



Cincinnati Silent Flyers

The ONLY all-electric RC club in Hamilton County

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Hi Pilots- Welcome to the CSF Winter Newsletter. Be sure to read the President's Corner letter from outgoing President Steve Harness. Please join us all in thanking Steve for his leadership to our club. We simply wouldn't have the club and facility that we have today if it were not for his vision and efforts. Steve isn't going anywhere and will continue to be actively involved in our student pilot training and other programs.

Thank you Steve from all of us! We are grateful beyond what words alone can express for making our club what it is today!

Announcing 2020 CSF Club Officers

The final tally is in for the 2020 officer elections! The unanimous results are as follows:

President: Craig "Ace" Eisentrout

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Additional approved club positions for 2020 are:

Safety Coordinator: Jim Carter

Field Maintenance: Jerry Biscopink

Training Coordinator: Steve Harness

At-Large Member of Exec. Committee: Koril Seperghan

Webmaster: Steve Harness

Newsletter Editor: Jerry Biscopink

We hope everyone will welcome and support both the new officers and returning officers for 2020!

President's Corner

OK, the fall QUICKLY went into winter so we didn't get as much flying in as we had hoped!!! This isn't unusual for Cincinnati weather – I was just hoping we'd have more moderate temperatures. Even so, that doesn't mean we still can't fly! If the winds are low there will be plenty of time to take to the skies.

Just like yourself, your planes and batteries need a little more TLC in cold weather. When below about 40°F, LiPos will NOT perform as well as at 80°F. The easy solution is to put them in your pockets for 15 minutes or so before flying, plug them in and takeoff. Once in the air, LiPos generally will generate sufficient heat to keep them working. However, you still need to be aware of the problems cold batteries can cause and anticipate how to deal with the potential issues.

As I write this edition of the President's Corner, we have just completed the election of club officers for 2020. It has been an honor and pleasure leadership over to young, energetic members with new and great ideas!!!

With the “passing of the baton” I tend to wax nostalgic and think back to the “good ole days” of the CSF. When the CSF began, the airfield consisted of a runway and taxiway surrounded by waist-high grass. Bryan D., Tim S. and I spent many hot hours cutting and hauling grass just so we'd have a small place to stand and fly. And if you had an “unexpected” landing, good luck finding plane parts in the tall grass.

Gone are the days of working on planes on the ground or in the back of your vehicle, because we had no workbenches or flight stands. Gone are the days of standing in the hot sun, since we didn't have a canopy to shield us. Gone are the days of driving through muck & mud, as we didn't have the driveway we now use to access the field. Gone are the days of lugging heavy & bulky deep-cycle batteries to the airfield, since we didn't have on-site charging. And gone are the days of “three trees back”, as we had no port-o-let.

And yet, we persevered, grew and had some fantastic flying and camaraderie!!! All because of members who worked together, supported each other and supported our club. I hope we all continue to live up to continuously supporting each other and the CSF.

Looking at the improvements in our airfield and our equipment has made being a member of the CSF a very rewarding experience. I am excited with the new incoming officers and will work to support and encourage them, and ask you to do the same! Getting younger members involved in the operation of the club – with new ideas and energy- is vital to keeping the Cincinnati Silent Flyers growing and improving.

I wish our new officers the BEST and hope they enjoy their new roles!!!

I also wish a happy and healthy New Year to each of you!

Steve Harness

Field Maintenance Report

I have been a bit off my game lately in terms of getting to the field on a regular basis. I hope to see my flying hours improve in 2020. On my last field visit, it was gratifying to see everything in such good shape. This requires good stewardship and cooperation on everyone's part to keep our field in this condition. I want to thank you each for doing your part in this area and encourage you to continue this in the future.

Remember that anyone who leaves debris or trash behind them is leaving it for another CSF member to pick up for them. And many hands makes light work so no matter how small your contribution to the field maintenance it is always appreciated.

I do have a few special shout outs of appreciation for 2019. First, I want to thank Denny Wortman for the beautiful mowing job that he does with our field.

Denny is our mowing contractor, our next door neighbor and a true long time friend to our club. Nobody takes more pride in our field than Denny. Denny- we truly appreciate what you do for us. Your work is outstanding and I personally enjoy working with you and all your great suggestions for improving the field.

I also want to thank Steve Harness for his hard work installing a new drainage line across the field this no small effort and it really fixed the large wet area that was eroding our field and addresses a possible safety hazard for those walking around the perimeter of the field.

Many other members also contributed to improvements. Thanks to Ben and Angie for hauling off the old junk on the concrete pad, Ace and Steve for helping me with the removal of the large tree that fell across the driveway. I am sure I may unintentionally be missing others who quietly just keep the field picked up and enjoyable for all of our members. Again, thanks to each of you for our keeping our field the showplace that it is! Looking forward to enjoying another great flying year with each of you.
Jerry "Field Boss" Biscopink

Club Safety Update

We finished 2019 with another safe year of operations at our field. Thanks to Craig Eisentrout for serving as our club safety officer for the last several years. Having a great safety record is no accident so thanks to Craig and each of you who pay close attention to the safe operations of your aircraft and provide safety "reminders" to others when it is required.

New Product Review- Twisted Hobbies



For those who may remember the original "foamie" airplanes and have wondered how to get one of their own in kit form, Twisted Hobbies <http://www.twistedhobbies.com> has just what you are looking for. This colorful recreation of the Sopwith Camel is among a full line of ultralight foamie 3D high performance aircraft ready to be assembled and flown. They also offer a full line of power packs and accessories to get you in the air with one stop shopping. Look for this one at the CSF field later this year!

YouTube RC Aircraft Channel Recommendation



For those of you who love to watch YouTube videos of RC aircraft, here is a channel that is both fun and informative. The Petrincic brothers live in Slovenia and bring a very lighthearted approach to the RC hobby while flying some of the most recently released aircraft on the market. Check out their channel www.youtube.com/user/petrincic1. I can guarantee that you will get some laughs and might even learn a few things.

Winter Flying

Just a reminder that your CSF field is open all year so come out and fly anytime you want. The pictures below are some taken at the field by Steve Harness and Jim Carter as the winter flying season began. It is still a lot of fun to get out and fly even in the colder weather. And heck, if you "land" that new Christmas airplane in a tree then at least you can find it!







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