



Runway Cleanup

Special thanks to Tom Simpson and Jerry Thornton for organizing and running the runway cleanup on Saturday, 7/11 which took approximately 90 minutes. 13 members in total edged and blew debris, sprayed and cleaned up the edges which were encroached on by weeds and such of approximately 18" per side. This assists in keeping growth back which can break up and damage the strip. The plan is to be more diligent on spraying to prevent the overgrowth in the future.

Swap Meet \ Fun Fly

The Swap Meet \ Fun Fly which was scheduled for Saturday, 7/18 was cancelled due to the possibility of inclement weather and wind. With the investment in food and other supplies required, the board felt it would best to cancel and reschedule so we don't take a loss in our budget.

Safety Concerns

There have been some reports of flying in restricted areas. Please do your best to maintain control and fly within the approved boundaries. If your skillset requires work, please get with an instructor.

3D Event in Model Aviation

Still Waiting!!! I have not seen our submission to our Regional Directors column in the back of Model Aviation yet so keep an eye out for our event. It usually takes a bit and was submitted in May.

AMA SPARKS Membership Cards:

Though the year is half over, please pick up your membership card as flightline access will be restricted unless it's in your possession.

SPARKS Website:

The website is still a work in progress and progress while slow, it is being made. One item will be the movement of notices and documents to the site so all is housed in a single location so they'll be one less email in your inbox.

Maintenance:

Tom and Roel handled some items that needed replacement which include heat deflectors for the grill, a new A/C unit in the office and some GFI's at the West end tables. Thanks Guys!

Also please note, the club will no longer be taking expired batteries. Google will provide any number of places that will take them off your hands for recycling.

SAFETY MESSAGE

FLIGHT LINE SAFETY COMMUNICATION SAVES AIRPLANES!



CLEAR COMMUNICATION KEEPS OUR AIRCRAFT,
EACH OTHER, AND OUR FIELD **SAFE!**



1 BEFORE TAKEOFF

Always announce your takeoff.

TAKING OFF!



Wait for **confirmation** from other pilots.
"CLEAR!" "YOU'RE GOOD!"

2 BEFORE LANDING

Always announce your landing well in advance.

LANDING!



Give others time to adjust and wait for **confirmation** that they heard you.

3 BEFORE ENTERING THE RUNWAY

Before placing an aircraft on the runway, **STOP** and look both ways.

- Is anyone on final approach?
- Is someone setting up for a touch-and-go?
- Is another pilot preparing to land?

Never enter the runway unless you are certain it is clear and safe.



**NEVER ASSUME
THE RUNWAY IS CLEAR!**



**A FEW SECONDS CAN
PREVENT AN ACCIDENT.**

4 RETRIEVING AN AIRCRAFT

When retrieving an aircraft from the runway or flight area:

**ON THE RUNWAY!
CROSSING THE RUNWAY!**

- ✓ Make eye contact with active pilots.
- ✓ Wait for acknowledgment before entering.
- ✓ Do not assume they heard you.
- ✓ Call out again if needed.

5 REMEMBER



ANNOUNCE
your intentions.



GET CONFIRMATION
from other pilots.



MAKE SURE
everyone understands
what is happening.



NEVER ASSUME
someone heard your call.



COMMUNICATE. CONFIRM. FLY SAFE.

RESPECT THE PILOTS. PROTECT THE AIRPLANES. ENJOY THE HOBBY!



Classifieds:
None to list