

BERGEN COUNTY SILENT FLYERS

Bergen County Silent Flyers (BCSF) is an association of model aviation enthusiasts who fly radio controlled **NON-POWERED** and **ELECTRIC POWERED** airplanes and who share in the fellowship and technology associated with this activity.

The association is chartered by the **Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)**, Charter #2768, which promotes model aviation nationally, creates safety standards for operating model airplanes, and affords liability insurance protection to individual members and clubs.

A Board of Officers/Directors, who are all volunteers, guides our association. This group consists of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, and Field Marshall.

BCSF has been granted a permit by the **Bergen County Department of Parks and Recreation** to use a portion of the Saddle River County Park System for a flying field. The site is called the **Dunkerhook Area** and is located at the end of Williams Street in Fair Lawn.

Because of **INSURANCE** and **PARKS DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS**, this field can only be used to fly NON-POWERED OR ELECTRIC POWERED airplanes and **ONLY CURRENT MEMBERS of BCSF are permitted to pilot aircraft.**

BCSF does not sponsor model aircraft flight contests. However, members do meet regularly at the field to fly, swap information, compare projects, and to generally enjoy the company of fellow hobbyists.

Membership in BCSF is open to all Bergen County residents, with the following restrictions:

- Any person under the age of 18 is considered a Junior member.
- Any person under the age of 14 is considered a Minor.
- Minors, when flying, must always be accompanied by a responsible adult, preferably a parent or other relative/guardian.
- Persons under the age of 10 are not eligible for membership.

Here is how you can become a member of BCSF:

- First, become a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics or prove current membership (**a photo copy of your AMA membership card is sufficient proof**).
- Second, submit a BCSF membership application (annual dues **\$15**).

When you are granted membership, you will be issued a pilot permit. But before you can fly without assistance, you must demonstrate your ability to safely pilot an aircraft. A flight test will be arranged in which you must perform an unassisted take-off, circle the field, do a figure eight and land within a designated area. Until you can satisfy this requirement, you will be considered a Student Pilot. **Students may only fly when being assisted by a qualified instructor.** BCSF will try to provide a qualified instructor for each student pilot.

Our web site can be accessed at <http://www.geocities.com/silentflyers>