Flypaper

WAUSAU R/C SPORTS CLUB / NOVEMBER 2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT

November Fly Paper Greetings

Russ Putnam / WRCS President

November brings the WRCS Annual meeting. This yearly opportunity lets club members have their voices and thoughts heard and voted on by the membership. A ballot is attached to this Fly Paper. There is a lot to digest, and I want to keep my words brief.

We had a successful field teardown. I was happy to see the group's volunteerism and participation.

I want to thank everyone who helped and participated in the Swap Meet. Special thanks to Nick, Jena, and Ron, who helped at the admissions and 50/50 raffle table. Thank you also to Joe, Chris, and Rick for helping at the club table, and of course to our auctioneer, John. My apologies in advance if I miss someone. Thank you again.

At the Annual Meeting, we review and vote on the leadership and guidelines for managing the club. Three Board Members' terms will expire, and we will vote to fill those vacancies. Club Bylaws and Rules are also open to possible changes by member vote.

Please review the ballot carefully. We would like a large turnout to vote on Thursday, November 12th at LBF Hangar.

CLUB CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 12, 2026 • LBF Hangar

7:00–8:30 pm

Annual Corporate Meeting

Board of Directors Election

Vote on changes to Bylaws and Club Rules

DECEMBER 10, 2026 • LBF Hangar

7:00–8:30 pm

Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party!

DECEMBER 31, 2026

All day

Thanks to Everyone's Hard Work to make 2026 a great year for Wausau RC Sports!

JANUARY 14, 2027 • LBF Hangar

7:00–8:30 pm

Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 11, 2027 • LBF Hangar

7:00–8:30 pm

Monthly Meeting

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Russ Putnam — President

Chris Mathis — Vice President

Nick Bowen — Secretary

John Svetlik — Treasurer

Jeff Mork • Marie Maertens

Brad Moodie • Nate Jensen

Joe Rocha



Taxi clearance? You'll have to ask the coyote.

October meeting minutes

October 8, 2026 • Draft minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

President Russ Putnam called the October regular membership meeting to order. Members introduced themselves.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Prior minutes published in the Fly Paper were brought forward. The chair also noted that August minutes were not included in the September Fly Paper and remain to be presented. Secretary Nick B was asked to provide the August and October minutes to Chris for publication and consideration at the next meeting. No formal vote is recorded here.

3. Old Business

3.1 Field Teardown – October 17

Field teardown was scheduled for Saturday, October 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Work includes driving road markers down, cleaning birdhouses, and removing the safety cabinet for repainting over winter. Additional sumac removal around the birdhouses was discussed. Approximately six volunteers would be helpful; cabinet reinstallation is expected in spring.

3.2 Annual Swap Meet – October 18

The annual Swap Meet and Auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, opening to the public at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers should arrive by 7:30 a.m. Nick B was thanked for the event poster; an enlarged sign was placed at the field entrance with permission.

- Joe O volunteered for the club sales table; John G volunteered as auctioneer. Additional members are needed to show auction items, staff admissions, assist with 50/50 ticket sales, and help with club merchandise.
- Members were asked to provide sale-item donations and suggested prices in advance where practical. Several donated aircraft and accessories were anticipated.
- Approximately $300 in change was discussed for the event, primarily $1, $5 and $10 bills; coordination of cash handoff and documentation was discussed.
- Existing wristbands, raffle tickets, and donation jar will be located during teardown. Coffee and possibly doughnuts will be coordinated with the venue/event volunteers.

3.3 Expiring Board Terms

Board terms of Nate J, Chris M, and Russ P expire this year. Nominations and the November election were discussed; the agenda indicated that a ballot would appear in the Fly Paper.

4. New Business

4.1 Board Nominations

Three nominees were identified for the upcoming Board election: Rick A, John G, and Russ P. Current Board members discussed willingness to continue serving or step aside. Joe R's future Board participation and membership standing were raised as topics for follow-up; no determination was recorded. Election voting is planned for November.

4.2 Proposed Bylaw Amendments – Grievance, Expulsion and Reinstatement

Russ presented a proposed revision intended to consolidate the grievance and membership-discipline provisions now spread across Bylaws Sections 2 and 6. In outline, the proposal would:

- Remove existing Sections 2.01(D) and (E) and relocate the Section 6.06 grievance procedure into the membership section.
- Broaden wording to address both safety violations and other unacceptable behavior, retaining a progressive disciplinary process and grievance form with a witness.
- Clarify the first-, second-, and third-violation stages and related notice and suspension language.
- Specify a one-year expulsion period rather than "one year minimum."
- Allow annual reinstatement applications beginning April 1 after the expulsion period, with a proposed two-thirds threshold for rejecting reinstatement.
- Correct identified wording/typographical issues in the grievance procedure.

