

# FLIGHTLINE

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Since this month is Halloween, I thought I'd have a little fun with the newsletter. You'll find a few spooky surprises, some Halloween humor, and of course plenty of RC flying mixed in. So, grab your transmitter, watch out for low-flying witches and vampires, and enjoy this month's Halloween Edition of the Flightline Newsletter!





## President's Pit

Well, it looks like fall is on its way, and our daylight is getting shorter by the day. Hopefully, we still have plenty of great flying weather ahead of us before winter arrives.

But no matter how many flying days we have left, it's the great people in this club, the friendships, the laughs, and the time spent together at the field that make this hobby so much fun.





## Quick Safety Tip

### ⚠ RC BROOM SAFETY WARNING ⚠ 🗑

Before flying your RC broom, always perform a proper preflight inspection. Check the bristles, tighten the broomstick, verify your controls, and make sure your flight battery is securely attached. Never use a rubber band from 1692.

Keep your broom away from trees, power lines, spectators, vampires, and witches texting while flying.

Remember: Brooms do NOT have landing gear. Attempting a traditional runway landing may result in splinters, road rashes, and a very embarrassing walk back to the pits.

If your broom suddenly becomes uncontrollable, DO NOT PANIC! Reduce throttle, yell "ABRACADABRA!" and hope nobody is recording.

And most importantly...

**NEVER FLY AFTER DRINKING TOO MUCH WITCH'S BREW!**

**FLY SAFE — CRASHING A BROOM CAN REALLY BE A WITCH!**





## BAT Check



### How to Charge Your BAT Before Flight

Before heading to the field, make sure your BAT is fully charged. Connect your BAT to the charger, select the proper cell count, and always use the correct charge rate.

Never leave your BAT unattended while charging. A properly charged BAT means longer flights, better performance, and fewer unexpected landings.

And remember: if your Bat is puffy, you could start a fire!!!





## Radio Check

### CHECK YOUR RADIO BATTERY!

Before every flight, check your transmitter battery.

Because nothing improves your flying skills quite like hearing your radio BEEP... BEEP... LOW BATTERY while your \$800 airplane is headed toward the next county.

Your airplane battery gets all the attention, but your radio battery is the one holding the whole operation together.

Remember: A fully charged airplane with a dead transmitter is just a very expensive lawn dart with wings.

Charge the radio. Check it twice. Then go fly!





## Pilot Profile



### COUNT DRACULA — RC NIGHT-FLYING LEGEND

Count Dracula has been flying RC airplanes for over 400 years, although according to the FAA, most of those flights were technically after sunset.

Dracula got into RC flying after realizing that turning into a bat every time he wanted to go flying was getting exhausting. Now he just grabs his transmitter, throws a bat in the hearse, and heads to the field.

His favorite airplane is a high-speed RC wing. He says they're fast, maneuverable, and—most importantly—fit nicely in a coffin.

Dracula refuses to fly during the day. Club members originally thought he was just serious about night flying. Turns out bursting into flames at the flight line is considered poor field etiquette.



## Night Flight

We've been trying to get a Night Flight organized, but so far, the bugs have had other plans! Every time the sun goes down, the mosquitoes seem to think we scheduled the event for them.

Hopefully, as the weather cools down and the bugs finally pack it in for the season, we can get everyone together for a fun night of flying. So, keep those airplanes ready, charge up the batteries, and don't put away the bug spray just yet!





## Did You Know?

**RC HISTORY — 1937: Walter and William Good successfully flew the *Big Guff*, one of the first successful radio-controlled airplanes. No 2.4 GHz, no telemetry, no SAFE, no stabilization—and definitely no “Return to Home.” You flew it home yourself... or you went looking for it. 😊**





## Coming next Month

### Coming Next Month – Wrapping Up the Flying Season

As another flying season begins to wind down, next month we'll look back at some of the great flights, fun events, memorable moments, and maybe a few "unexpected landings" from this year. We'll also talk about getting our aircraft ready for winter, field cleanup, and what we can look forward to when flying season returns. The days may be getting shorter, but there's still time to squeeze in a few more flights before winter puts us in the hangar!





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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