the wind velocity at a higher elevation than this?

Club Safety Update (Cont) There are at least 6 concrete pads situated at the correct distance back from the runway. Use these. If you are there by yourself, it's still a good idea to use that distance to get used to the perspective you'll have when flying with other pilots.

While we want everybody to have fun at our site, the first priority is always the safety of everybody at the field. Both pilots and spectators.

Thanks for your support and have a great summer !
Ace



This photo shows the flight stands at CSF sitting on the concrete pads that are approximately 25' from the runway. For safety, spectators should never be allowed in front of the flight stands at any time. This is unsafe and can easily interfere with a pilot's concentration and line of sight. Pilots should also stand at a distance from the runway that is approximately the same distance as the front of the concrete pads.

Enjoy a Few Pictures from our Recent Open House and Swap Meet.
We had a really nice turnout and a lot of fun!



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