

SAM 27 Field

SAM 27 is sanctioned club #108 of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Founded in 1978 as a chartered club of the Society of Antique Modelers, popularly known as SAM, we are a special interest group (SIG) of AMA for the purpose of providing advice and aid in the restoration, construction, and flying, of Old Timer model aircraft generally defined as designs originating prior to the calendar year 1951. Since 1988 the landowner has granted SAM 27 members permission to fly model airplanes at this field. While Old Timer models have always been encouraged in keeping with the club's original purpose, the flying of more modern designs is acceptable by members following these field rules.

Rules

1. The Safety Code published in the AMA Safety Handbook shall apply at all times.
2. Both SAM 27 and AMA memberships are required. Proof of current memberships must be available to club officers whenever requested. (AMA Charter Club Rule)
3. No powered model may be flown closer than 25 feet to any individual except for the pilot and any assistant. (AMA Safety Code, Radio Control Rule 7)
4. Free flight launches must be 100 ft. downwind of spectators and autos. (AMA FF Rule 1)
5. 2.4 GHz radios are recommended. Pilots using other bands must coordinate with each other prior to turning on any transmitter. Responsibility for any interference and/or resulting damage remains with the pilots.
6. Guests/spectators shall remain in the parking area. Only one guest flyer for each SAM 27 member is permitted. Exceptions made for contests.
7. RC pilots and helpers should remain in the pit area behind the safety fence except: a) to retrieve a down or landed model, b) to launch an Old Timer model, or c) to test a new or newly repaired model. All movements west of the safety fence must be announced loudly to all pilots having models in the air.
8. All support equipment, flight line boxes, transmitters, chairs, etc. should generally remain in the pit area east of the safety fence. Support equipment for Old Timer models must be removed to the pit area by timer/helper immediately after the engine/motor run when the model's glide is established. The taxiway and runway must be kept clear for models taking off and landing.
9. Except for take offs and landings, the flight patterns of RC models should generally remain over the field to the west of the runway regardless of wind direction. Flying above the pit area, the parking area, the free flight area and the road east of the parking area is prohibited except for models soaring in thermals above 500 feet altitude. Flying above or near vehicles on any road is to be avoided. Only practice approaches and touch-and-go landings are allowed over the runway. High-speed passes at low altitude must be made to the west of the runway.
10. RC hand launches must be away from pit area in the directions indicated while observing the 25 ft. distance from other people. (See rule #3)

11. Always watch/listen for full size aircraft and avoid intersecting their flight path using the AMA "Blue Sky" Rule. The modeler should maneuver his aircraft in such a way as to increase the amount of blue sky perceived between the model and the manned aircraft. Increasing the blue sky between the model and the aircraft automatically increases actual physical separation without regard to depth perception.
12. All models, FF and RC, must have the owner's AMA number and name and address on the model. Cell phone number is also recommended.
13. Depending on crop and field conditions, glider launches may be permitted with towlines, Hi-Starts, and winches placed 200 feet west of the safety fence in a north-south direction.
14. **Prohibited:** Metal-blade props, turbine engines, models weighing more than 12 pounds, alcoholic beverages and drugs, all rotary aircraft except authorized members searching for lost aircraft. Also, due to fire hazard, no smoking, no rockets, no pyrotechnic devices (free flight fuses, etc.) may be used.
15. Pets must be leashed and/or under voice control. Owners are responsible for waste clean-up and disposal.
16. For safety reasons, members are encouraged to use a buddy system and not fly alone.
17. Call out to everyone for visual help immediately if your model is difficult to see or control. Don't wait; if you can't see it, chances are no one else can acquire sight of it either. Take action to reduce the model's altitude since it may still be climbing.
18. When retrieving a downed aircraft have someone go with you and/or notify others and leave your cell phone number. Get another member's cell number to call if needed.
19. Distracting pilots who are flying is not acceptable behavior unless it is an emergency.
20. Use sand buckets or flapper in case of fire.

