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AMA 161

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Andy Brennan, having completed his training and successfully soloing on Thursday, March 29, is congratulated by Tony Gallo. Great job Andy.

A reminder that the field is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm daily. Please don't arrive prior to 8:00am or leave after 4:00.

Meetings

General meeting March 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am

The following officers were present

Gene Kenner – Vice President
Bill Lander- Treasure
Don Rogers –Secretary
Dave Tapper – Safety officer
Bob Van der Walt– Grounds

The following members were present

Paul Genshaw
Bill Drake
Wade Ake
Chuck Streng

New Members

Alan Olson

Bill gave the treasurers report. The balances as of 2/28/07 were

Checking	\$1897.42
Savings	\$11,191.90
CD	\$5,582.95 (as of 02/19/07)

It was moved and passed unanimously that Dave would purchase a first aid kit and arrange a box so the kit could be located near the frequency board. Approval for \$125 for the first aid kit was approved. It was also discussed placing the field cell phone in or near the first aid box.

The next topic was the safety barriers and general field safety. It was pointed out the visitors were (not) permitted in the pit area also not permitted on the flight line. Barriers around the new helicopter pad were discussed. A committee, consisting of Wade Ake, Paul Genshaw, Bill Drake, and Bob Van der Walt, and chaired by Dave Tapper, was formed to define the barriers around the helicopter pad so as to meet AMA safety requirements and still provide a safe observer area. The first meeting was to be held on Sat, Mar 24 at the field.

Maintenance of the flight line netting was also discussed and it the funds for repairs will come from the maintenance fund.

Early arrivers at the field were also brought up. Don is to include a notice in the newsletter that arrival prior to 8am in not allowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30

Helicopter pad Meeting March 24, 2007

Participating Pilots

Wade Ake	Helicopter
Paul Genshaw	Helicopter
Bill Drake	Fixed Wing
Bob Van derWalt	Fixed Wing
Dave Tapper	Fixed Wing and Safety Officer

After discussing numerous possibilities concerning where to place the Helicopter pads, we all agreed that the AMA Recommended Site Specifications placing the pads at each end of the flight line barriers was the safest choice.

Recommended RC Flying Site Specifications

A. INTRODUCTION:

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has determined that most modelers and model clubs are careful in their selection of flying sites, site layout, and operational practices.

The suggested specification detailed below has been developed to promote improved field management and provide added margins of safety for the ever-increasing numbers of fliers and spectators. Most clubs should be able, with reasonable effort, to comply with this suggested layout for general field arrangement and conditions for sport flying.

The suggested specifications are not intended as mandatory requirements, and compliance with these suggestions does not, of course, guarantee that no accident will occur. The AMA recommends that individual clubs design their flying sites based not only on the suggested specifications below, but also upon the individual characteristics of the flying site and the type of RC activity which is anticipated. AMA should be contacted if there are any questions concerning site specifications and site layouts.

The AMA Safety Code remains the governing factor. All members and clubs must conduct their field operation in accordance with the Code.

TAXI AREA: No landings or takeoffs from this area.

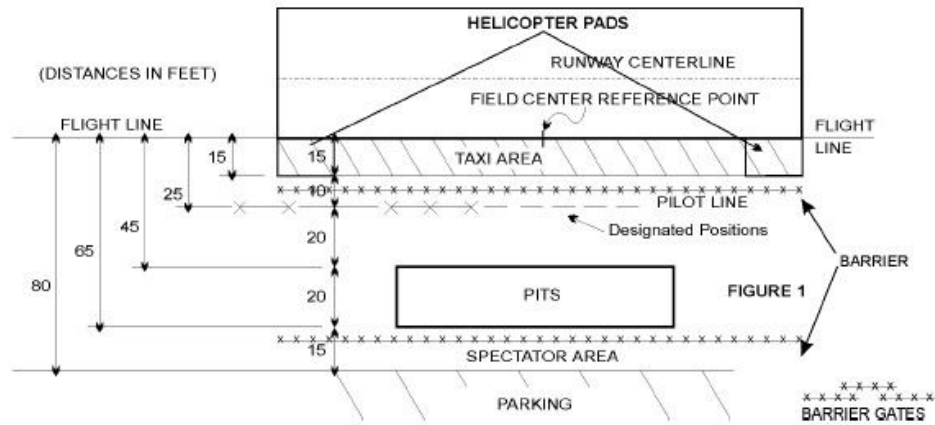
—Provides additional open space between pilots and aircraft during time when most out of control accidents happen.

—Allows taxi room in front of other pilots with less likely chance of other frequencies “swamping” taxiing aircraft.

BARRIER: Designed to stop taxiing models from veering into pilot’s and/or spectator’s positions (plastic or chainlink fencing, hay bales, shrubbery, etc.).

PILOT LINE: Set back from runway edge to keep pilots away from aircraft.

—x— Designated pilot positions spaced about 20 feet apart.



President's Note

There was lots of activity at the field recently. We are in the process of finishing up the helicopter pad/barrier design and construction.

Also pilot instruction activity has continued, congratulations to Andy Brennan for completing his requirements including soloing this last week. Close behind him is Don Rogers and Bob van der Walt.

Another project to be completed in the very near future is a charging station to be located on the side of the existing garden shed. This will include a shelf and a weatherproof box with 2 12 volt charge jacks to be used by those who fly electric aircraft, helicopters, etc.

Tony