



# The Plane Truth

-The Official Newsletter of the Circle City Flyers-

## CCF President's Message

*It's time to renew your memberships for 2023! Where else can you get a full year of enjoyment and good times for only \$75!!! Even if you are a member that hasn't been using the field as much lately due to your schedule or covid or your taking break from the hobby or whatever, please still consider keeping your membership current since our club relies exclusively on member dues to maintain the field. Since we were robbed in January, we need members to keep their dues current more than ever. Renew today & we'll see you at the field when you return!!*

★ Renew your CCF Membership here: [www.circlecityflyers.com/plans-pricing](http://www.circlecityflyers.com/plans-pricing)  
★ Renew your AMA here: [www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll](http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll)  
★ Renew your FAA here: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov> ★

*Hey Everyone, Summer is here! Please remember to stay hydrated when visiting the field. It's supposed to be a hot summer and dehydration can cause all kinds of problems. The biggest issues with dehydration are being fatigued, feeling dizzy and general confusion. If you haven't peed in a long time, you're dehydrated. If you are not feeling sharp and alert bad things can happen especially when piloting our planes through the sky. It's a safety risk to your plane, your body and the members around you if you aren't thinking clearly. For example, you make a mistake like forgetting your e-bird is plugged in and you "test" the throttle stick. PROP STRIKE! The safety of all our member is the top priority at CCF. Please remember this when at the field.*

*Deleo Field shade cover build photos! If you haven't seen them yet go to the CCF Group Facebook page and check them out. Back in 1998 the club members (some are still members) got together and built the awesome shade canopy at Deleo Field. Our dear friend Ethan was one of those members and he had some photos of the build on a CD-ROM (remember those?) that he shared with me. The disks are now in the club's archives but I wanted to share with everyone the memories from the build. Even the surrounding area looks different in the photos. The trees CCF planted to protect the power lines on the approach aren't even there yet. Enjoy!*

**CCF BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD AT DELEO FIELD on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11am. The next meeting is on Saturday, June 17th. Stay well and see you at the field!**

*"On final approach,  
- Rick"*



AMA Chapter 1862  
Est. 1990

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### 2023 Board of Directors

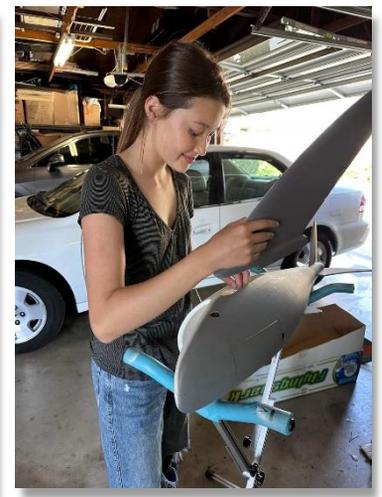
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**Travis Bonnar**
- Editor & Webmaster  
**Erich Ische**

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Saturday  
July 15th  
11:00 AM



# June's Gallery



Submit your photos to our FB Group or email:

[Admin@CircleCityFlyers.com](mailto:Admin@CircleCityFlyers.com)



# Bulletin Board & Calendar



Nearby RC Event:

## Santa Fe Dam RC Modelers Float Fly

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> 8a-1p

AMA Required

\$12 Park Fee + \$10 Pilot Fee Includes Lunch  
15501 Arrow Hwy, Irwindale, CA 91706



## CCF Prop Box!!



**Just a reminder:**

**Don't let a broken prop keep you down!**  
If you need a prop, take a prop.  
If you have any unneeded props at home,  
consider adding them to our box located in the  
lost & found by the porta potty.

### REMINDER

Fire Extinguishers required always!



Must be staged (out of your vehicle)  
and at the ready whenever flying.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<h1>July 2023</h1>				1
2	3	4 	5	6	7	8 <b>Float Fly @SFDRCM 8a-1p</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <b>Club Meeting 11AM @CCF</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# CCF Meeting Minutes

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6/17/23  
1110hrs

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Tucker at 11:10 am at Deleo Field..

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the March 18, 2023 meeting were read and approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** As reported by President Rick in the absence of Treasurer Don Ralston. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**EVENTS:** President Rick reported on our May Night Fly event.

**FRIA:** Our flying field FRIA permit is still in work by AMA/FAA..

**DONTATION:** President Rick reported that Kawasaki donate \$700 to Circle City Flyers for the use of our flying site for a week in May.

**FACILITIES:** Eric Kisner was thanked for weed clearing around the Deleo Field.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PARADE INVITE:** David Hench asked if the Club would be interested in participating in the city of Corona 4th of July Parade. The consensus was that it is too late for this year's parade, but maybe we would take it up for next year's parade

**MAINTENANCE:** Shade Cover roof repair was discussed, with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted, Ethan Marsh -Secretary

# July Birthdays



## Support our Local Hobby Shop!!

Circle City would like to thank **HobbyTown of Corona** for their continued support of our club! Make them your 1<sup>st</sup> RC Shopping Stop!



**United States Of America - 4th**



**Donald Hoppe - 6th**



**Andy Campos - 8th**



**Bruce Wu - 28th**



**Anthony Edert - 29th**



# Happy Birthday!

# Important Info

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE MANADORY AT THE FIELD**

Please bring a fire extinguisher when you fly. *Make sure that the extinguisher is charged and at the ready!*

***THIS MEANS OUT OF YOUR CAR AND IN THE PITS!***

## **WEAR YOUR CLUB BADGES AT THE FIELD**

It helps us to both ensure our membership and allows us easier recognition and introduction of our newest members.

