

LCAA AirBag

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- ◇ The park bush hogged the field right across from our pit area for us just this past week and the tree clearing we did helped them with it. Enjoy the easy plane retrieval while you can.
- ◇ The Club Fun Fly build was a lot of fun and we are looking forward to having everyone bring their planes out for Maiden Flight day.
- ◇ Our Charging station now has 4 brand new deep cycle batteries giving us a total of 6 which will be more than enough power to keep us all charged up all day.

Some up coming events to get you excited about.

- ◆ May 4th—1st club picnic of the season and Maiden Flight Day. Looking forward to seeing everyone's Simple Scouts in addition to all the new planes that were born over the colder months.
- ◆ **PGRC Open House Fly-In May 11 9 AM till dusk**
 - ◆ **Location: PGRC Club Field, 17230 Swanson Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774**
- ◆ The 2019 FARM Float Fly **Saturday, 22 June, rain or shine**
 - ◆ **Location: Scenic Lake Ritchie, 5177 Lake Ritchie Road, Bealeton VA 22712**
- ◆ **Hobby Hangar Demonstration Day and Open Flying Sunday, July 21, 2019**
 - ◆ **Location: Our field!! No excuses not to show up and have some fun.....**

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SAFETY TIPS – from Mike Gragg – Safety Coordinator

Basics

- Make sure the shed is open when you are flying. The shed is where we keep the first aid kit and two fire extinguishers.
 - If you use a fire extinguisher or the first aid kit, let Mike Gragg know.
- Do a pre-flight inspection of your aircraft to make sure everything is tight and in working order.
- Range check your aircraft before the first flight after the winter layoff.

Do's & Don'ts

- ◇ **Do not touch a flying aircraft.**
- ◇ **Do not fly over or near spectators or other modelers.**
- ◇ Before each flight always turn on your transmitter and set to the correct aircraft BEFORE turning on/plugging your aircraft receiver battery.
- ◇ After each flight always turn off your transmitter AFTER turning off/unplugging your receiver battery.
- ◇ **Set Fail-Safe Throttle (Throttle cut) to off for electric motors and idle for nitro engines.**
- ◇ Assume an electric aircraft may start up when you plug in the battery.
- ◇ When doing bench checkout of electric aircraft, disconnect motor or remove propeller or blades.
- ◇ Before each flight:
 - ◇ Check direction of flight controls
 - ◇ **Make sure transmitter and receiver batteries have sufficient charge.**
 - ◇ Don't plug in batteries till you are on the runway.
 - ◇ Activate throttle cut to prevent motor from starting.
- ◇ Never reach over a turning propeller on your aircraft to adjust the needle valve.
- ◇ Remember that nitro motors can start backwards- restrain appropriately
- ◇ Protect yourself from accidental engine/motor run-up when carrying aircraft to runway.
- ◇ Activate a throttle hold switch on the transmitter to keep engine from accidental run up.
- ◇ Keep track of flight time to make sure there is enough charge in receiver batteries.
- ◇ Li-Po Batteries
 - ◇ Use only LiPo Battery charger
 - ◇ Use cell balancing
 - ◇ Don't charge in Aircraft
- ◇ Range check your transmitter on all new or repaired models.
- ◇ When starting a nitro helicopter, hold the rotor head and do not release it until ready for takeoff.
- ◇ Never hold a helicopter with the blades rotating.
- ◇ Never fly or run-up a helicopter in the pits.
- ◇ **Don't strangle yourself**—Leave the transmitter neck strap attached to the transmitter. Do not hang the strap around your neck when you start and adjust an engine.

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