



The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday April 2, 2022 at the Flying Field Pavilion. The meeting will start at 12:00 Noon.

Spring Field Clean Up - A work party for Spring Field Clean Up and Pavilion Unwrap will be held Saturday April 2nd starting at 9:00AM. The field will be closed to all flying until work has been completed.

2022 Membership Dues renewal for 2022 is now due. Just a reminder that all renewals must submit a new 2022 membership application which is available at <http://www.delawarerc.org/membership.htm> . Memberships paid via Paypal will be processed once a completed 2022 Membership Application has been received.

Starting March 1st, vehicle Park Passes are now required. More information and online ordering of Park Passes is available at <https://destateparks.com/Know/PassesTagsFees> . Park passes are also be available at the Lums Pond Park Office. The Park Office is open Monday through Friday 8AM— 4PM. Saturday Office hours will start April 1.

Calendar of Events

Warbirds Over Delaware 2022 — July 13 - 16, 2022

Antiques and Classics at Lums Pond — July 30, 2022 (NEW DATE)

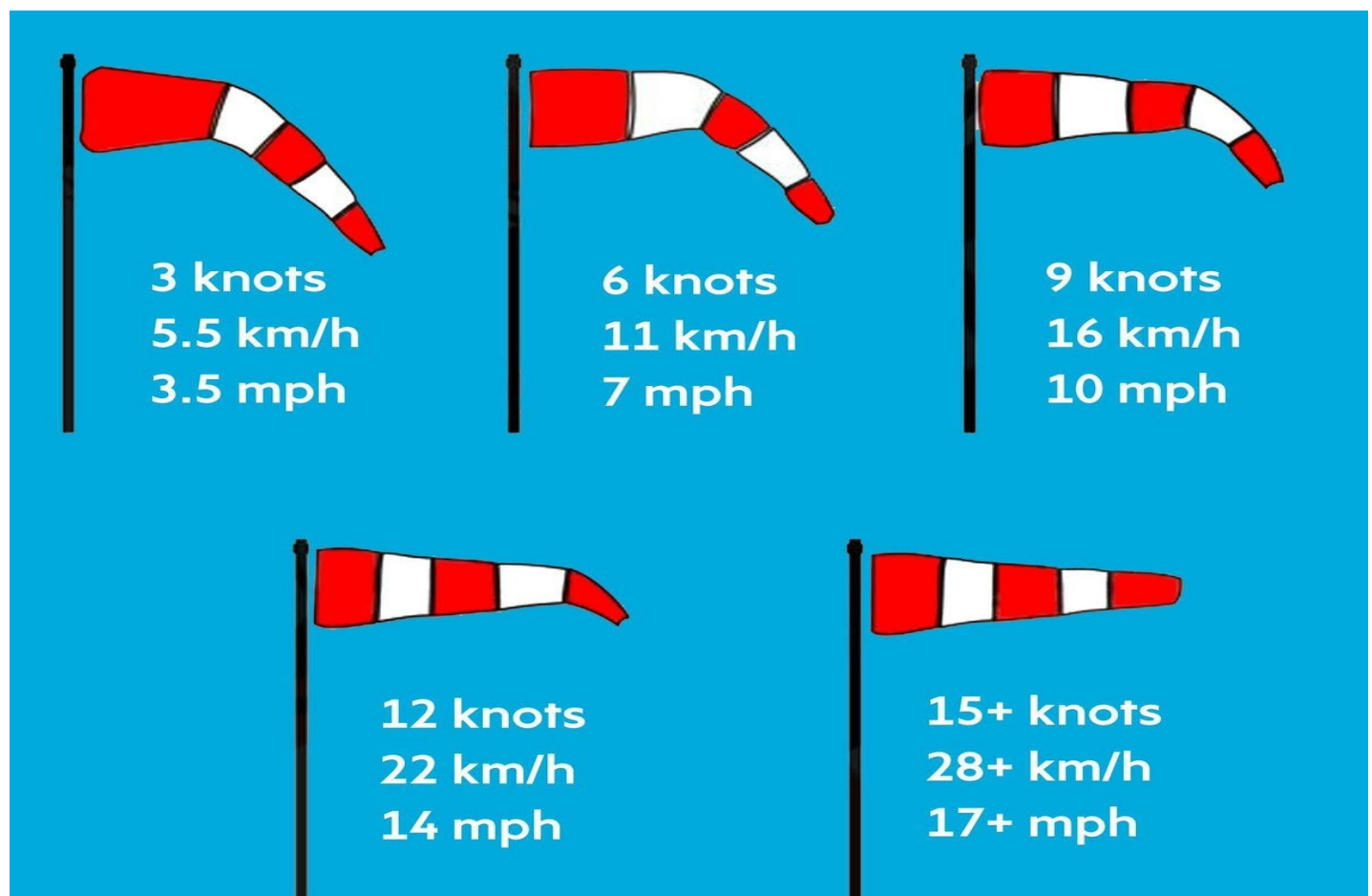


Recent reports of the general public using our Flying Field for non-Club related use have been received. It is important that the last member to leave the Flying Field is responsible for securing the field and locking the entrance gate.

