

# FLIGHTLINE

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One of the best parts of our club is the people who make it such a great place to fly. In each issue of the *Flightline Newsletter*, we'll introduce you to one of our members and share their story. From how they got started in RC flying to their favorite aircraft, memorable experiences, and advice for fellow pilots, these profiles help us get to know one another a little better. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the hobby, we hope you'll enjoy learning about the pilots who make our club such a great community.





## President's Pit



**Everyone Crashes... It's Part of the Hobby!**

**If You Haven't Crashed Yet...**

Let's be honest—if you haven't crashed an RC airplane yet, you're either brand new... or you're not flying enough! Every pilot has planted one in the dirt, found a tree that "jumped out," or discovered that the ground has an amazing ability to rise up and meet an airplane. Around here, we don't judge crashes—we compare stories! Some of the best laughs at the flying field start with the words, "Watch this..." followed shortly by, "Well... that didn't go as planned." The good news is that foam, CA glue, and packing tape have saved more airplanes than we can count. So don't let a crash get you down. Pick up the pieces, learn something new, accept a little good-natured ribbing from your buddies, and get that airplane back in the air. After all, a repaired airplane has character—and every scratch tells a story!





Labor Day



Labor Day

Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Hi Everyone,

We have some hot dogs left over from our Corn Roast, so we figured—why let them go to waste when we can fire up the grill!

Come on out to the flying field on Monday, September 7th at noon for a Hot Dog BBQ. Bring your planes, bring your appetite, and enjoy some flying, food, and good company.

Hope to see you at the field!





## 2026 Corn Roast

### Corn Roast Recap

This year's Corn Roast may have come with a little more rain than we ordered, but that didn't stop us from having a great time! The weather was a little soggy, but the food was delicious, the company was great, and there were plenty of laughs to go around. A big thank-you to everyone who came out and especially to those who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up. Rain or shine, good food and good friends always make for a great day at the flying field!

### Congratulations to Our RC Raffle Winner!

A big congratulations to our lucky RC raffle winner Mark Kriewall at this year's Corn Roast! We hope you enjoy your prize and get plenty of great flights out of it. Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle and helped make the Corn Roast another fun club event.

Happy flying, and congratulations again!







## Quick Safety Tip



### Check Your Control Surfaces Before Every Flight

Before takeoff, move your sticks and physically watch the airplane:

Aileron right → right aileron goes UP

Elevator up → elevator goes UP

Rudder right → rudder goes RIGHT

It only takes 10 seconds, and it can save an airplane. A reversed control has ruined many pilots' day!



## Meet Jerry Petz

Jerry was born in Detroit and spent 40 years driving trucks for Chrysler before retiring 19 years ago. Long before RC airplanes entered the picture, Jerry also served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years, from 1958 to 1962.

## How It All Started

Jerry's journey into RC aviation began about 12 years ago, after he decided it was time to give up riding motorcycles. That's when fellow club member Rich Meeker introduced him to the RC flying hobby.

Rich not only got Jerry interested in RC aviation but also taught him how to fly. Apparently, Jerry traded two wheels for two wings—and hasn't looked back!

His first RC aircraft included a Corsair, T-28, and Cessna 182, giving him a pretty good variety of airplanes to learn on.

When it comes to aircraft, Jerry has a definite favorite: warbirds. There's just something about the look, sound, and history of military aircraft that makes them hard to beat.

Jerry prefers electric-powered models and, when it comes to building, he's a fan of PNP (Plug-N-Play) and RTF (Ready-to-Fly) airplanes. Why spend months building when you could be at the field flying?

## Favorite Workshop Tool?

Ask Jerry about his favorite tool or workshop gadget and he doesn't pick just one.

"The whole toolbox!"

That's probably a good answer for any RC pilot. After all, sooner or later, we're going to need every tool in there!

After 12 years of RC flying and 11 years with the club, Jerry continues to enjoy the hobby, the airplanes, and—most importantly—the friendships that come along with being part of the RC flying community.

Thanks, Jerry, for letting us get to know you a little better—and we'll see you at the field!







## Classifieds



Email me if you have something to sell



## Coming Next Month — October Issue!

Be sure to watch for the October issue of the Flightline Newsletter! We'll have more club news, flying tips, member stories, upcoming events, photos, projects, and plenty of RC fun. Keep flying, keep building, and we'll see you next month!

