



## Cincinnati Silent Flyers

The ONLY all-electric RC club in Hamilton County

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Welcome to our Summer 2020 CSF Newsletter! I hope that you will enjoy catching up on our CSF activities this year. Too many new airplanes have been flown this year to show them all in this edition, but I have included several photographs at the end of the newsletter to whet your interest.

The Editor

### President's Corner

Fellow CSF'ers,

An ancient curse, "May you live in interesting times", seems to be in force. I don't recall times being as turbulent, perhaps since the late 60's. We start to emerge from one crisis only to find ourselves in the midst of another. In times like these, the commodities in shortest supply seem to be hope and civility. Until I visit the CSF field. When I see the pristine field, hear the friendly banter, see the evidence of openness, witness the support from one member to another member or guest, I realize that those commodities still exist and often in abundance.

As we navigate these difficult waters, I hope we all continue to be, as Abraham Lincoln said, "touched by the better angels of our nature". Thanks for making this club all that it is, and for working to make it, and our world, even better.

Craig

### Flight Training Update

Our Flight Training Program for new RC pilots has begun!!! We have had several great evenings for introducing new pilots to our hobby, with quite a few successful flights.

As last year, our training will be on either Monday or Wednesday evenings. The deciding factor will be weather forecasts for that week. We check the forecast on Sunday and send an email to the "CSF training" and "allmembers" mailing lists. Given Cincinnati's unpredictable weather, we will lean towards Monday evenings since Wednesday's are much farther out.

We are always looking for additional flight instructors! It becomes challenging to have 1 or 2 instructors and 5 or 6 students wanting to learn. We would like to get each student in the air 3-4 times per evening. Unfortunately, we usually are limited by instructors or equipment availability. Even if you are not inclined to train, you can help by trimming the buddy box, pre-fighting planes or talking with students between their flights.

We welcome all CSF members to attend training night. Having our members attend helps students become acquainted with the CSF, and gives them a chance to learn from our experiences. If you can, consider attending flight training, introduce yourself to the students, and be willing to answer their questions.

PLEASE keep in mind, our primary focus is getting new RC pilots in the air with "hands-on" RC flight experiences. The majority of airtime is dedicated to flight instruction. We provide flight training to break the "build, crash, repair, repeat" cycle of someone new to RC and educate them about operating their aircraft in a SAFE manner. There is nothing more frustrating than buying a new plane, transmitter, charger, batteries - - -and watching it end in pieces.

Another key aspect of our flight training program is to introduce someone new to RC through exposure to our flying club. Being able to demonstrate how open and friendly we are will go a long way toward growing our membership.

Along with the training program, allowing some time for our members to fly helps demonstrate what electric-powered aircraft are capable of. Many of our members come out early on training night to get in some early flights before the training begins. We are the only RC club in the Tri-State dedicated solely to electric-powered RC flight. So, while our primary focus on training night is training, another important aspect is demonstrating the capabilities of electric-powered aircraft.

So, please consider coming on out and support our training program!

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## Club Safety Update

Hello Silent Flyers,

For my first official update, I would like to simply give some reminders that might help you, and to ensure that the excellent safety record of our club continues.

When you first get to the field, don't rush to get your plane into the air. Take a deep breath, listen to the birds, and clear your mind from the "noise" of the day. Flying takes concentration so get yourself in the right frame of mind before flying, I suggest starting by reviewing all your transmitter settings and aircraft flight surfaces. A few minutes spent doing your pre-flight checks can save you from a bad day.

The flight line is now very visible by the brightly colored paving tiles that run parallel to the field. Use this visual reference to assure that you are standing behind the flight line and not impairing the vision of another pilot by standing too close to the runway.

Also, while doing your pre-flight checks, make sure that your motor mounts are all tight. Inspect your props for cracks and replace as needed. I also suggest taking the time to balance your props. An unbalanced prop is a source of vibration that ruins your motor bearings over time and can cause the motor to loosen from its mounts. An unbalanced prop can cause a motor to literally vibrate out of the airplane. I know, it happened to me! Remember to check the prop nut for tightness. The screw holding the propeller spinner on your plane is not holding the prop on the motor. You may need to remove the nose cone to assure that the prop nut is still tight.

