

**Safety** is no accident

# AMA Safety Code etc.

- When we join AMA we agree to abide by the Safety Code
- Club Safety Officer –

*Upon completion of the President's term of office, the outgoing president shall be the Club Safety Officer...*

# Transporting Winches etc.

- Secure winch and battery in vehicle when transporting
- Remove power batteries, Li poly, from electric powered planes and transport in a glass (Pyrex) container to and from the field

# At the Field - General

- Keep the field tidy. Do not discard your old tape & rubber bands at the field or in the parking area take them home with you. Pick up your crash debris
- Please close all gates if you are last out of the field
- Keeps pets and small children under control
- Do not drive on the field except to unload/load the winch or retriever, get help if required

# At the Field – Health

- Wear a hat – skin cancer from too much sun is a fact of life in Colorado.
- Wear protective clothing, skin unprotected 15 minutes is enough to develop sun burn.
- Use sun blocker on exposed skin SPF30 or better
- Drink plenty of fluids, water or sports drinks are better than alcohol
- Carry a cell phone
- Have a first aid kit available

# At the Field - Weather

- As we all know the weather changes fast in Colorado
- Be aware of developing thunderstorms in the summer months
- Lightning strikes can occur many miles in front of storms
- The Elbert field seems to be prone to thunderstorms from 2pm on in the summer
- If you can hear thunder it is time to leave the field
- Bring extra warm clothing in the winter

# At the Field – Winch Operation

- Winches and retrievers are potentially dangerous machines, treat them as such
- Be very careful around winch and retriever lines, they can cut through flesh easily
- Turn the winch power off when doing ANY KIND of work on it

# At the Field – Winch Operation – Contd.

- When walking the winch line back when a retriever is not in use DO NOT put the line around any part of your body and DO NOT put a finger through the ring
- When walking out to retrieve the line when a retriever is not in use be aware of possible launches behind you. Watch out for pop-offs, folded wings, line breaks etc.

# At the Field - Flying

- We often do not have the frequency pins when sports flying, be aware of who is flying with you and arrange a frequency sharing arrangement
- DO NOT turn on your transmitter without physical possession of the appropriate frequency pin
- Even if frequency pins are in use, know who else is on your frequency and make sure they know you
- When not flying keep your antenna collapsed
- ALWAYS execute a preflight check list: proper transmitter, proper model setup selected, mode switches, trims, everything moves in the right direction

# At the Field – Flying – Contd.

- After launching step away from the winch to provide access for the next flyer
- When landing, be aware of other flyers standing in the area and other landing planes. Alert others of your landing intentions
- When flying do not stand near the landing tape until you are landing
- DO NOT fly low over the pit area
- DO NOT make low altitude high speed passes over the winch or landing area

# At the Field – Flying -Electrics

- Electric powered aircraft offer unique challenges in the area of safety.
- Be sure to stand behind the propeller
- Even though the efficiency of the prop may fall off at our elevation the motor will always develop full power. If a spinning prop hits any part of your body it will hurt or worse
- A flying buddy is good to have around

# In the Shop

- Remove jewelry when working with electrical items (batteries) or operating machinery
- Use protective eyewear when operating machinery
- Wear protective gloves when working with chemicals i.e. mixing epoxies
- Use a dust mask when sanding
- Assure there is adequate ventilation in the work area

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- Our hobby is supposed to be fun: that includes “no accidents”.
- Lets be safe and considerate of others and of the Boy Scouts Ranch