

Share the Skies

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We have a large membership and a wide variety of model types so we **must work together** to ensure that each member can safely enjoy their flying.

Calls: make your calls and acknowledge, loud and clear. Stand close enough to other pilots to be heard and hear them. A handout on calls was sent to all members recently, and it is attached again. **Calls and responses are mandatory.**

Circuit: When more than one aircraft is in the air, everyone must fly the circuit pattern (no reversing maneuvers) and the **use of spotters is strongly encouraged.** The traffic pattern is into the wind. In the case of calm or crosswind, the first pilot airborne establishes the pattern. If the pattern needs to change then talk to each other.

(Note: spotters are mandatory when flying FPV or flying a turbine aircraft.)

Communication, Cooperation and Coordination: this goes beyond making your proper calls. Maintain situational awareness, talk to other pilots before you go flying. Work with others and adjust your expectations on busy days to ensure that everyone has a chance to fly. Five aircraft maximum in the sky at one time. No one can expect exclusive use of the airspace although it may be requested and coordinated.

Compatibility: try to get together with similar types to maximize the use of the airspace. On busy days, it might pay off to walk around and talk to people and get a flow going where, for example, a group of small planes will fly for a while, then a few large planes etc.

Correction: safety is every member's responsibility. Do not hesitate to address safety concerns on the spot and/or bring them to the attention of a member of the executive. However, do it respectfully. Anyone can make a mistake. Aggressive behavior is never acceptable.

Courtesy: be aware of what other people are doing and try to help the flying go smoothly. Offer to act as a spotter when you are not busy.

Common sense: an essential ingredient always.

So, please follow the above safety rules, and work together. But don't be shy, go out and fly!