Members expressed differing views about preserving separate safety and general-conduct provisions, the two-thirds threshold, due process, and how the revised policy would apply. Discussion referred to a prior membership expulsion as background; no individual membership case was reconsidered or decided. Other wording and ballot concerns were raised. The proposed text was intended for circulation before the November vote. No amendment was adopted.

4.3 Proposed Club Rule Updates

Three potential rule changes were presented for consideration:

- Rule 7: replace "numbered flight station" with "designated flight station" to match existing field markings and multi-rotor operations.
- Rule 13: clarify references to the "AMA safety code" and "WRCS club rules."
- Potential new rule: require members to carry or display a valid WRCS membership card while flying, to help verify membership and introduce newer members.

Members discussed practical identification methods, badges, enforcement, and the difference between AMA

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safety guidance and club-specific rules. These were proposals only; no club rule was changed.

4.4 Hall of Fame

Members discussed the timing of Hall of Fame consideration and the possibility of soliciting nominations from the wider membership. A December Board discussion was mentioned. No recipient was selected.

4.5 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The club discussed renewing participation in Salvation Army bell ringing. Jim H may be able to arrange a Saturday in November, potentially for a half-day. Members indicated interest in helping, subject to scheduling, and volunteers will be coordinated.

4.6 2027 Membership Cards and Replacement Cards

Members discussed renewal stickers for existing cards, the circumstances in which a fresh printed card might be issued, and a possible replacement-card fee. Ease of identifying current members and distributing cards was also discussed. No replacement-card fee or additional card policy was established at this meeting.

4.7 AMA Takeoff and Grow / TAG Grants

The club discussed applying for AMA grant funds for field improvements, training equipment, or similar projects. An earlier battery grant was cited as an example. The stated application deadline was February 1; a potential 2027 application and supporting information should be revisited.

5. Good of the Club

Members discussed the inventory and future use of older training aircraft, batteries, and transmitters. The AeroScout was viewed favorably for introductory training, while some older Timber aircraft and 3300 mAh batteries were discussed as potential Swap Meet items. Several members favored retaining operational training capacity until a replacement plan is in place. No formal equipment-disposal vote is recorded; any sale or disposal should be confirmed with the appropriate club representatives.

6. Reminders

- The last person leaving the field must close all cabinets and lock the safety-fence, upper and lower gates.
- Flying at Sunny Vale / Hagerman Field requires current AMA and WRCS membership.
- Swap Meet volunteer arrival: 7:30 a.m., October 18.
- Proposed Board, bylaw and rule changes are expected to be addressed through the November election process.

7. Adjournment



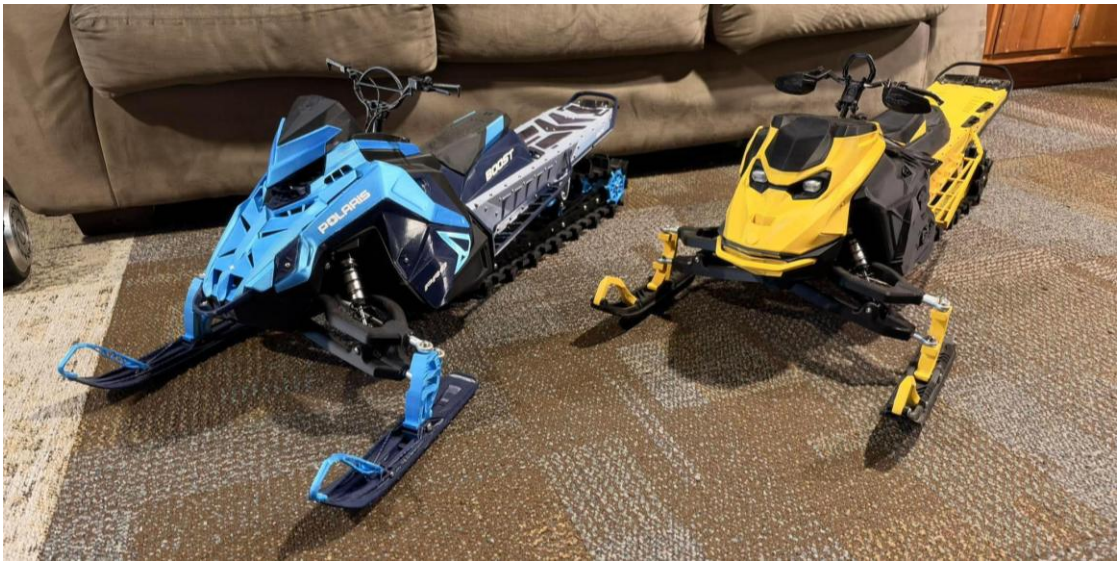
Got duct tape?

