

# WELCOME



Welcome to the one of the oldest AMA Chartered radio control club in the US. This club has a long history dating back into the 1950's. Ed Henry, one of the club founders, wrote the original AMA safety code. We have one of the oldest continuously-running annual aerobatic competitions in the US. This is a recreational club, in that all of the members of the club are in it for enjoyment. Please keep that in mind and be considerate of others in all club related business and activities. Safe flying and pit operations must be each and every flyer's first concern. Our club enjoys a great safety record. If you have any questions concerning safe flight and pit operations, please bring them to the attention of our Safety Officer or other experienced members. If you see an unsafe act, kindly bring it to that flyer's attention. We enjoy a **SAFE** and **RELAXED** atmosphere. Asking for help or advice at the field is not just encouraged, it's expected. Each of us holds the future of our flying field in our hands when we put an aircraft in the air. Your cooperation will ensure that we continue to have a great place to fly, and that each of our club members has an enjoyable experience. **ENJOY!**

## **Membership Cards**

You will be issued a membership card by the club Secretary after the club Secretary verifies proof of AMA membership. That membership card identifies you as a paid member of the club each calendar year you belong to the club. It is also your frequency control card to be used on the frequency board at the club flying site.

## **Club Meetings**

Meetings of the general membership are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the St. Peters Senior Center during the months of October through March. During April through September, meetings are held outdoors at the club flying site. For meetings at the field, members are encouraged to come early and fly. Club meetings include a business meeting, a technical session of relevant topics in modeling, show and tell of members' latest creations and usually a raffle of hobby related items. The business portion of the meeting is structured to address all aspects of the club, and is an opportunity for the membership to address specific issues in the appropriate section of the meeting. Each meeting contains a portion each for field issues, safety issues, activities, and old/new business. Members are encouraged to attend club meetings whenever possible. Meetings of the Phantom Flyers officers are held periodically at a time and place determined by the club President.

## **Club Events**

Phantom Flyers calendar events have typically included an annual swap meet co-hosted with the Spirits club, a Build-a-Plane event, fly-ins (non-competitive), fun-fly (typically some competitive aspects), a precision aerobatic contest (pattern), a Christmas Dinner, and other contests and activities. All events are posted on the club web site and published in the club newsletter. All contests are open to club members, and some contests and fly-ins (denoted as "open") are open to the public.

## Flight Training

Flight training is arranged through the club's Chief Flight Instructor. The club maintains a list of instructors. Please feel free to contact any of the instructors and arrange flight training. All our instructors realize the importance of flight training and are receptive to calls from beginners.

## Field Considerations

Our flying site is very important to our club. An R/C airplane club without a place for its membership to fly is a club that is in trouble. With that in mind, we should all treat it as if it were our own and do the things necessary to sustain and protect it. Since our site is very remote, security is of utmost importance. Vandalism has occurred on several occasions. Due to this, the gate to the club flying site and toilet are keyed. Both locks utilize the same key. The club Secretary issues keys to the membership. Members not renewing club membership shall return their key to the club Secretary. The club provides a key to its members, lost keys will be replaced at a modest charge. Of utmost importance is the **last person to leave the field must lock the gate and toilet.**

## Flying Site

The club flying site is located a few miles north of Boschertown in St. Charles County. To get there, go to HWY 94 and exit on HWY 370. Go north on HWY 94 approximately 3 miles to Wiedey Rd. (2). Wiedey is a gravel road through the Missouri river bottoms. Follow Wiedey 2.8 miles to the club field (1) on the north side of the road. An alternate method that reduces the amount of gravel road traveled is to continue on HWY 94 past Wiedey to HWY H (3). Follow HWY H over a small lake to Tower Line Rd. (4). Follow Tower Line to a stop sign at Black Walnut (5). Continue on Tower Line another 3/10 mile as the road bears to the right, for another 6/10 to another right. The road is gravel, then, for 6/10 of a mile to the field.



## **Club Website**

<http://phantomflyersrc.com>

## **Club Email List**

The member email distribution list is an excellent source of timely information. It is highly recommended that each member subscribe to the mailings. Instructions for self-subscription can be found at the club website (<http://phantomflyersrc.com>). The mailing list is moderated to prevent unauthorized postings by non-members, thus filtering fraudulent spam and other types of inappropriate postings. Any questions regarding subscription should be directed to the club webmaster or other officers.

