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Club Reminders

Monthly Meeting:

- The May, 2015 meeting will move to the flying field. Time remains at 7:30 pm.

Flight Times:

- SUNDAY - 12:00 Noon until dark.
- OTHER DAYS - 10:00 A.M. until dark
- For quiet electric park flyers or unpowered aircraft only: Permitted Flying Hours - 8:00 A.M. until dark, seven days a week.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and CPR

As presented in an email to all members on April 27, 2015, the purchase of an AED unit is being considered for use at the flying field. Before purchasing, we'd like to know if any of you are AED-CPR certified. If so, please call President Walt Greene at 412-795-1320 to let him know.

To date, one person has responded as being certified for its use. Are there any other members currently certified?

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May's Monthly Meeting

REMEMBER, this month's meeting location is changing to the flying field for the warmer months. Please attend the meeting and bring something to fly. Folks tend to gather a few hours before the 7:30 pm start time to take advantage of the flying!

As a reminder, the field location and flying rules are presented on the following pages.

Next Monthly Meeting

When: **May 14, 2015 @ 7:30 pm**

Where: **Flying Field, 1st time this year!**

*** Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month ***

Location of Downes Field:

Our flying field is a full-scale private airport, where we're allowed to fly our planes with permission of Dennis Downes, the owner.

In our Flying Rules, you will find some special protocols needed to ensure your safety and most importantly, the safety of any full-scale aircraft which might be using the field or making a low pass over the field.

Parking is in the area just inside the gate. Ridge Road runs SSW to NNE roughly parallel to the grass runway. Model flying may be taking place from either side of the runway, depending on time of day. **Driving across the runway is prohibited.**

Should the pilots and flight stations be located across the runway (west side), it is important to wait until waved across. These model aircraft may be flying low at speeds ranging from 25 mph to over 100 mph. The pilots will be concentrating on the planes, and most likely will not see you. Crossing without permission leads to the possibility of being hit by a low-flying plane and must be avoided.

Below is a view of the gate off Ridge Road facing west along with the geographic coordinates.

Click on the photo below for a map showing road access to the site. The map is displayed in an Adobe Acrobat (PDF) file, which can be easily printed on 8.5 x 11 paper.



MARCS FLYING FIELD RULES:

**DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ON THE RUNWAY IS FORBIDDEN.
VIOLATORS SHALL HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIPS PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED.**

FLYING FIELD BOUNDARIES

- No flying East of Ridge Road
- No flying west of tree line (Visible as you look over the hill West of runway) except beyond the North end of the runway.
- No flying over Route 286.
- No flying behind the West flight line on Sunday except beyond the North end of the runway.

FLIGHT LINE USE

- SUNDAY - West flight line all day.
- OTHER DAYS - Flight line least affected by sun location
- West flight line after 4:00 P.M.

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- OTHER DAYS - 10:00 A.M. until dark.
- FOR QUIET ELECTRIC PARK FLYERS OR UNPOWERED AIRCRAFT ONLY: Permitted Flying Hours - 8:00 A.M. until dark, seven days a week.

FULL SCALE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ALWAYS HAVE PRIORITY.

1. Full-Scale Takeoff

1. The field owner's Super Cub & other ultra-light aircraft are flown from the field. Before takeoff, they will taxi to the top of the hill (at the center of the runway), turn perpendicular to the runway and rev the engine.
2. **It is important to wave to them** to acknowledge that we are aware of their impending takeoff.
3. They will then taxi back to the South end of the field to prepare for takeoff.
4. **All model pilots flying at the time must land immediately.** There will be time to do so after the full-scale plane taxis away from the top of the hill.

2. Full-Scale Landing

1. Before landing at the field, either of the planes hangared there will make a pass over the runway at traffic altitude heading perpendicular to the runway above the windsock at the top of the hill.
2. **Again we should wave to them** to acknowledge that we are aware of their impending landing.
3. They will then turn on to their downwind leg on the easterly side of the runway and land from the northern end.
4. **All model pilots flying at the time must land immediately.** The landing pattern is long enough to provide adequate time to do so.

3. Transient Aircraft

1. We fly on a full-scale airfield, and occasionally experience traffic from full-scale planes at low altitudes.
2. It is very important to be alert for full-scale aircraft landing, taking off or making passes over the field.
3. **Any member, seeing a full-scale aircraft in the vicinity of the field, is to immediately alert all model pilots.** He should indicate the location and direction of the incoming aircraft and indicate any immediate action the model fliers should take.
4. **All model pilots must give right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft.**
5. **All model pilots flying at the time should land at the earliest safe opportunity.**

4. FREQUENCY CONTROL

1. Transmitters must be placed in the transmitter impound upon arrival at the field.
2. Transmitter may not be turned on without removing the green pin corresponding to the transmitting frequency and affixing it to the transmitter.
3. To fly, a pilot must possess both the green frequency pin and a red fly pin.
4. Frequency pin and fly pin must be returned to the frequency control board and transmitter placed back in the impound when not in use.

5. OTHER

1. Do not leave any garbage at the field or place garbage in the flight shack stove.

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