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Cincinnati Silent Flyers

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Editor's Note

Welcome back to all our newsletter readers. Dealing with the challenges created by the pandemic has impacted every organization. Fortunately, CSF has been able to support our members with a safe and enjoyable site to fly their RC aircraft throughout this entire period. Thanks to all of our loyal members for their ongoing support. We encourage anyone who has not done so already to renew their CSF membership now so that they can continue to enjoy all the benefits that the CSF has to offer all year long.

I just spent Saturday morning at the field. As familiar as the entry road is, I always get a little thrill whenever I emerge from the trees and see our field. This is especially the case after a winter where I did not get there much. We are fortunate to have this great facility, and I for one plan on being there a lot this coming year.

We will be starting our flight training sessions in April, which always seems like Opening Day to me. Despite the challenges of last year, our trainees did well and the hope is that we can introduce even more fledgling pilots to the hobby this year.

It's not just the field that makes our club different and special. I honestly believe we have the friendliest and most welcoming club in the area. It's this time of year we think about how we can keep our membership numbers where they need to be. Be an ambassador for the club and the hobby when you meet someone in the local hobby

shop, on line, or at the field.

Hopefully, as the year progresses, we can get back to the larger club activities like our annual Open House and AMA Day. Speaking as a pulmonary physician, I feel safe at the field now, and with reasonable precautions, I think you can too. If you're sick, please respect everyone at the field and stay away. While at the field be sensitive and respectful of personal distance and the concerns of fellow flyers. And always feel comfortable wearing a mask if you wish.

Time to Fly!

Craig "Ace" Eisentrout

Flight Training Update for 2021

This year, as many years in the past, the Cincinnati Silent Flyers (CSF) will be offering free flight training to people interested in learning how to fly radio control model aircraft.

Ever since the CSF was chartered back in 2003, one of our founding principles was promoting and educating people in model aviation. In the beginning, we had 1 or 2 instructors. Now, we have over a half dozen club members who volunteer their time and equipment to train student pilots. This allows someone new to the hobby to have a "hands on" flying experience with a big "safety net" of a trained instructor always working with them.

So, how can our members help with this? Even if you are not entirely comfortable working with a student pilot on a buddy box, you can still contribute to making their first flying experience a great one. Just showing up on training nights with your own airplane (or two or three) gives the students an opportunity to see the scope of the

hobby. Just seeing the wide variety of RC aircraft available might keep someone interested in the hobby.

Also, as time allows, be willing to fly your aircraft so the students can observe how different aircraft perform in the air. To be clear, our first priority on training night is to get our students as much "air time" as possible. However, there is always some opportunity between student flights to fly your own aircraft.

Importantly, always be willing to greet and speak with someone new to our airfield. This goes a very long way to making them feel welcomed. At the end of the evening always invite them to return again.

This year, our target training night will be on Monday evenings beginning on April 5. In the event of weather not conducive to training, we'll push back to Wednesday evening. I will try to give everyone as much advance notice as possible via email. So please be sure that we have your most current email on file.

Finally, I must give a huge THANK YOU to our newsletter editor-- Jerry "Field Boss". Not only does he give us timely reminders of upcoming newsletter deadlines, he also compiles our ramblings and proof reads all of our articles before going to press.

Looking forward to another great year at CSF!

Steve Harness



Pilot Jim's E-Flite air tractor awaiting takeoff clearance at CSF on a cold day in February. Jim's dedication to RC flying as well as his frequent flight postings on his growing YouTube channel (LoveRC) are very motivating for all of us!



Long time CSF member Bob Dombeck (see his article below) is nearing completion of his 80% Tiger Moth. This is Bob's second EAA build and this is another beauty! Bob has to finish up the air scoop for the engine intake and then its time for the FAA inspection.

Bob said he couldn't find servos big enough so figured he would just have to climb in and fly this one himself. Can't wait to see Bob flying over the field soon in this. And with more time after the years of building, we want to see him back at the field with one of his many RC planes! Oh, and here is another cool fact - not by accident, the Tiger Moth's FAA registration number is the same as Bob's AMA number! Great job Bob!!!!

EAA/AMA Young Eagles Program Update

(Note: Almost exactly a year ago, CSF announced their partnership with local EAA chapter 974 to support the Young Eagles program. Then Covid-19 happened. CSF and EAA member Bob Dombeck updates our members on recent progress in the following article)

On April 10, the first Young Eagles rally of the year will be taking place. I plan to use this opportunity to recruit 3-4 additional kids to participate in the build part of the program.

Assuming all goes well with parental support, I'll start the building sessions in May with plans of holding two building sessions a month.

The Young Eagles will be building a 70" Sig Kadet. We have purchased a build kit for this airplane that contains everything needed to build and fly this model airplane. When we have it finished, we will present it to the CSF instructors for inspection and then will set up training times to turn these builders into pilots.