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8. Action Items and Follow-Up

Item	Follow-up	Timing / owner
Minutes	Provide August and October minutes for Fly Paper / subsequent consideration.	Nick / Chris; next issue
Field close	Organize 9:00 a.m. teardown; remove cabinet; address markers and birdhouses.	Volunteers; October 17
Swap Meet	Coordinate table donations, pricing, admissions, raffle supplies, change and staffing.	Event team; October 18
Board election	Publish nominees and arrange November ballot.	Club officers / Fly Paper
Bylaw proposal	Prepare and circulate proposed grievance/reinstatement language; distinguish alternative views.	Russ / secretary; before November
Club rules	Circulate proposed Rule 7, Rule 13 and membership-card wording.	Club officers; before November
Bell ringing	Confirm available date and recruit volunteers with Jim Hahn.	November
Membership cards	Clarify renewal stickers and replacement-card policy.	Membership team
TAG grants	Evaluate potential grant request and application requirements.	Before February 1
Trainer fleet	Inventory equipment and decide separately what, if anything, to sell or replace.	Training coordinators



Well, it's that time of year again—time to trade wings for skis!

August meeting minutes

August 2026 • Sunny Vale / Hagerman Field

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The August regular membership meeting was held at Sunny Vale / Hagerman Field.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Prior meeting minutes were listed on the agenda, but no vote or approval was recorded.

3. Old Business

3.1 Runway and Taxiway Sealing

Rick A reported obtaining contractor input on resealing the runway and taxiway. Driveway Doctors quoted $1,733 for one coat, and Zilch quoted $2,933 for two coats. Two other contractors advised against sealing at this time because the existing coating remains sufficient and a new layer may not adhere well. Members expressed agreement with waiting approximately one year and reassessing the surface. No formal motion or vote is documented.

3.2 Club Picnic – August 23

Planning continued for the August 23 club picnic, listed for 3:00 p.m. Members volunteered to help contact approximately 50 members using divided call lists. Brad will review supplies remaining from the Fun Fly. Participants were encouraged to bring beverages; the club would provide water and possibly use leftover event drinks. Hot dogs and hamburgers were discussed, with a member volunteering to cook and Joe offering assistance. Additional tables for food preparation and serving were considered.

3.3 Fun Fly – August 15

Members reviewed arrangements for the August 15 Fun Fly. Nick was identified as contest director and will oversee pilot sign-in and related paperwork. Eugene, Ron, and Dave volunteered to help with 50/50 raffle sales, and Brad will coordinate food and beverages. Joe and another member offered to help cook; donuts and coffee were also offered for the morning.

- Flying was advertised to begin at 9:00 a.m., with morning setup discussed for approximately 7:00–7:30 a.m. Event operations and raffle activity were expected to wind down around 2:00 p.m.
- Food pricing was discussed using approximately $3 per hot dog and rounded combination pricing for food, chips, and soda; no final price decision was documented. Cash and change for registration and food sales need to be coordinated.
- Tables were planned for registration, raffle, cooking, and serving. The group discussed borrowing tables from the kayak club, using members' folding tables and pop-up shelters, and potentially purchasing another folding table.
- John W offered to bring RC tanks for a static display. A brief supervised demonstration during a pause in flying was discussed, subject to safety and field-use restrictions; no unrestricted operation was authorized.
- Members discussed positioning registration and raffle tents, arranging propane and supplies, mowing and preparing the grounds, and encouraging WRCS members to help with teardown after flying.

3.4 Mower Shed

The agenda identified changing the mower-shed lock as an outstanding item for Russ. No completed change was confirmed in the recorded discussion.

