

Thrustline

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From the President

The field is open and rolled. The frequency board is up and the road is fairly dry. There is a rutted up section on the corner by the porta-potty. Our field marshal says that it may need some gravel hauled and spread. We can talk about this at the next meeting. Once again, I am going to attempt to remember to bring along my Blade CX2 to show you guys. I have since built a bigger Heli called T-Rex 450 SE. Several of the club members have them and they are a big handful power and 3D ability. It's only hovered a couple times so far but I am looking forward to getting some more stick time on it.

With the field open for the season it's a good time to review the rules. Keep in mind that we are guests on the Waterman property and we should give it and them the utmost respect. With that in mind, remember that we should confine our activity to club oriented stuff. We should not help ourselves to the flora or fauna or take anything from the property. That is, with the exception of all trash and other materials that we bring in. We have a carry in carry out policy. There is no trash containers at the field and we shouldn't leave anything behind including, butts, bottles, broken plane parts, etc. If you see trash someone has left behind, please pick it up.

Pay close attention to the field open and closed times. Tuesday and Thursday at 5 pm you should be done flying and heading out. No combustion engine starts before 9 a.m. As you face the field from the pilot stations, you should not fly over the bog at the end of the runway on the left. This is a restricted area and should only be used for final approach lining up over the access road. You can see a flag at the top of a pine tree across from the field. This is the turning flag. Start your turn there for the regular flying pattern. Keep the gate closed and the lock locked onto the fence when at the field. You must scramble the combo to lock it. We have had locks stolen in the past, this will prevent that from happening again. You must take your transmitter to the impound area and retrieve the frequency pin before turning on your transmitter, even for testing or range checking. Your turn for the pin is 20 minutes if someone else has your same channel. Don't forget to insert your AMA card in the pin slot so someone can see who has the pin if they share the frequency. When you leave, leave the pin, take your card. The new Spread Spectrum radios do not require a pin for safety but for good habit, use the new SS pin if you have a Spektrum Radio. If you must smoke, do it behind the benches that line the parking area. Glow fuel is flammable and smoke is annoying to those who don't have the addiction. There is an imaginary line running through the pilot stations. This flight line should not be crossed with your airplane on the people side and people should not cross it on the runway side unless it is to retrieve a plane. Make sure you call out, "On the runway!" if you go there or see someone else there to let pilots know. They are looking up and may not see you when they prepare to land.

Thanks for bearing with me. It is good to review these and other field rules for new people and us old fold alike.

See you at the next meeting,
Nelson

