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The Inside Loop



Safety is our most important Product!

The Field Rules were revised and approved by the Board March 24th, 2006.
The rules are posted on the bulletin board and the website –Rules & Info.

Hi everyone,

I am writing you all today to discuss a few important issues related to our flying field's continued operation and overall club safety. There are many rumors flying around about losing our field and such. While the possibility exists for any club to lose any field at any time, be assured we are taking steps to keep the field we have in operation. Your actions at the field are an important part of these steps.

We fly at a field that is on property owned by the Flint family. This partnership between the club and the property owners has allowed us to have a great airfield in a location that is very convenient. A field this close to a major population center is uncommon and we are lucky to have the privilege to fly here. With this privilege comes some responsibility. The responsibility is to operate our club in a way that meets our needs as members and also meets the needs of the property owners.

Our club has changed considerably over the past two to three years. We are flying much bigger aircraft in

many different ways than ever before. These changes have not gone unnoticed by the owners of the property the field is located on. It used to be (and still is) that the big issues were;

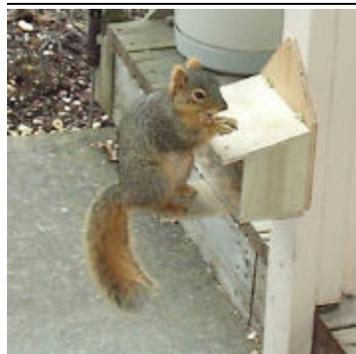
- Driving too fast down the driveway.
- Leaving cigarette butts at the field.
- Flying too close to the house and west past the driveway.

We have made big strides in managing these issues and this effort by all of you has been noticed. We need to apply ourselves again to resolving the biggest issue the property owners have and that is of noise.

With larger aircraft have come larger and noisier engines. With the change in flying style to include slower, lower altitude, 3D type maneuvers also comes more noise. When you put the two together you have an increase in noise that is too loud for the field we have. We must reduce the noise we make at the field. To this end we are making the following changes.

**The next meeting is:
Monday, April 17th**

General Meeting 7:00 pm



Hey guys, have I got it made. This place I hang out installed a peanut feeder. All I have to do is hop up on the seat, lift the cover with my nose and grab a nut. The Scrub Jays can't figure it out. See YaSq Earl

Club Jackets Anyone?

1. 30% and smaller semi scale aerobatic airplanes, 60cc maximum engine size. Because of the noise production these airplanes can make when performing certain maneuvers it is necessary to limit the size.
2. 35% and smaller World War II scale airplanes, 60cc maximum combined engine size.
3. World War I scale airplanes will not have a size percentage restriction provided they can fly within the flight boundary and not exceed the 60cc maximum combined engine size.
4. Civilian scale airplanes will not have a size percentage restriction provided they can fly within the flight boundary and not exceed the 60cc maximum combined engine size.
5. 3D hi-alpha low level maneuvers (Hovering, Harrier and Rolling Harrier Circles) will be done only to the east end of the runway beyond the deadline. This will keep the hi-alpha noise as far from the house as possible.

We will be performing noise tests over the next few weeks/months. Everyone should look at the noise their planes make and how to reduce it.

If you have a 25% or larger plane and like to perform 3-d maneuvers it is strongly urged you look at some of the excellent mufflers / silencers that are available that can significantly reduce the db levels of those engines.

If we are proactive in dealing with this issue we can reduce the amount of impact to the club and ultimately increase our enjoyment of this great activity.

I look forward to seeing you all at the field!

Tedd Traynor, President
Fly-A-Ways RC Club, Charter 532

Field Rules

[Http://www.flyaways.org/documents/fieldrules.pdf](http://www.flyaways.org/documents/fieldrules.pdf)

For those of you who do not have internet access the rules are posted on the bulletin board.

This is more of a survey than an article, so here I go. My question is, "Is anyone interested in having a Fly-A-Ways club jacket?" This question is generic, and "jacket" can be translated to mean a jacket, hat, polo, denim shirt, and on and on. We have a great looking club emblem and I think it would look fantastic on a jacket, hat, shirt, and on and on. I've done some preliminary pricing and it's very possible to get a good medium weight nylon jacket with fleece lining for approximately \$35 with the club logo embroidered on the front and approx \$40 for the jacket with both the embroidered club logo and member's name. A twill hat with embroidered emblem would be in the \$8 to \$10 range. Polo's would probably be around \$20-\$25 with the emblem and I don't have any info for denim shirts.

If anyone is interested please give me a call or send an e-mail. I'd like to know what you are interested in.....a jacket, hat, shirt, etc. If you call and you get my message phone just leave a message with your name and interest. Depending on level of interest I'll get solid pricing and we can go from there. There is a one time \$50 initial set up fee for embroidery that we could cover by distributing the cost among the members who want to order something, or we could solicit the board to see if the club could cover the set-up costs.....all to be determined only if there's adequate interest. Also would like input for your preferred color.

Let me know.....

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This is an actual newspaper story, I have edited it slightly to shorten it up, the content and facts have not been edited. See the Ann Arbor News on line.

MAN SENTENCED FOR SHOOTING TOY AIRPLANE Chelsea, MI, AP March 24 2006.

Chelsea MI, A man has been sentenced to 6 months probation for shooting at his neighbors radio controlled airplanes with a shot gun.

David Nuttle of Washtenaw County's Webster Township, pleaded guilty to one count of malicious destruction of property worth less than \$200.00, a misdemeanor.

Judge Conlin of District Court in Chelsea sentenced him Thursday to 6 months probation and 50 hours of community service. Conlin also gave him a 20 day suspended jail sentence, deferred as long as Nuttle complies with the conditions of his probation, which includes no alcohol or drugs and no contact with the planes' owner.

Nuttle must also pay \$154 restitution and \$550 in fines and court fees.

Nuttle used a .410 shotgun to shoot at the planes. He said his shots hit only one plane, causing two minor holes in it. The plane he is paying for crashed when the child who was operating it lost control of it after being frightened by the shots, Nuttle said.

Nuttle told the judge he regretted his actions.

"I felt I was defending my family and my property from these airplanes, and I called the police several times."

Nuttle told the Ann Arbor News after the hearing that the planes have been a nuisance to his family, caring his children, spooking his chickens and causing his goats to faint from exhaustion.

There were no winners in this case and unfortunately this won't reach a lot of "Outlaw" flyers, but if you know any, tell them this story. Remember the actions of a few reflect on us all.

We can't afford bad publicity, because the public at large doesn't know the difference between "good" R/Cers and the "other" kind.

You may think this is an isolated case, but I personally know first hand of two other instances of disgruntled neighbors, and firearms.

Cliff Pemberton

Tony Thomasian's 40% Extra 330



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