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES, APPLICATION FORM, AMA TRUST AND FAA REGRISTRATION NEEDED**

Your 2023 Club Membership Dues must be paid to maintain your flying privileges with CCF. Payments are most easily made thru our updated site at [www.CircleCityFlyers.com](http://www.CircleCityFlyers.com).

Alternately payment can be made directly to the Ethan Marsh, Club Secretary, or send a check (not cash) to CIRCLE CITY FLYERS, P.O. BOX 78732, CORONA, CA 92877. Complete application required including your AMA and FAA Registration Numbers. Once paid and information is vetted you will receive the new gate lock combination for 2023.

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

Our club meetings are currently held at the field the 3rd Saturday of the month. Meeting time is 11AM and it usually lasts approximately for 1 hour. There is no flying permitted during the club meetings. If you have any ideas, issues or concerns; please join us at the meeting and give them a voice.

## **NO INITIATION FEE FOR 2023**

Our club approved to drop the \$60 Club Initiation Fee for 2023. This makes joining the club a great deal for new members. The initiation fee for 2023 was waived per a motion at our September meeting.



Support our LHS:

HobbyTown USA  
340 N. McKinley  
St. Suite 107  
Corona, CA 92879  
951/272-4020



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## HELPFUL FIELD AND CLUB HINTS WHILE AT THE FIELD

At CCF safety is our #1 priority, followed closely by having fun...  
...and we all know it's no fun when someone gets hurt.

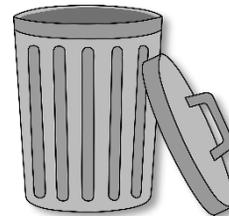
- Obey all AMA and Club Guidelines.
- Be mindful of your fellow members.
- Call out your intentions when flying with others.
- If someone is unintentionally endangering themselves, mentor.
- If you need flight with no air traffic, just ask for it.
- If you need help with anything, just ask.

*CCF is focused on low stress fun and friendly mentorship,  
Take advantage!*



Our field is in an area populated by wildlife including snakes. Please be aware of this danger and act accordingly when walking in the brush.

Please pickup your trash before leaving the field and dispose of it in trash containers or if needed take it home with you



Fly with a buddy!  
Having an extra set of hands and eyes can always be helpful.  
Plus, someone will be there to confirm that awesome trick you just did, really happened..

# About Circle City

## Deleo Field

Is home to the Circle City Flyers. Nestled against the foothills just off the 15 freeway in secluded Temescal Canyon featuring a paved 500 x 50 foot runway. Running southeast to northwest our club site also features a 200 foot covered awning as well as waste facilities.



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Circle City Flyers is a group of people who love RC flying. Normal folks, who find the utmost joy in creating and flying wonderful machines that inspire, awe and put just a bit of color in the sky.

CCF is a non-profit, AMA affiliated flying club and we have one of the best flying facilities in Southern California. We are located just south of Corona, California, just a few minutes from the 15 Freeway.

The club is well established (AMA Charter est. 1990) and member's interests encompass the entirety of aviation. We fly gas, electric, glow, & electrics; Scale, 3D, and FPV; Profiles, combat wings, multi-rotors, helicopters and even a couple turbines.

We have RC pilots who have flown for 40+ years, and beginners who are just learning the joys of flight.

Got a question? Just learning? Curious? Come on down!

You can find folks flying most days, with the weekend mornings being the most popular. Mornings are calm with winds generally increasing throughout the day.



# Meet A Member

## Virgil Vitale Wilkins, 62

Director of Engineering - Western Digital  
Husband of 32 years, Father of 3

### How and when did you get started in RC Aviation?

"I started building balsa wood gliders while in 6th grade. Does anyone remember the Wanderer and Windfree by Marks Models?

High-Start launches at Loma Vista Elementary school yard and slope soaring at the local hills was my main focus. My dad (Virgil Sr.) built our first 2ch radio from Heathkit. During the 70's my father ran a machine shop - a portion of that business was focused on 1/8 scale RC race cars.

Almost every weekend I would join my father at the race track testing out his latest ideas. Our favorite track was in the parking lot of Briggs Cunningham automotive museum in Costa Mesa. They allowed the club to paint a permanent course on the lot. Sadly, Briggs sold his automobile collection and closed the museum in 1987. As a kid I met the founder of Associated Electric when they manufactured gas RC 1/8" scale race cars."

### What types of RC Flying do you do?

"Mostly fixed wing. About every 5 years or so I dive into helicopters - crash them - and go back to fixed wing .... My son Virgil-Jordan learned how to fly Heli's on my Hirobo Shuttle ZX at the CCF field- after that - there was no stopping him ... "

### What is your current "Go to"/Favorite RC aircraft?

"I go through phases like many modelers. This year it's been motor-gliders and battle wings. Basically I enjoy them all and really appreciate the breadth of aircraft we have at CCF."

### What brings/brought you to CCF?

"Initially it was location...but quickly became the wonderful club members. CCF has a rich and long history of inclusiveness, camaraderie and support. The CCF culture is truly one of a kind. Through the years Virgil-Jordan and I have had numerous "Mentors" including Ethan Marsh, Ed Harkley and Scott Lee just to name a few. "

### What else can we find you doing outside of CCF?

"Other hobbies include off-roading (easy trails - nothing too crazy - but there have been times), muscle cars and some of you may have seen my little truck (check out the instagram link below). "

### Anything else you'd like to tell or share with our members?

"Thank You for always being supportive." ~Virgil Wilkins

Check out Jared's Social Media  
Accounts below!

Facebook: @Virgil Wilkins  
Instagram: @thor\_m923a2

If you wish to be featured or  
to nominate another member,  
please reach out to:

[Admin@CircleCityFlyers.com](mailto:Admin@CircleCityFlyers.com)

