

# Evansville Radio Control Model Aircraft Club

## Field Safety Code and General Information

### JACK CHARLIER FIELD

1. Flying is to be restricted to paid up ERCMAC members only and member's approved guests. Members will be responsible for guest's flying, and the Member's AMA card must be displayed on the frequency control board. Guests are limited to three appearances and must then join the club for continued use of the field.
2. AMA membership is required for flying privileges at the field, AMA membership is not needed for associative membership to club.
3. Model flying must be in accordance with AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code. All flights shall be conducted not higher than four hundred feet above the ground. The presence of a spotter will enhance flight safety.
4. There is no hunting or fishing privileges on ERCMAC property or on the adjacent lands included as part of a membership in the ERCMAC.
5. Vehicles are allowed only in designated parking areas. There are no vehicles allowed on adjacent property to recover downed aircraft for any reason. Retrieval of aircraft from adjacent property will be done on foot and with a minimum number of participants.
6. All new members will be expected to receive indoctrination as to Flight Instruction, Club Safety Code, and ERCMAC bylaws.
7. All engines larger than .15 cu.in. will be equipped with an approved muffler. Four stroke/cycle and turbines are exempt.
8. Under no condition shall a 72MHz or 27MHz transmitter be turned on before you have taken the frequency pin and replaced it with your AMA card. The frequency pin is to be clipped to the transmitter and not on articles of clothing. When frequency sharing is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the pilots to exchange the frequency pin from one to another. All 2.4G transmitters shall place AMA card on the board.
9. Airplane engines and electric motors will be started at the flight stations or break-in benches in the side area pits only. Direct prop wash toward runway and away from the pit area. Do not start engines in the front pit area or taxi models in the pit area. Planes may be started on break-in benches in the side pits and then transferred to the flight line. It is recommended that an assistant be used to maintain safety when this procedure is used.
10. It is the responsibility of the pilot to determine that it is safe to taxi or to have helper assist aircraft onto runway. The pilot should call out his intentions, I.E. Taking Off, Landing, Dead Stick, etc.
11. No runway restarting of engine is permissible. Return the aircraft to the flight station for restarting.
12. It is the responsibility of the pilot to call for assistance if he or she feels that conditions warrant, such as the aircraft being in jeopardy.
13. 72MHz Narrow band, 27 MHz, and 2.4G transmitters are permitted for use at the field and for all AMA sanctioned events. This requirement does not pertain to Ham Band equipment. Only licensed Amateur Radio operators are allowed to use Ham Band frequencies.
14. It is the responsibility of the pilot on 72MHz, 27MHz or Ham Band to return the frequency pin and secure his or her card as soon as possible at the end of the flight. On a day when many members are present, it is considered courteous to keep your flights to fifteen minutes or less if frequency conflict exist.
15. There is to be no fixed wing or helicopter (except as specifically applies to rule #16) aircraft flying west of a single straight line west of and parallel to the west edge of the concrete runway. Takeoffs and landings are to be done into the wind.
16. The designated helicopter pad will be used for hover practice and maintenance only. All forward flights must use the flight line.
17. With the exception of events flown under AMA Competition rules, after launch, except for pilots or helpers being used, no powered model may be flown closer than 25 feet to any person. This will also include flying 3-D maneuvers, park flyers and helicopters. All pilots should stand behind the fence if more than one person is flying.

18. All flying is to be done in a safe and responsible manner, in accordance with AMA guidelines. If in the judgment of your fellow members your attitude and compliance with the Safety Codes are not in the best interest of the club it can be brought to the attention of the board or membership. Irresponsible behavior could result in termination of membership.

19. Tuesday evenings during daylight savings time are designated as Trainer Nights. On trainer nights, priority of flight will be given to those who are new to the hobby and are learning to fly with an instructor using either the buddy box or pass the box methods of training. If there is active training in progress, then delay a non-training flight until the training flight has completed. If a non-training flight is active, and a training flight begins, then that student/instructor team has made the decision that that student is comfortable flying with that distraction during that flight and termination of the nontraining flight need not be accomplished. This phase of training does not relieve the future responsibility outlined above. It shall be the responsibility of the designated flight instructors and their students to police these practices. If a training team is at the flight line waiting for a non-training flight to be completed, then additional non-training flights will delay until training session is complete.

20. No alcoholic beverages, firearms or illegal drugs are permitted on ERCMAC property.

21. For the safety and enjoyment of all, no one will be permitted in the uncovered pit area except AMA members. All members will assist in enforcing this rule to minimize the risk of injury to anyone. Insurance coverage dictates strict adherence to this rule.

22. The field will be closed periodically for mowing or field maintenance. A "Field Closed" sign shall be placed on or near the frequency board during these times. During times of mowing or field maintenance, every consideration for safety must be given. All flying must be terminated and equipment must be relocated away from areas being worked on. Grass cutting and field maintenance shall have priority over flying of model aircraft.

23. Pyrotechnic rockets are prohibited.

24. When launching glider by cord or winch, pilot should check with other members present at field before proceeding. Also see Item 14.

25. Personnel in the pit areas shall alert flyers should there be a potentially unsafe condition with full scale aircraft or a model out of control.

26. Monthly Club meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, except in December. Monthly club meetings will be held at Grace Baptist Church, 1200 North Garvin Street, Evansville, unless conditions warrant a change of place, date or time.

27. Club dues for Open Membership are \$50 per year and dues for Junior Membership (not over 19 by July 1) and 2nd members in a family are \$20 per year. Associative membership is \$10.00 per year. AMA membership is required of all members who wish to fly. These rates may change yearly. For more information on membership fees contact Gary Underhill at 812-477-4298 or Howard Lestner at 812-867-9503. You can also see them at the meeting or at the flying field. Sept.11, 1998 (Revised February 10, 2005) (Revised October 12, 2006) (Revised September 09, 2009) ( Revised April 13, 2010 )