I am really excited to be part of this and can't wait to see the results. I love RC and full scale building and flying equally. I can't imagine a cooler way to get kids interested and excited about aviation. I want to again thank Steve Harness and the CSF for agreeing to participate and support the Young Eagles program!

Bob Dombeck



CSF pilot's Jim and Mike flew at CSF all winter long! They outfitted their E-Flite Timbers with floats and with the snowfall now had the entire field for a runway! Pilot Mike reported that this enabled Pilot Jim to never make a single off-runway landing. Here is a photograph taken at CSF through the propeller on pilot Jim's Timber. Hats off to these intrepid RC pilots. They both showed "The Right Stuff" braving some really cold days to keep their flying skills honed.

Field Maintenance Update

Hello Pilots!

Wow, am I ever looking forward to flying again this year! I hope that each of you are as well and we really look forward to seeing each of you again this year.

This year, we will be continue to maintain our field at a high level. We are always interested in getting your feedback if there is something we can do to improve your flying experience at the club. Just email me or any club officer.

Over the next few weeks, we will be adding some new flight stands, new windsock and a club flag to our field. Our mowing plan for 2021 will remain the same as in past years. We do plan to seal coat the asphalt runway again this year. We will do this as soon as the field dries out and the contractor can access the field without damaging it to do this work. Exact timing of this work has not been established but I suspect it will be late May or early June before we complete this work. Meanwhile, the runway is still perfectly serviceable for your use.

Our leadership team really tries to keep any requests for member maintenance support to a bare minimum. Our goal is for our CSF members to spend their free time flying not doing field work. We only ask your help in a couple of areas:

- 1) If you find trash of any kind on the field, at the entrance or along the driveway, please take a minute and pick it up and dispose of it properly.
- 2) We can also always use your help in removing any large sticks or branches from the areas we mow. If you can take a few minutes to just pick them up and toss them in the woods or in the fire pit then this really helps protect the mowing equipment.

Looking for another fun year of flying!

Jerry "Field Boss" Biscopink



Fast and Easy Way to Add Nav Lights

Looking for a fast and "wireless" way to add navigational lights to your RC aircraft? Then *EasyLights* may be your answer. Several CSF members are using them on their larger airplanes. They are very bright and rechargeable. They can be attached with Velcro and used on multiple models. You can find out more about them on Amazon's website.

Safety Officer Update

Hello fellow CSF members!

First, let's deal with the big issue of maintaining personal safety at the field during the pandemic. This is actually very simple and not difficult to achieve. If you feel sick or have tested positive for Covid-19 then please stay at home. Put in some time on your flight simulator and come back to the field when you are well.

While at the field, if you want to wear a mask then this is fine. A lot of members do wear a mask even though it is easy to maintain social distance when flying. If you don't want to wear a mask then don't - totally your option.

Your best bet to be able to maintain social distancing is to stay out of the hangar area

by charging your batteries at home before you arrive.

We all forget at times so if someone approaches you too closely then let them know that you prefer to maintain a safe distance.

But know that you can still come out to CSF and fly safely.

From an FAA regulations standpoint, the rules are still evolving. Here is what you need to know today to be within AMA and FAA compliance:

- 1) Do not fly above 400'. This is the current FAA maximum altitude permitted for unmanned aircraft (which is the category covering RC aircraft).
- 2) Register with the FAA and make sure that your aircraft bears your the FAA number that you were issued on the outside of the aircraft. We can show you how to get the registration completed when you come to the field if you have any questions. It is really very easy!
- 3) Always maintain visual line of sight with your aircraft. Even when flying FPV you have to maintain your aircraft within line of sight.
- 4) Read and follow AMA rules. This is important because failure to do so could negate the liability insurance coverage that comes with your FAA membership.

Familiarize yourself with the rules posted at the field. If you have questions then just ask.

Have fun - stay safe!

Jim Carter
CSF Safety Officer



Pilot Mike joined the club of Pitts S-1S owners at CSF with his own beauty! We can have a real Pitts squadron fly this summer! This is a really great little airplane that we can highly recommend.



"Field Boss" joined the A-10 Squadron at CSF over the winter with the addition of this Thunderbolt!



Just as we "go to press," E-flite announced their latest offering. A perfectly scaled version of Mike Patey's highly customized Wilga - Draco. This is a beautiful airplane and the most highly scaled airplane ever offered by E-flite. Check it out at HorizonHobby.com.

Come to A Training Night & Learn More About The CSF

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about RC aircraft, then encourage them to come to training night. If you are new to the club and want to meet more members or just see some of the aircraft being flown this year then you are welcome. This is a great place to meet someone who may want to fly during weekday mornings or afternoons that you can join if these times better fit your schedule.

Just want more information? Click the link at the end of the newsletter and send any questions to the newsletter editor.

KEEP FLYING!!!

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

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