## **Guest Policy**

Any Phantom Flyer's club member may sponsor a guest flyer(s). No guest flyer may be sponsored more than three times each calendar year. All members and guest flyers at open events sponsored by the Club must have in their possession a current AMA and FCC License (if required) and must comply with all Safety Field Use Rules (participation in an open event does not count toward the three annual guest appearances). Each guest on any occasion must sign a Boeing Hold Harmless agreement, printable from the club website and sometimes available at the field (certainly available during open events).

## **Newsletter**

The club publishes a monthly newsletter "The Carrier Wave". The newsletter is emailed to those members that have email addresses on record with the club. If you need a paper copy please notify the club Secretary and the newsletter Editor. An archive of newsletter back issues is also maintained on the club website.

## **Helicopters**

While the majority of the flying done at our site is fixed wing aircraft, the subject of helicopters always comes up. Helicopters are just as welcome as fixed wing aircraft. Their flying is considered the same as fixed wing aircraft and shall abide by the Safety and Field Use Rules. Take off and landing of helicopters shall make the same announcements as fixed wing aircraft. The position of hovering a helicopter shall take into consideration the operation of fixed wing aircraft's need for runway usage, and not utilize the hazard area for hovering.

## **Field Mowing**

Mowing our site is probably the most problematic of all the clubs business. Our appeal is that you are one that helps solve the problem, not a contributor to the problem. The field manager and officers come up with a mowing schedule each year, so please make note of your scheduled dates and with whom you are partnered. If you are able to tow the club mower and trailer to the field please advise the club Secretary. If you can't mow for health reasons please advise the club Secretary. Please read the club mowing FAQ. When mowing, **BE SAFE**

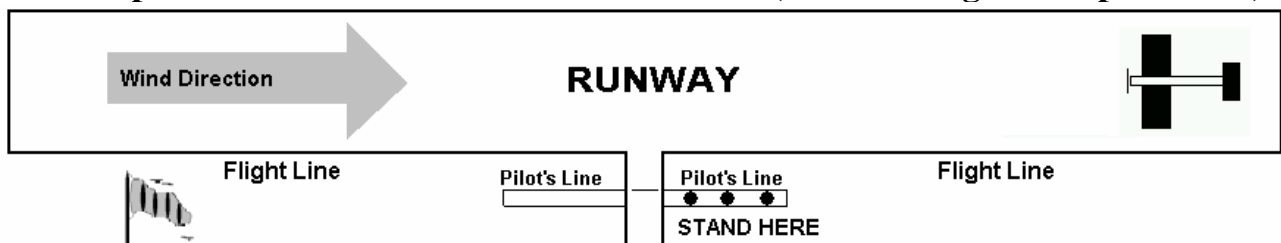
## Engagement

The last item is that of an appeal to you as a new member. Membership volunteers handle all our flying site maintenance, club operations, events, etc. While each member comes to the club to have fun and to pursue the hobby or sport, volunteering of time and talents is essential to maintain the club and flying site. Each active member is expected to volunteer a portion of his or her time and talent so that we all can enjoy time to fly. There are many ways to help: CD an event, show up at a work party, instruct, mow the grass, or tow the trailer. Some people may have health limitations that restrict what they can do and the club understands that. If you are one of those please notify the club secretary so that we don't put you on a mowing list. Just think of it this way, if nobody volunteers to do anything, there will be no club and no place to fly!

### One Dozen Musts for New (actually all) Pilots

1. Have a current AMA license.
2. Check your channel on the frequency board before doing anything. If it is open, put your membership card on the appropriate spot on the frequency board before turning on any transmitters. If it's in use, find out who has it and coordinate sharing the channel. **NEVER** turn your transmitter on when you card is not reserving the channel.
3. Never move another person's card on the frequency board.
4. Adjust engine needle valve from the aft side of the engine.
5. Do not fly on the aft side (southwest, pavilion) side of the pilots' line.
6. Loudly announce when occupying the runway for takeoff.
7. Loudly announce a landing, a touch-and-go or a dead-stick landing.
8. Loudly announce when a person is on the runway and announce when it is clear again.
9. Do not taxi from pits or into pits.
10. Allow a child in pits and beyond ONLY if the child is a capable trusted participant.
11. If you're not sure, **ASK**.
12. Operate on the pilot's line and on the downwind side of the center taxiway. (SEE BELOW)

#### Pilots position when the wind is from the west (left standing on the pilots line)



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