

Safety

Just as a reminder or refresher, the club's flying site regulations are listed below.

Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

FLYING SITE REGULATIONS

1. You must be, a member in good standing, or a member's invited guest, to operate a radio controlled model of any kind at this flying site.
2. No one, member nor guest, shall operate a radio controlled model on the CVA flying site unless they are a **Current AMA Insured Member**.
3. The **AMA Safety Code** and **CVA Site Regulations** shall apply at all times.
4. **NO Alcoholic Beverages**, or controlled substances of any kind, are permitted on the site, or on the Tomahund Plantation.
5. Pilots shall range check their aircraft before the first flight of the day.
6. Pilots, or Observers, must signal verbally, when attempting to land, or when it becomes necessary to venture on, or across the runway to retrieve an aircraft.
7. No more than 4 aircraft shall be in the air at any one time.
8. Only pilots or pit crew members shall be permitted on the runway side of the **Safety Fence** while aircraft operations are on-going.
9. **AVOID** flying over the pits, parking areas, or roadways.
10. Flying directly towards the runway, pits, or spectator area, is prohibited.
11. **DO NOT** sit, stand, or kneel, in the **PROP ARC** of any aircraft while the engine is running above idle.
12. All Members are required to wear their **Club Membership Badge** while on the site.
13. Failure to obey **Club Rules**, and/or **AMA Safety Rules** may result in the loss of flying privileges, and/or loss of club membership.

Website of the Month

This month's website was submitted by Bob Marsh and its called **RCWARBIRDS.COM**. At this website you will find information on building, setting up and flying RC warbirds and multi engined warbirds. Here is the link:

<http://www.rcwarbirds.com/Techniques/Techniques.htm>

Do you have a favorite website? If so, let me know and I will put it in the newsletter. Favorite online store, how to build, how to fly, etc- send me the link! My email address:

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More on Safety

Under the Safety section of this month's Pilot Talk, the official CVA Flying Site Regulations were listed. Be sure to take a look at "Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code". The latest version can be found on the AMA website. I encourage you to take a moment to re-familiarize yourself with these rules so we all can continue to enjoy our hobby in a safe fashion.

I thought this would be a good opportunity for me to share other safety tips that I have picked up over the last few years.

1. Painting of propeller tips: Have you ever notice that you cannot see the propeller with the engine running? Painting the outer 1 inch or so of the propeller tips with a light color such as white or yellow remedies this.
2. Pick up your transmitter with your left hand so that your thumb blocks the throttle gimbal in the idle position. This prevents the throttle gimbal from accidentally being moved off of idle. Continue to hold the transmitter in this manner until you are ready to taxi out to the runway.
3. Ensure the plane is secured before starting the engine. Use the ropes on the iron fence, the wood starting benches, or chocks fastened to the ground to secure the plane before starting the engine.
4. Keep loose clothing, jewelry, lanyards, neck straps, eyeglasses worn around your neck, etc away from those spinning propellers!

5. Ensure your plane is in good mechanical condition. Check all screws, bolts and nuts for tightness. Ensure that all wood and wood joints are structurally sound. Check for loose wire connections.
6. Ensure all control surfaces are working properly. Run through all stick movements to verify correct control surface response.
7. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. Communicate your intentions with your fellow pilots.
8. Ensure your batteries are fully charged and are in good condition. Test them frequently to ensure that they are holding their charge.
9. The tips listed above are potentially flesh saving and easy to do. Unfortunately, accidents can still happen. If needed, there is a first aid kit located in our shelter. Take a moment to find its exact location and to familiarize yourself with its contents.

See you at the field.

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