

EdgeTX Fest 2024

Pilot Briefing and Safety Guide v1.5

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A MESSAGE FROM LARKS RC CLUB PRESIDENT

The only issue regarding turbines or any aircraft for that matter: All pilots **must** keep their aircraft within the Club/County approved flying boundaries.

If we have any incident with the flying of larger aircraft/turbines (or any aircraft that fly outside of the boundaries) flying may be curtailed. I can't over emphasize the importance for ALL pilots to remain in the lease boundaries.

Flying area is below for reference (the red line is our flying boundary).



LARKS RC CLUB RULES Safety Policy and Field Rules 2024

1. Flyers and members shall conform to all aspects of the AMA Safety Code.
2. Guest flyers shall have proof of AMA membership and FAA required documents.
3. Always range-check your radio before first flight of the day.
4. All new and repaired aircraft should be safety checked prior to being flown.
5. Mufflers are required on aircraft with engines of 0.10ci displacement and up. However, under limited conditions engines can be ground tested without mufflers.
6. As a courtesy flight time is limited to 15 minutes.
7. All engines shall be started facing toward the runway and directed away from spectators in the pit area.

8. No taxing is allowed in the pit area.
9. As a courtesy, we usually try to give student pilots the sky. Check with the instructor pilot to see if they are comfortable with concurrent flights.
10. Guidelines for contests are at the Contest Director's (CD's) discretion. All applicable AMA and club safety rules shall be enforced.
11. Flight lessons shall be administered by club instructors only. You may become a flight Instructor as determined by the Board of Directors.
12. A member's full membership status (flight privilege) may be revoked by the board of directors/officers if at any time a member's ability to operate a model aircraft is considered unsafe and not under pilot control.
13. A club safety officer has authority with due cause to prohibit any pilot/member from flying until such time as the board can decide a pilot's flight privilege status.
14. Club activities and personnel shall be limited to the runway and pit areas at the field.
15. If an aircraft does go down within our flight boundaries it is allowable to retrieve the aircraft without calling or seeking County help. This includes driving along the upper and lower roads to access the aircraft then walking into the approved flight area to retrieve the aircraft. Everyone needs to be constantly aware for any dangers i.e. snakes, etc. while walking on the land fill.

DO NOT DRIVE ON THE LAND FILL AREA STAY ON THE ROAD WITH YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE!!

16. Attendees shall not violate, drive around, or otherwise violate barricades or signage making areas off limits to vehicles. The only exception is for the recovery of downed aircraft within the fenced portion of the closed landfill area. In all cases, vehicles shall be kept on the pavement when away from the pits.
17. Access to the flying site shall be through the gate on Frankies Road. It is located at the southeast corner of the closed landfill area.
18. Members and guests shall limit vehicular traffic to approved routes to and from the flying/pit area. Parking is allowed on the grass immediately adjacent to the flying/pit area only.

DOWNED AIRCRAFT PROCESS

Saturday: If an aircraft goes down outside of the approved flight boundaries, go to the weigh station, advise them, and they will have someone help find the aircraft.

Sunday: We are allowed to drive vehicles to the area (stay on the road) where the aircraft went down and then walk to recover the aircraft. If the aircraft cannot be found it is the individual's responsibility let the County know at 352-343-3776 first thing the next day of operation. Should the downed aircraft start a fire, call 911!

AMA SAFETY CODE

Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2018

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

FAA RULES

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_flyers

1. Fly only for recreational purposes (personal enjoyment).
2. Follow the safety guidelines of an [FAA-recognized Community Based Organization](#) (CBO).
3. Keep your drone within the visual line of sight or use a visual observer who is co-located (physically next to) and in direct communication with you.
4. Give way to and do not interfere with other aircraft.
5. Fly at or below FAA-authorized altitudes in controlled airspace ([Class B, C, D, and surface Class E designated for an airport](#)) only with prior FAA authorization by using [LAANC](#) or [DroneZone](#).
6. Fly at or below 400 feet in Class G (uncontrolled) airspace.
Note: Anyone flying a drone in the U.S. National Airspace System (NAS) is responsible for flying within the FAA guidelines and regulations. That means it is up to you as a drone pilot to know the rules: [Where Can I Fly?](#)
7. Take [The Recreational UAS Safety Test \(TRUST\)](#) and carry proof of test passage when flying.
8. Have a current FAA [registration, mark](#) (PDF) your drones on the outside with the registration number, and carry proof of registration with you when flying.
Note: Beginning September 16, 2023, if your drone requires an FAA registration number it will also be required to broadcast [Remote ID](#) information (unless flown within a [FRIA](#)). For more information on drone registration, visit [How to Register Your Drone](#).
9. Do not operate your drone in a manner that endangers the safety of the national airspace system.

