

SIERRA SIGNALS

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Next Meeting - Saturday, September 27th at 12:00 p.m. At The Pony Express Air Park. This meeting will be to select candidates for the Board of Directors (Officers) for 2015. Now is your opportunity to help determine the direction of the club for the coming year. Elections will be held at a special meeting on Saturday, October 11th.

HIGH SIERRA RADIO CONTROL CLUB SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

Welcome to the first edition of the HSRCC Safety Suggestions page. As your new Safety Officer, I would like to review with you, our members, what this position means to me and what I would expect from each of our members.

For starters, I will not be patrolling the pits, hovering about in the pilot area, sneaking from table to table to check out each airplane, or making sure everyone drives their cars in the right direction.

No, that is not what is important here. What's important is that while each of us has chosen this hobby because we find it fun and exciting, we must remember that it is also potentially dangerous. Each of us is responsible for the welfare of everyone else at the flying field.

Personally, I don't like to admit that we have rules at the flying field but we do. Think of them not so much as rules but as just good sense because that is what they are. They are written ideas or concepts that are intended to prevent injury to persons and property. They are not hard to follow, nor are they there just to be a pain in the @\$% and I would expect everyone to keep them in mind when flying.

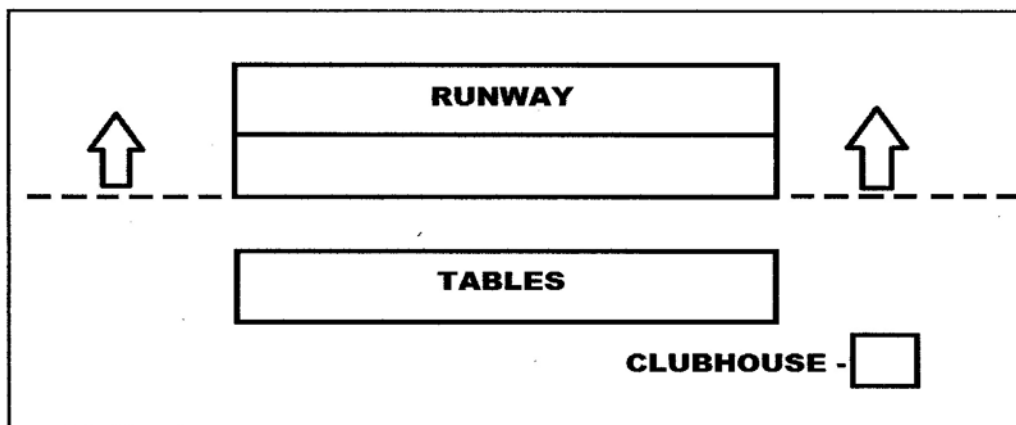
Now, there's just one more thing I'd like to say before I conclude my intro; I don't need members coming to me to tell me 'Johnny didn't call his takeoff just now' or something like that. We're here to have fun safely and we all know what the rules are. If there is a "repeat offender" or someone continually operating their aircraft in a reckless manner, I will be aware of it and I will take action. If you feel there is an issue I am unaware of, then please, feel free to inform me. The important thing is to make sure we all conduct ourselves in a safe manner at the club field.

So concludes my lengthy intro and I thank you for your patience. Now, turn the page for the "Safety Suggestions"

SS #1: Calling takeoffs and landings. This concept is especially important in a busy environment but is equally important if there is only one other person there and I have big issues with the way many of us are going about it. The point of this is to notify everyone around you that there may be a potentially hazardous situation about to occur in the form of an out of control takeoff or landing. And, you are also giving notice to the other pilots already flying or are about to fly. With that in mind, it is not enough to simply call out that you are taking off as you taxi your plane on to the runway. This appears to be what some of us are doing. You must look first to see that all is clear. Make sure no one else is already coming in for a landing. If they are, you will have to wait. A landing plane always has the right-of-way. Also, make sure another pilot is not already rolling out on the runway for a takeoff. Just like 2 people trying to go through a door at the same time, someone has to give way.

SS #2: While flying, unless you are taking off or landing, your plane should always be on the far side of the center line of the runway.

SS #3: Take-offs and landing approaches (and flying) should never be behind the runway.



I know this will affect a couple of us but remember, these are suggestions. No one should be flying behind us especially if there are people using the RC Car Track. I have had those people complain to me about planes flying over their heads.

OK, that's it for now. You can complain if you want at the next meeting.

Thanks for your cooperation,
Paul Ciotti, Safety Officer