Doing these things can't save you from "pilot error" but it can save you from a mishap that could have been easily avoided.

When setting up a new model in your transmitter, I recommend assigning and setting up a motor kill switch first. This way you won't forget this most important safety item. These propellers are not toys and can send you to the hospital if you are not following proper safety practices.

Finally, announce your maiden flights when flying with others. Also, don't be shy to ask another pilot to stand beside you to help you trim out a new plane. Flying a new plane and trying to trim it out can sometimes be a handful, and having a co-pilot help you with this can be a great aide to a safe first flight.

We all come to CSF to enjoy our hobby. Our first and most important club rule is to assure that everyone operates in a safe manner for everyone's protection. Please continue to do your part to assure a safe experience at our field.

See you at the runway!

Jim Carter  
Club Safety Officer



The Field Boss's *Flight Test Pientpol* is ready for a maiden flight. This one was built from two sheets of Dollar Tree foam board.



Ace's new Ryan is just beautiful! Can't wait for the maiden flight!

**Field Maintenance Report**

**Jim Carter's YouTube Channel**

Hi Pilots,

I hope you are all well and finding some normalcy in your lives during these challenging days dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

Hopefully, getting out and flying at the CSF field can help with that.

I am happy to report that the field is open and the field condition is excellent at this time. After a very wet start to the year, the field has recovered and we are seeing very good use of the facility from our members. Thanks to Denny Wortman for working through these wet mowing conditions this year. Great job as usual by Denny!

I want to thank all of our members for helping me keep trash picked up and for keeping the field and facilities in good condition in general. This improves the enjoyment of the field facilities by all of our members.

A very special thanks to CSF member Charlie Hopson for donating the two new benches that now sit outside our shelter. They were really needed and are very much appreciated by all of us. Thanks again Charlie!!!!

That's it for now, so stay safe and keep flying.

Field Boss

Just a quick note to let all of our readers know about Jim Carter's new YouTube channel. The name of Jim's channel is - LoveRC. Jim has posted a number of videos of his maiden flights along with other CSF flight content from the field. Check it out and consider subscribing. If you can't get to the field, you can at least feel like you have been there by watching the videos that he posts almost weekly.

Check it out at the link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=loverc](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=loverc)



A view looking north at the shelter and the new benches provided by Charlie Hopson



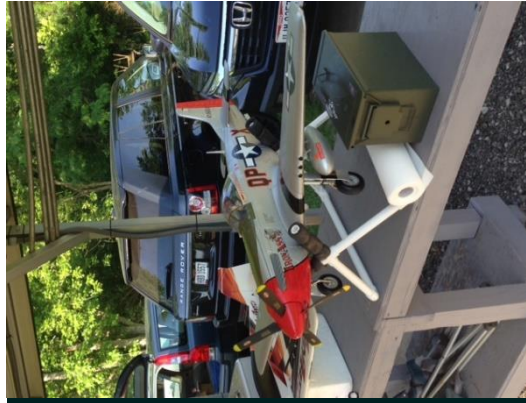
Koril reads his new "CSF Airlines" EDF airliner!



Another look at Koril and CSF Airline's first official fleet addition! Like everything he flies - Koril can fly the wings off of this beauty!



"Warthog" returning from a mission!



Jerry's P-51 Mustang. See the flight (and crash) video on Jim Carter's YouTube Channel.



Jim readies his F-16 for another flight. This is a really scale-looking jet. Jim is doing a great job transitioning to the EDF's with Koril's expert buddy boxing support!

### Other News & Items of Interest

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, we are following state and local guidelines which required that we cancel our annual open house planned for earlier this year. We are still looking for opportunities to invite our community and local model aviation enthusiasts to join us at the field later this year. We will keep you informed as the situation evolves.

Questions and comments can be directed to [Jerry Biscopink, Newsletter Editor.](#)

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