

The Flying Times

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June Meeting Discussion

Final Plans for Jumbo

Aviation quote of the month

Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect.

Technical Notes

Tip of the Month:=====

Take the time to read Dave Browns "President's Perspective" in the June issue of Model Aviation on page 5. It's a good read.

Buy, Sell or Trade: =====

For Sale: Funtana .40, new in box, and OS .70 4 stroke. Both for \$275.00.

Contact Charlie Munneke 886-0763

For Sale: Midwest Extra 300S, 27%. Includes 1.8 Moki glow engine, prop & spinner, new large capacity battery, all servos. 80" wingspan. Complete less receiver. \$300.00

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Food for Thought=====

Well, hopefully by the time you read this, the weather will have made vast improvements. Sure can't say much for the May weather being very conducive to good flying. In any event, we should have more good flying weather in front of us for awhile. Also, the Jumbo Fly In will be the big June event for Valley RC Flying Club. I was just doing some reading in the June issue of Model Aviation. On page 144, is listed the

["Official Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code"](#).

While I consider myself reasonably familiar with the rules presented there, I also saw some changes that have been made since I last saw them. Some things have been added, or been added to. While I do not intend to reproduce the entire page here, it would be a good idea for every club member to read at least the "General" and "Radio Control" sections of said safety code. It would definitely be a good idea for new members to become familiar with the rules, and wouldn't hurt for the old-timers to get re-aquainted with them to see what has changed. As it says at the top of the page, the rules became effective January 1, 2005. It would also be worthy to note that the insurance that is provided by AMA is valid ONLY if the rules are being followed. Take a look at page 144-it might be worth it!

A couple of us were talking at the field today about the field rules, and who knows them and who doesn't. We agreed that starting to put them in the newsletter might be a good reminder for both old members and the new members who may not have gotten a copy of them or not know about them.

Valley RC Flying Club Field and Flying Rules

These rules were prepared primarily for glow and gas fueled fixed wing aircraft. The Valley RC Flying Club recognizes other pursuits in flying RC such as helicopter, gliders, park flyers, electrics, and more. In an effort to accommodate those interests, the Valley RC Flying Club Board of Directors will consider any modification to these rules to accommodate other special interest groups. However, any rule modification must maintain safety, and may not interfere with the majority of the club members.

1. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall not be allowed at the fields or any club sponsored activities.
2. All model pilots **MUST** be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
3. All members and non-members shall comply with the Official Safety Code as set forth by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, under GENERAL and RADIO CONTROL sections of said code, as well as any and all Safety Rules approved by the Board of Directors of Valley RC Flying Club.
4. There shall be no engine running or flying at any Valley RC Flying Club field before 12:30p.m. on **ANY** Sunday, with the exception of special events.
5. When adequate supervision is provided within the impound area, all transmitters shall be placed in the impound area with the antenna collapsed and the transmitter turned **OFF**.
6. A frequency pin shall be attached to all transmitters, or in the possession of the pilot, before any transmitter can be turned **ON**.
7. A frequency pin may be taken (when available) from the frequency control board when the pilots **AMA CARD** or **Valley RC** membership card is placed in the appropriate holder.
8. Possession of the frequency pin shall be limited to **15 minutes** if others have notified you they are waiting to fly on the same frequency.
9. Always perform a pre-flight inspection of your aircraft before the first flight of each flying session. Make sure to test all transmitter, receiver, and accessory batteries and perform a transmitter to receiver range check.
10. When engines are started in the pit area, keep bystanders out of the propeller arc and point the engines toward the safety barrier.
11. A landing aircraft has the right-of-way over an aircraft taking off.
12. A "dead stick" aircraft has the right-of-way over all others.

13. When an engine goes dead in flight, shout "DEAD STICK" loudly several times to warn others of the impending landing. And, if a flyer experiences any "I ain't got it", shout a loud warning as often as practical. Several situations can cause a loss of control, sometimes only momentarily, such as radio glitch, pilot disorientation, radio failure, control surfaces separating from the aircraft, etc.
14. Before taxiing onto the runway, all pilots must announce their intentions to any and all other flyers and be sure they acknowledge your intentions. Likewise, all pilots must announce their intentions to land to all other flyers on the flight line.
15. Any member or non-member who causes damage to another's aircraft or equipment through misuse, negligence or otherwise, shall be liable for all damages and/or repairs.
16. No person shall attempt to fly a model without being accompanied by an instructor unless they have achieved the minimum flight proficiency level. (earned their solo certificate or wings)
17. An effective muffler or silencer is required on all aircraft with a .15 engine or larger.
18. Pilots participating in "dogfights" and other such activities are responsible for safe flying and the ultimate fate of his/her own aircraft.
19. Extended running of engines for break-in purposes in the pit area is not allowed.
20. The flying field and immediate surroundings shall be kept clean of all foreign matter.
21. There shall be an understanding between club members that Saturday morning, until 1 p.m., the beginners and those instructing beginners, shall have flying priority.
22. Any pilot preparing to fly any new or previously unflown aircraft shall have the right to request a "**clear sky**" for the first flight for the purpose of getting the aircraft in trim, and to allow others present to be vigilant in the event of a malfunction. During this check flight, there will be no other aircraft flown or engines started.
23. During periods when multiple aircraft are flying, it is recommended that pilots employ the aid of a spotter to reduce the possibility of a mid-air collision, and/or other hazards.
24. Intentionally flying over or behind the flight line and pit area is not permitted at any time. The ZERO FLY LINE is an area defined by an imaginary line running parallel with the pit side of the runway and extending in each direction to infinity. Any person or persons who repeatedly violate this policy may, at the discretion of the Safety Officer, be assessed a fine, not to exceed five (5) dollars per incident.
25. Small children must be closely supervised by their parents and not be allowed to roam free. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times anywhere on the flying site.
26. Habitual offenders of **any** of these rules shall be subject to action taken by the Board of Directors.

Top Ten List =====

The top ten reasons you might want to take a serious look at your flying habits.

You might want to take a look at your flying habits if.....

#10--when you announce "taking off", everyone else flying announces, "Landing!"

#9--when you announce "Landing", everyone else takes cover!

#8--a lot of members keep asking you, "How long did you say you've been flying?"

#7--you find you have the sky (and the flight line) to yourself!

#6--no one turns their back on you while you're flying.

#5--when you crash, and don't hit anybody or anything but the earth, instead of "awwwwww," you hear a collective sigh of relief from the onlookers!

#4--no one offers to loan you a prop when you break the only one you have! (also applies to fuel, glow plug, glow driver, etc. !!!)

#3--you see the Safety Officer taking **a lot** of notes!

#2--you hear people keep talking about your "flying outside the "envelope"".

and the #1 reason you might want to take a look at your flying habits.....

.....you get the award for supplying the most kindling wood for the annual club bon fire!!

Mowing Reminder =====

June 11--Dan Barrick/John Myers

June 18--Randy Ryman/Wes Ryman

June 25--Brian Kenny/Doug Alder

July 2--Cory Shifflett/Pete Shifflett

July 9--Winston Weaver Jr./Matt Hall

Ray Gordon Jumbo Fly in-June 17,18,19

Don't forget about the upcoming fly in at the Village Inn Field. Tell your friends to come out to the event. There will be several raffles going on for everyone, members and spectators alike to participate in. We can also use some help running these events also. Concessions will be available on site as usual.

Meeting Notice =====

June Club Meeting

The June meeting of the Valley RC Flying Club will be held at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 7:30pm. This will be our final meeting before the Ray Gordon Memorial Jumbo Fly in. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and help finalize the plans for this fun event.



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