

THE SILENT FLYER

(Late) Summer 2024



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From the President's Desk

It is unfortunate I must inform you the passing of Tim Silver. Tim was a long-time member of the CSF – going back to the CSF's beginnings. He was a good R/C pilot and always provided his perspective on the hobby. He was willing to help others, and one of his most notable contributions was the gate at the entrance to our field off Springdale Road. He designed, constructed and installed this major improvement. He also donated his air fleet for sale, with proceeds going into our treasury. To Tim we wish many happy landings!

I also would like to congratulate Vince Auciello on his recent "solo" flight! He's had many flights since then, and always comes down "near" the runway. Many hours of happy flying!

If you see Mr. Jerry "Field Boss" Biscopink, be sure to give him a pat on the back! Because of his hard work, and dedication to the CSF he given us a fantastic place for to advance the hobby. We have a clear approach from the north and south, as well as plenty of airspace above.

AND... If you're planning a trip to the field, please try to give a day or two notice. Many (ok, me) come home from a flying sojourn, unload and crash- failing to plug in batteries for the next trip. Also, try to avoid flying solo! It is a safety issue and there's no one to admire your growing skills.

And finally, several of us were flying on Wednesday evening, August 14th. A few young people drove in and parked on the west side of the drive. We invited them to join us and learn about R/C, but they declined. As we began packing our gear up, they were told we would be locking the gate. They didn't seem phased and continued to hang out. After 15 minutes they did leave, we left and locked the gate. If you encounter unknown people at the field, be polite, as they may be potential members/ flyers. However, the Springfield Township Police have been informed of this incident and will support us. Their phone number is 513-729-1300. Please do not hesitate to contact them!

3D Printing and RC Flying

A few years ago I had no idea what 3D printing even meant. The concept of laying down thin layers of plastic to form a shape took a while to make sense. I started by building toys for my grandkids, making replacement parts for games, but eventually 3D printing planes was on my radar. I've 'printed' five planes so far. Results have been varied but each time I see advances in the plans and materials. One advantage is that once you have the plans you can print up as many copies as you want. The plans or 'files' are downloaded, 'sliced' into a language the printer can understand, then the parts are printed using plastic filament that looks like weed-eater string that is melted and dripped in thin layers on a metal plate by the printer. If your curious on what planes are available check out:

[3D Labprint](#)

[Eclipson](#)

[RC Groups 3D printed plane forum](#)

And if you want to try it out, let me know. I'd be willing to print a plane for you at the cost of the filament. Takes a while but you may get the bug!

COMBAT!

Several prospective aces answered the challenge for air-to-air combat on an early August Saturday morning. Ground crews were unable to get three of the six fighters sorted but a spirited session followed with neither the smooth-flying Mike or the aggressive Teddy able to take down "the" Ace.

Next combat session tentatively scheduled for September 21st. If you're looking for a good combat plane, FliteTest has a couple: the Bloody Wonder and the Bloody Baron. [Bloody Wonder](#). [Bloody Baron](#)



Baron von Gaensler's Baron

Builders Corner

By now you should know of Jerry Biscopink's affinity for Flite Test planes. Here's a further example of Jerry's genius with foamboard and hot glue: A DC-3/C-47!



[Flite Test C-47](#)

And my 3D print B17-G continues to make slow progress



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