Samuel Winder has been taking some incredible photos at the Flying Field recently and has posted them for all to enjoy! Thanks Sam! Click the following link to access his photos <https://winder.smugmug.com/Sports/Delaware-RC-Club-March-2022/>

From The Safety Corner— by Mike Watson

A lot of people do not know that a windsock is a readable device. Here is some information on how to read one. No matter the size or coloring all good windsocks are calibrated for the same speeds. This also helps pilots flying full size aircraft, when wind speed equipment is out of service, or air traffic does not provide it. Remember to always take off and land into the wind.



More From The Safety Corner— by Mike Watson

Proposal to the Board and Members of the Delaware R/C Club

From: The Safety Review Committee

Mike Watson, Chair
Dick Steward, Member
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This proposal was created by reviewing and following AMA guidelines and policies that can be found on the AMA website in the media section for reference.

This proposal was also created not only with safety in mind, but to also increase the flying experience, enjoyment of the club's experienced pilots, and enhance the abilities of the club's newer pilots experience, along with beautifying and making the field more functional and increasing membership.

For ongoing reference: the north by south runway shall be the "MAIN" runway and the northwest by southeast runway, which is now called the heli-drone runway, shall be called the "ALTERNATE" runway. As stated by AMA guidelines, all fixed winged aircraft shall take off and land into the wind.

1. The contents of the "Lums Pond Flying Field Rules" and the "Attention" signs have been reviewed and shall be updated accordingly. (Content and wording to be provided by the Committee.)
2. The existing frequency Board shall be repurposed (and renamed "Field Information") with content related to current AMA guidelines and policies. AMA states that 2.4GHz is the preferred and recommended frequency, 53MHz and 27MHz are prohibited. 72MHz usage is at the pilot's own risk and responsibility. The frequency tags will be relocated to another area as specified by the Board. The frequency board shall be repurposed, containing arial photos of the runways showing "no fly boundaries", AMA content, and Club content. (Images to be provided by the Committee.)
3. The windsock shall be placed on the far side of the "MAIN" runway, near the edge of the phragmite patch, and be approximately 20 feet high. The new placement will allow pilots to keep their eyes on their aircraft and the windsock without having to turn around. The new placement will have visibility from both runways.
4. The windsock shall determine the flying pattern, as the field is prone to extreme crosswinds.
5. The "ALTERNATE" runway's useable width and length shall be established as appropriate. Both runways will be mowed and rolled regularly to the extent it is practical and sensible.
6. New runway line markings shall be painted on both runways as follows: (Diagram to be provided.)
 - a. A "RED" line marking the outer extent of the pit area. The fence is reference; the line is painted 45 feet out from the fence on both runways, which lines up with the bomb on both runways.
 - b. A "YELLOW" line painted 15 feet from the "RED" line, which creates a 15-foot wide taxiway on both runways.
 - c. A "WHITE" line down the centerline of both runways, which will improve takeoffs and landings of everyone. (Specifics as to how and who will do this, as well as costs, to be provided by the Committee).
7. New pilot stations made from PVC piping and orange safety netting, or 18-inch tall evergreen shrubs placed midfield on both runways. These stations will allow up to 15 to 20 pilots and their spotters to stand safely behind them, and will be event friendly (Warbirds). These stations are created to pull the pilots closer together, whereas there will be no need to yell up and down the field when taking off, landing or going to retrieve an aircraft on the field. When flying on 2.4GHz, there will be no need for everyone to be spread out up and down the field. This brings the pilots close together and be able to communicate with each other.
8. Existing start up stands will be refurbished with 3 new stands to be built to accommodate larger aircraft for field assembly only. The three larger stands will be equipped to aid those with medical issues such as back problems, knee problems, etc. from having to roll around on the ground, kneel, etc.

Submitted by the Safety Review Committee, March 26, 2022







From the Editor

If you would like to submit an article, photos, suggestions, hints/tips/how-to's, or anything else for the Club Newsletter, please email your submission to news@delawarerc.org

Call for Volunteers for R/C Flight Instruction

The Club is in need of additional volunteers to assist with R/C Flight Instruction for Fixed-Wing, Rotary/Heli, and Drone aircraft. If you can assist with this important Club service please send an email to info@delawarerc.org and let us know how you can assist.

Useful Links

Club Website <http://delawarerc.org>

Academy of Model Aeronautics <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>

AMA Media Room <http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/mediaroom.aspx>

FAA Registration <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>

FAA TRUST Test <https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>

FAA NOTAMS/TFRs <http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/clubs/notams.aspx>

B4UFLY Mobile App https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/where_can_i_fly/b4ufly

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