4. New Business

4.1 Membership Dues

The president reviewed a dues structure described as having been approved at the prior meeting. The announced rates are $75 for regular membership, $100 for family membership, $20 for junior membership, and $40 for the new non-flying social membership category. The agenda lists an effective date of October 1, 2026, while the speaker referred to the 2027 membership cycle. No new dues vote occurred during this recorded discussion.

4.2 Field Utilization and Member Participation

Members discussed an optional field sign-in log to document use of the facility and help quantify activity if needed. Paper and QR-code sign-in ideas, website "Who's Flying" scheduling, and sharing flying photos were mentioned. No new sign-in requirement was adopted. Members also commented favorably on wider mowing along the park access trail and the improved access it provides.

5. Good of the Club

- Members were encouraged to send stories, photos, repairs, new model purchases, and other updates for publication in the Fly Paper.
- Members thanked volunteers who recently repainted the airplane stands.
- Model Aviation Day on August 22 was noted; no separate club event was planned due to its proximity to other activities.

6. Reminders

- Members should have their current WRCS membership cards available; displaying cards while flying was suggested, but not established as a rule.
- The last person leaving must close cabinets and secure the safety-fence gates and the upper and lower gates.
- Flying at Sunny Vale / Hagerman Field requires current AMA and WRCS membership. Additional membership-requirement signs were discussed.
- Pilots should announce takeoffs and landings and use designated pilot positions.

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7. Adjournment

8. Action Items and Follow-Up

Item	Follow-up	Timing / owner
Runway	Reassess need for sealing after further wear.	Rick / club; next year
Picnic	Complete member call list; confirm attendance, supplies, menu and tables.	Volunteers / Brad; August 23
Fun Fly	Coordinate sign-in, raffle, food, tents, change and teardown.	Nick / Brad / event volunteers; August 15
Tank display	Confirm static display arrangements and limits on any demonstration.	Event coordinator / John Wood; August 15
Equipment	Check mower shed lock replacement and table needs.	Russ / event team
Field communication	Consider usage tracking and membership signage.	Board / members; future discussion
Fly Paper	Submit photos, stories and club updates.	All members; ongoing



WRCS Rules and Bylaws Proposed Changes
Official Ballot – Revision 2

Mailing Instructions:

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can mail this ballot to …

Wausau RC Sports
1803 W. Stewart Ave.
STE 3
Wausau, WI 54403

Important. Only one ballot per envelope. Ballots should be mailed no later than November 5, 2026 to ensure delivery. Please make sure a valid return address is on the envelope to verify membership. Do not sign your ballot. At the annual meeting, return addresses will be validated to confirm club membership. The envelope will be opened, the ballot removed and the envelopes will be discarded.

Rules Change Suggestions by Russ Putnam

	Yes	Rule No. 7. Pilots must remain behind the safety fence at a numbered flight station while flying. For Multi-Rotor Model (MRM) pilots, these Rules, along with the posted MultiGP Event Rules, will be enforced at all times. Flight stations are not numbered. Replace "numbered" with "designated".
	No	

	Yes	Rule No. 13. Any infractions of the AMA Safety Code and WRCS Club Rules shall be brought to the attention of the member involved. Report any continued infraction or inadequate corrective action to the club safety officer or president. AMA was added before Safety Code, and WRCS was added before club rules.
	No	

Bylaws Suggestions by Russ Putnam

	Yes	**Combined amendment — one Yes/No vote applies to both proposals below.**
	No	

Remove Section 2.01.d Expulsion and 2.01.e Reinstatement in their entirety.

Current Wording…

Section 2.01.d Expulsion. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officer's determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of the terms of these Bylaws, the Club Rules, or the Rules of the posted safety code of the AMA, or act(s) or omission(s) which is detrimental to the Corporation, the AMA, or model aviation.

Section 2.01.e Reinstatement. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the corporation.

Move Section 6.06 to replace Section 2.01.d with the modifications in yellow.

