

CSMS Skywriter

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Charlotte Sport Modelers Society
AMA #3897
Meetings: 1st Saturday monthly, CSMS Flying Field, Kings Highway Lake Suzy, 9:00 am
Flying Site: Kings Highway - 5.3 miles E of I-75
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barbecue theme. I hear Barry's cooking scallop potatoes for next event. Nikkie has a sign up sheet for dishes at the field. I look forward to seeing everyone there and at the next meeting.

Kim Klempner

President

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SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

President's Letter - Kim Klempner



For those few who didn't make the last meeting, changes in field rules that were voted in: 3 or more pilots requires a spotter: 2 pilots no spotter needed, You can have a spotter if you choose to. Flight line will be moved to 25 ft from runway. This will change when our new fence is delivered next week. I hope we can all follow these new rules with no issues please.

I'd like to thank Nikkie for our pot luck lunch with all her help and would like to remind members April 8th we will have our next pot luck with a

CSMS has established that flying over the pit area is a safety hazard and any pilot that flies behind the long white safety fence is grounded for the rest of the day. No one should have to tell you that you have violated this rule. If you looked behind you to see your airplane then you flew behind the fence and should be able to ground yourself. AMA also has rules pertaining to where it is not safe to fly. In Document #706 (Recommended RC Flying Site Specifications) it states:

Safety

Line:

Establishes the area in front of which all model flying must occur. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.

It then goes on to say that:

Runway edge is the Safety line.

This means it is not O.K. to fly over any of the grass between the runway and the long white fence. You'll not be grounded

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but if a pilot repeatedly does so but I think it is reasonable to consider it intentional and/or reckless. The AMA Safety Code states:

should be good enough to miss the runway and the boundary fence.

GENERAL:

Eddie Mattingly, Safety Officer

1. Model aircraft will not be flown:
 - (a) In a **careless or reckless manner**.

B. RADIO CONTROL (RC)

1. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, &
3. At all flying sites a safety line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place. (AMA Document #706.)
 - (a) Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line. &
 - (c) An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
 - (d) **Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.**



Upcoming Events

CSMS next meeting is on April 8th at field at 9:00 AM. Plan to come to the field and fly early and then attend the meeting & participate in pot luck lunch.

- Saturday, March 25th - Eddie Mattingly will give some instruction on the upcoming IMAC event. This activity will involve guided flying as requested by members. He will also provide feedback on practice routines. The field will also be open for general flying during most of the day. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork for donations in the coffee container.

Another flying item that needs some discussion is high speed low passes over the runway. I am not talking about simulated landings or aborted landings where a go-around is performed. Those are not only permitted but should be practiced on a regular basis. I haven't been able to find any direct AMA Safety code concerning this but I know that many RC clubs forbid this type of flying and it appears CSMS has a long standing rule against it. There is plenty of room between the runway and the boundary fence on the far side of the runway to fly that thrill seeker maneuver and if you are a good enough pilot to perform it then you

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- Friday March 31st - Practice for the IMAC completion. We expect several non-CSMS contestants during this period and open flying for members will be somewhat limited.

- Saturday and Sunday April 1st and 2nd - **Sanctioned IMAC Event at CSMS.** Field closed to those that have not registered for the event, however spectators are welcome. CSMS will sell Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork and drinks.

On April 8th there will be a POT LUCK LUNCH at the field. Contact Nickie Emory at 941-419-0222 for further info.

AIR FAIR Sarasota, FL 4/29/2017 & 4/30/2017 Visit: sarasotarc.com for more info on event

RECENTLY SEEN AT FIELD:



Jake shows off his new plane.



Jake's new plane in the air.



Kim giving his grandson flying instructions?



Barry with Jake on flight line.

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