Section 2.01.d Grievance Procedure. The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules "or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members" by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to ~~a~~ the Board of Directors for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and returned to ~~a~~ the Board of Directors. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Board of Directors shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

a. A Grievance form will be filled out and returned to the Board of Directors. At least one witness ~~is required to~~ must sign the document in addition to the originator.

b. First Violation: Viewpoints of both the complainants and the accused will be considered. The c~~C~~omplainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Board of Directors, and this will be recorded in the Corporation's records.

c. Second Violation: Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Board of Directors. If the Board so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Corporation newsletter.

d. Third Violation: The Board of Directors will notify the accused in writing and the Corporation members via the Corporation newsletter or direct mailing that the Corporation will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for one year. ~~minimum~~. A member may be expelled from the Corporation only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period. Membership may vote to reject the accused's reinstatement request if objected to by a majority of the members entitled to vote for the election. If reinstatement is denied, the accused may continue to reapply on April 1st of subsequent years.

e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

f. Any member receiving a Grievance who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Corporation. This ~~is to include~~ includes threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Corporation Officers.

g. Grievance Forms are available from a member of the Board of Directors and will be provided within 5 working days of the request.

Upon adoption, update the bylaws table of contents: identify Section 2.01.d as Grievance Procedure, remove the entries for Section 2.01.e Reinstatement and Section 6.06 Grievance Procedure, and update page references. Update Section 5.11(2) to refer to the grievance procedure in Section 2.01.d, and update any other references to the relocated or removed sections.

	Yes	Modify this section.
	No	Section 4.16.12 **Amendment.** This Section 4.16 may only be altered, amended, or repealed by the affirmative vote of sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the members of the corporation so entitled to vote; provided, however, that member approval shall not be required if any such alteration or amendment: Replace "the affirmative vote of sixty-six percent (66%) or more" with "a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote". **Information note:** In the Bylaws, "two thirds (2/3)" is used 6 times and 66% is used only once. This revision is suggested to create uniformity in the document.

Board Members

Vote for up to three candidates. You may write in a candidate on the blank line. Selecting more than three candidates will invalidate only the board election portion of your ballot.

	Russ Putnam
	Rick Abreu
	John Gosz

AMA safety code

Effective January 1, 2018 A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight (VLOS) of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, personal, 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 AND WRCS 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 flight line, 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.

As published in https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf

These rules must be followed in addition to

Wausau RC Sports Club Rules

Membership

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Join or renew online

https://wausaurcsports.com/a/r/szz/rc/join

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: WI. Zip: _____

Phone Number:
_____Email:_____

_____Family: $100.00

_____Regular: $80.00

_____Junior $20 (Under 18 & parent not a member):

Please List each Pilot Trust and FAA Complete?

1. _____AMA# _____ YES/NO

2. _____AMA# _____ YES/NO

3. _____AMA# _____ YES/NO

I agree to follow the rules provided with this form in addition to those required by the AMA. Upon repeated disregard, actions may be taken including the loss of membership.

Pilot/member Signature:

1._____

2._____

3._____

Please Send Completed Form to

John Svetlik 1505 Delonay St. Weston, WI 54476

treasurer@wausaurcsports.com *AMA and Club membership is required to fly at Sunnyvale RC Park*

WAUSAU R/C SPORTS CLUB RULES

The following rules are in addition to the AMA Safety Code

Updated 1/1/2026

1. Flying hours are from 10 AM to dusk April 1 - June 15th and from 8 AM to dusk June 16th to March 31.

2. No spectators shall be allowed in the pit area or on the runway unless under the direct supervision of a current club member.

3. No smoking or open flame is permitted in the pit area or flight line

4. The frequency board will be used at all times for any frequency other than 2.4 MHz or Wi-Fi. Modelers, other than those on 2.4 MHz or Wi-Fi, will place their AMA card in the slot next to the frequency they are using. These transmitters will not be turned on until the frequency pin is obtained. The flying member must retain the pin until the transmitter is turned off.

5. If flying with the frequency pin method, twenty minutes shall be the maximum time for operation if other modelers request of the same frequency.

6. There will not be more than four models in the air South field at one time except during announced events.

7. Pilots must remain behind the safety fence at a numbered flight station while flying. For multi rotor models (MRM) pilots, these Rules, along with the posted MultiGP Event Rules will be enforced at all times.

8. Engine testing or lengthy run up should be done as far away from the pit area as possible.

9. A minimum altitude of 30 feet shall be maintained while over the runway unless on takeoff or landing. This does not apply to Multi-Rotor Models (MRM) or sub 250g model.

10. All gas spark ignition engines shall be equipped with an on/off ignition switch. Pilots must have a usable fire extinguisher at the site while testing or flying these aircraft.

11 No pilot shall in any way pursue birds or animals.

12. Any landing aircraft has field priority. Pilots should announce their landing or take off intentions to other pilots.

13. Any and all infractions of the safety code and club rules shall be reported to the member who is apparently engaged in any infraction. Contact the club safety officer or president of any continued infraction or unsatisfactory correction of the infraction.

14. There shall be no fixed wing or MRM craft, while operating on the South field, fly north of the north line of that runway, extended east and west, or over Sunnyvale Lake. Models, while operating in the MRM designated flight area, must remain within the established boundaries.

15. All engines shall not exceed noise levels of an average of 96db at 20 feet based on four quadrant tests performed at the same maximum RPM setting. Testing shall be the modeler's responsibility to comply with the Club standards.

16. The use of cell phones for conversation, texting, or videoing or the use of other electronic devices while piloting an aerial device, or when preforming spotter duties in support of an active pilot is prohibited. However, electronics, such as smart cell phone, or similar devices, may be used if they are the primary transmitter or software control unit communicating with the aerial device. The use of cell phones is permitted during all other times and at all locations in the park area.

17. Motors (fuel or electric) are not to be started north of the spectator fence, except MRM craft may operate in the designated flight area north of the fence. Other than MRM, all aircraft must be restrained before motors are started. Electric models are not to have the battery connected to the motor north of the spectator fence unless the prop has been removed prior to battery connection if it is necessary to check motor direction or rotation or servo operation.

18. Any person involved in an accident or incident at Sunnyvale R/C Park must abide by the accident/incident reporting policy posted at the site

Hazardous Attitudes as it pertains to Aeronautical Decision Making from ALC-723: 10 Decision-Making Concepts for UAS Pilots, as well as the PAVE and DECIDE models for evaluating hazards and analyzing risk from FAA-H-8083-25B: Pilot Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge.

Hazardous Attitudes

Hazardous attitudes are attitudes that negatively affect the quality of your decisions. Recognizing them is the first step in neutralizing them. There are 5 attitudes:

Anti-authority: Those who do not like anyone telling them what to do.

Impulsivity: Those who feel the need to do something, anything, immediately.

Invulnerability: Those who believe that accidents happen to others.

Macho: Those who are trying to prove that they are better than anyone else. “Watch this!

Resignation: Those who do not see themselves making a difference.

Here's a list of antidotes to the 5 hazardous attitudes.

Anti-authority: Follow the rules. They are usually right.

Impulsivity: Not so fast. Think first.

Invulnerability: It could happen to me.

Macho: Taking chances is foolish.

Resignation: "I’m not helpless. ? I can make a difference.

Use the PAVE model to identify hazards

P – Pilot-in-Command

Am I healthy for flight and what are my personal limitations based upon my experience operating this sUAS? During this step, you can use the IMSAFE checklist in order to perform a more indepth evaluation:

Illness – Am I suffering from any illness or symptom of an illness which might affect me in flight?

Medication – Am I currently taking any drugs (prescription or over-the-counter)?

Stress – Am I experiencing any psychological or emotional factors which might affect my performance?

Alcohol – Have I consumed alcohol within the last 8 to 24 hours?

Fatigue – Have I received sufficient sleep and rest in the recent past?

Emotion or Eating – Have I fully recovered from any recent upsetting events? Am I sufficiently nourished?

A – Aircraft

Have I conducted a preflight check of my sUAS (aircraft, control station (CS), takeoff and landing equipment, etc.) and determined it to be in a condition for safe operation? Is the filming equipment properly secured to the aircraft prior to flight?

V – Environment

What is the weather like? Am I comfortable and experienced enough to fly in the forecast weather conditions? Have I considered all of my options and left myself an “out”? Have I determined alternative landing spots in case of an emergency?

E – External Pressures

Am I stressed or anxious? Is this a flight that will cause me to be stressed or anxious? Is there pressure to complete the flight operation quickly? Am I dealing with an unhealthy safety culture, meaning that there are not strong policies and procedures in place? Either the organization with which I am associated or I personally should develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that relate to an acceptable level of safety. Am I being honest with myself and others about my personal operational abilities and limitations?

Keep in mind continued

Use the DECIDE model to evaluate hazards and analyze risk

Detect – the fact that a change has occurred

Estimate – the need to react to or counter the change

Choose – a desirable outcome for the flight or situation

Identify – actions to control the change successfully

Do – take the necessary actions

Evaluate – the effects of the action to react to or counter the initial change